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Seeking Shalom

Even though our worship series on *Seeking Shalom* has ended, our journey in living out shalom continues on. Understanding and practicing shalom is truly a life-long endeavor as we probe the depths of what it means to seek the holistic well-being and wholeness that God envisions. Shalom encompasses all people as well as the entire created world, bringing everything into harmony and completeness.

From the beginning of the world God had a vision of shalom. In creation God initiated shalom by bringing order out of chaos and pronouncing it all good. The chaos was still present but was made purposeful and life-giving. The original garden was a place of shalom where humans and all created things lived together in peace. The biblical accounts records how God's vision was distorted by human failings yet God continued to relate to the created world in love, offering freedom and salvation. God established a covenant with the people of Israel in order to extend this vision of shalom to the whole world. There was a continual interplay between God and God's people in living out this vision. In this community of God's people, shalom was to be experienced when principles of justice and righteousness were followed so that all people could share in God's reign. However humans failed to live up to this vision, so chaos returned in various forms like oppression, broken relationships, and violence. But God continued to be present, offering ways to start again. The practices of Sabbath and Jubilee, were ways to renew the order of things so that all people could again experience shalom. The inequities that would develop could be set right once again. God called the people of Israel to live out justice and righteousness in their relationships with each other in the community and also with the "other," the foreigners and aliens who lived among them. God intended shalom for everyone. God set forth the vision that God's people would bless the nations rather than be in conflict. We see God acting throughout history bringing salvation to a broken world where injustice and oppression are present.

God's shalom is ultimately expressed in salvation and reconciliation made possible through Jesus. Through Christ who gave his life on the cross, walls of division and hostility are broken down so that all people can be reconciled to God and to each other. A new community of peace is established where this is lived out by following the example of Jesus. Through his life of compassionate ministry to those on the margin, critiquing the systems of injustice, and refusing to retaliate with violence, Jesus offers us a model to live by.

And so, we engage in our mission here at Eden of being a community that follows Jesus in all we say and do. We seek shalom with our neighbors, with our enemies, with those who live on the margins without power and privilege, and with those who have a different viewpoint than we do, even within our own church body. Shalom means sitting down and listening to each other's stories. Shalom means finding ways for all to share in God's abundance and wholeness, promoting justice for those who have no power and for those who lack basic needs for life. Shalom-making takes patience, perseverance, and hope to help each other make the world the way God intended it to be.

It is in community that we learn to live out shalom. There are many prophetic voices and courageous people who live in hope and act to change very difficult situations. It is in company with them that we must move forward to witness to God's call to rethink anew how we can live out shalom in our world. God has already acted and made reconciliation possible through Jesus' life and death. We as the church must continue to witness to the love and grace that God offers to the world. I offer to you my prayer for shalom.

Show us, O God, your shalom vision,
where all of creation lives in wholeness and completeness,
where well-being and abundance is available to all people,
where chaos is made purposeful and life-giving,
where Sabbath practices give renewal,
where swords become plowshares,

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where justice rolls on like a river and righteousness like a never-failing stream,
where a cross becomes a symbol of salvation and reconciliation.

Teach us, O God, your shalom ways,
to reject the ways of domination, control, and fear,
to see through the eyes of the other,
to act justly for those on the margins,
to care for the poor and the oppressed,
to promote systems of justice for all,
to speak out against violence and hate,
to nurture healthy relationships that produce harmony,
to work for reconciliation between people and nations,
to transform injustice with nonviolence and love.

Forgive us your church, O God, for our failures,
for forcing submission by violent means to control and pacify,
for seeing people as property and nonhumans,
for letting our allegiance to empire take control,
for being silent in the face of injustice.

Inspire us, O God, to join you in your shalom mission,
by seeing everyone as created in your image,
by modeling in our community life a new reality,
by extending your grace and mercy to the world,
by inviting all people to enjoy the peace that comes through Jesus Christ.

Pastor Dianne



Edén Leadership Team Minutes

The Edén Leadership Team met Thursday,
June 26 at the church at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Becky Koller, JoLene Kaufman, Kyle Neufeld, Carina Knight, Jerry

Schrag, Pat Stucky, Austin Goering, Pastor Derek King, Pastor Dianne Schmidt, Brenda Dalke, Gary Regier, and Jean Regier.

Absent were: Tim Regehr and Keith Schrag.

There were no Devotions.

Kyle lit the candle to represent the presence of the Holy Spirit.

He read the Vision/Mission Statement.

Mission: To be a community that follows Jesus in all we say and do.

Vision: A people transformed by the Holy Spirit in worship and service, so that th

They will transfer \$25,000.00 from the Building Fund
rough us God's grace, love and peace are made known to the world.

He called the meeting to order.

The minutes were approved as corrected by email.

Treasurer Report

Income - \$165,000.00

Expenses - \$219,000.00

Difference - (\$53,000.00)

Budget - \$221,000.00 as of today - payroll is due now.

Treasurer Report continued

Church Office renovation

Income - \$12,800.00

Expenses - \$32,500.00 and \$25,000.00 from the Checking Account.

Peace/Witness Commission

They are pursuing Refugee sponsorship.

Considering July 30 for a service but also could wait till September depending on the church schedule.

Stewardship Commission

They will be meeting this Wednesday, June 28.

Education/Discipleship Commission

They will be hosting a Thank You meal for the Sunday School Teachers.

Always looking for teachers.

Vacation Bible School is July 7 - 9. Shayna Smith and Morgan Kaufman are the organizers.

They are adding another class in Junior Department because of increasing numbers of children.

Worship Commission

They are planning the summer schedule.

Also working on Themes for Fall worship.

Trustee Commission

The back half of the church office is complete. They will be moving the office staff to the back on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers will be welcome. They will begin work on the front part of the office soon.

There was an inquiry into placing an earthquake monitoring station out by the cemetery. They would put it by the lagoon

out of the way. ELT affirmed.
They replaced the hydrant in the cemetery.
There are plumbing issues that need to be fixed.
There is only 1 new grave.

Pastor Derek

The Associated Ministries of Moundridge is close to having an Executive Director. Starting will be either July 1 or August 1.

Two people came to the office to ask for help with gas for their vehicle. They were given a Casey's gift card valued at \$25.00.

Getting ready for convention. There will be a prayer of sending for the people that are going.

Eden was asked if we would be interested in hosting the WDC annual assembly in 2018. It would be on Friday and Saturday the first weekend in August. All meals would be catered. ELT would be okay with it but they need to know that the air conditioning would not be on Friday night.

Pastor Dianne

She will be gone July 3 - 10 for convention and is looking forward to it. The Israel Palestine Resolution is the only one being brought forward. She plans to support it. She will be at WDC convention starting August 4. Will be on vacation August 7- 14 in Colorado with family.

Pastor Review Process

SCRT was present to speak about Pastoral Reviews. They need direction from ELT as to the process to continue. Their Job Description says their evaluation should be conducted during the middle year of their term. Between July 2017 and July 2018 we should have a review of Pastor Derek as Lead Pastor.

WDC has people who are willing to coordinate that. SCRT wants ELT to tell them if we want to do the review and when to do it.

They sometimes have groups of the congregation at tables with a trained leader at each one to review the Pastor. Kyle Neufeld will contact WDC and then work with SCRT to finalize the details.

Eden Delegates

Pastor Dianne and Dennis Schmidt and Emily Knight will be attending MC USA Convention as delegates. We will pay for registration and travel for Emily.

Constitution Review

We reviewed the Staff Article VII. Some changes were made and we deleted the job descriptions of the staff. The Capital Building Fund will be discussed further to figure out what the purpose is that it was intended for.

Article IX Rites and Ordinances will be simplified and listed without the descriptions.

Article X Congregational Meetings

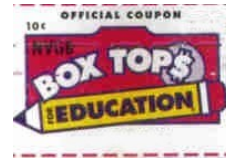
Number 3 - The word elected was changed to affirmed. Several changes were made to the Business Meeting section. No changes to Article XI and XII.

The next meeting will be July 31 instead of July 24 at the church at 7:00 p.m.

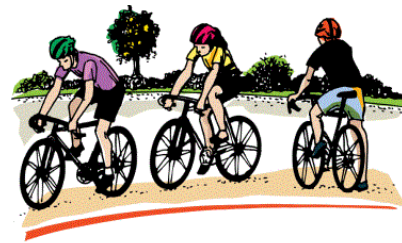
Kyle Neufeld will have devotions.
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.
JoLene Kaufman, Secretary



The *Labels for Education* program is coming to a close. Only UPCs with the *Labels for Education* logo will be accepted and redeemed for points into registered schools' bank accounts. The deadline to submit and postmark UPCs into your school's bank account is January 2, 2018. Only UPCs with the *Labels for Education* logo are accepted as points into registered schools' bank accounts. The final date to submit and postmark UPCs into your school's bank account will be January 2, 2018. All deposits must be received by January 16, 2018.



The Box Tops for Education program will continue.



A Benefit Ride for Mennonite Central Committee

The MCC Flatlander Benefit Bicycle Ride will be held Saturday September 16. The ride will begin at the MCC Center, Highway 15 & 30th St. in North Newton with registration at 7:00 a.m. and the ride beginning at 8:00 a.m. Come and enjoy fellowship, catered food, and the beautiful autumn harvest season of Kansas!

The goal this year is \$8,000. The money will be used to help build a gravity water system for villages in eastern India. Villagers are provided with durable piping to lay in channels from a reliable water source. One system provides water for 250 or more people and the ability to grow crops for food and income. Eight more systems are needed to complete this MCC project.

Register online at mcc.org/getinvolved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. Registration fees are due by September 2, with an increase of \$5 after that date. The fees are individuals \$30, and families \$70.

Three main routes are planned, with lengths of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles. Also available is a family ride of 8-16 miles, depending on rider discretion. All routes will start from the MCC center.

SAG and lunch service ends at 3:00 p.m.

See the brochure on the bulletin board at church for more information.

Know Your Target

Businesses must know their target market. Writers must know their target audience. And we all make better decisions when we consider the target of our actions.

A college religion teacher set up a cardboard target in his classroom. “Draw someone who has upset you,” he instructed. Students sketched ex-boyfriends or -girlfriends, coworkers who’d mistreated them, childhood bullies. Each, in turn, then placed their drawing over the bull’s-eye and took aim with a bow and arrow. Afterward, the bull’s-eye was riddled with holes. The students congratulated one another ... until the teacher pulled back the target, revealing Jesus’ scarred, torn face.

Silence fell as he read: “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these ... you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40, NRSV).

In choosing actions — no matter the human target — remember who else will be struck by your arrows. Let’s take aim with love, not hurt.



Bible Quiz

Jacob had two wives, two concubines (his wives’ maids), 12 sons and one daughter. Who gave birth to the daughter, Dinah?

- A. Zilpah
- B. Bilhah
- C. Leah
- D. Rachel

Answer: C (See Genesis 30:19-21.)

A Small Laugh

“God warned a man named Lot to take his wife and flee the city,” said the Sunday school teacher, “but Lot’s wife looked back and was turned to salt.”

A curious boy then asked, “What happened to the flea?”



Eldon Zerger (88) passed away on Saturday, June 24. Memorial and graveside services were held at Eden on Thursday, June 29. We extend our sympathy to his wife Tillie, his sons Dick (Jill) and Greg (Jackie), his daughter Chris and all of his extended family.



Ardath Graber (67) passed away on Tuesday, August 1. Services were held at Eden on Friday, August 4. We extend our sympathy to his wife Gail, sons Travis (Penny), Nathan (Krista), his mother Ruby, brothers Melvin (Janice), Dennis (Teresa), Mark (Tindy) and all of his extended family.



Congratulations to Pastor Derek and Becky King on the birth of their daughter, Joy Horst. Joy was born on Wednesday, June 7. She is welcomed by her big sisters Sarah and Evelyn.



MCC Relief Kits Needed

Our partners in the Middle East and Ukraine are asking for more relief kits than MCC has on-hand so we need your help! Our goal is to ship 83,000 relief kits by March 2018. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Contact katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720 with questions or to schedule a kit packing event.

THANK YOU!

The family of Eldon Zerger would like to thank everyone for their prayers, sympathy cards, memorials, and other expressions of love and support during this difficult time. A special thanks to Derek, Dianne, Mary Martha, Brenda Dalke, the Chancel Choir, directed by Bonita Howard, and other volunteers of the church.

Tillie Zerger & Family

It's been a busy year with many local and national MDS projects. My wife and I have been giving leadership to groups of Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers in Ashland, KS, helping families devastated by the wildfires in Clark County. We have seen firsthand how special it is to have folks like you supporting these efforts.

Please accept our gratitude for your generous gift of \$805.30. Your gift will be used to support the efforts of volunteers to clean up and rebuild after natural disasters in Kansas and beyond. Thanks to faithful donors like you, we are able to send out volunteers to serve persons in need of a helping hand. What a blessing to work together in sharing God's love with those in need.

Thanks again and feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,
Don Horst, Treasurer
Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service

Thank you so much for your gift! Our vision to create a sacred space for people of all ages to renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God through Jesus Christ is realized only with your help.

On behalf of the Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors and the Camp Mennoscah staff, I would like to thank you for your donation to Camp Mennoscah. Your gift will be used to continue our mission to provide a retreat for people of all ages. Your willingness to share in our work through your giving is greatly appreciated.

We gratefully acknowledge your contribution toward our General Contribution fund.

With Peace and prayers,
Olivia Bartel, camp director

Thank you for your contribution to Mennonite Disaster Service.

For many of us, summer is an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and fellowship with friends and loved ones. It was at an occasion like this that the first seeds of what would become MDS were sowed.

On July 28, 1950 a young adult Sunday school class from what is now Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, KS gathered for a picnic to discuss how they could be of service to their community. Several attendees were inspired by their Civilian Public Service during

World War II and wanted to find a way to serve those in need not only during war, but in times of peace. The group continued to meet and formed what is now Mennonite Disaster Service, as a way to be of service to those affected by disaster.

Thank you for supporting this legacy of service through this contribution. Because of your gifts, the tradition of service continues today, 67 years later, as MDS volunteers work to bring people home after disaster.

With Gratitude,
Kevin King
Executive Director

It has been an incredible blessing to be able to study at AMBS. One of the things that I appreciate most is the holistic education. AMBS has shaped their program around three things: knowing, doing and being. AMBS is not just a place to learn more about the Bible and Theology. It is a place to practice ministry gifts and engage in spiritual disciplines. It is a place to reflect and shape who I am as a person and leader. AMBS seeks to shape not just our minds, but our whole selves.

Thank you for your generous gift to AMBS. Thank you for caring about an institution which "educates leaders for God's reconciling mission in the world" (AMBS's mission statement).

Ben Bouwman,
Master of Divinity 2017



Invitation to Share

The Invitation to Share project for the months of August and September is school kits:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (70 sheets),
- 4 unsharpened #2 pencils,
- 1 ruler, (flat, flexible plastic; (indicating 30 cm and 12")),
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging),
- 1 large pencil eraser.
- Place contents in a 11" x 16" fabric double drawstring bag.

If you would like to support this project you may write a check to Eden with "invitation to share" in the memo line and mail it to Eden at P.O. Box 406, Moundridge, KS 67107.

Happy Feet



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

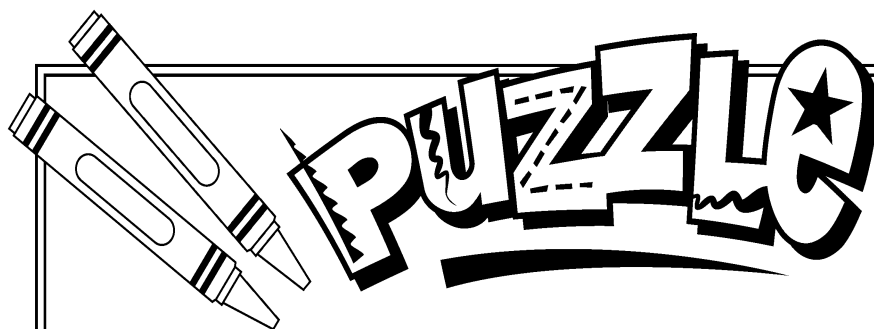
What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

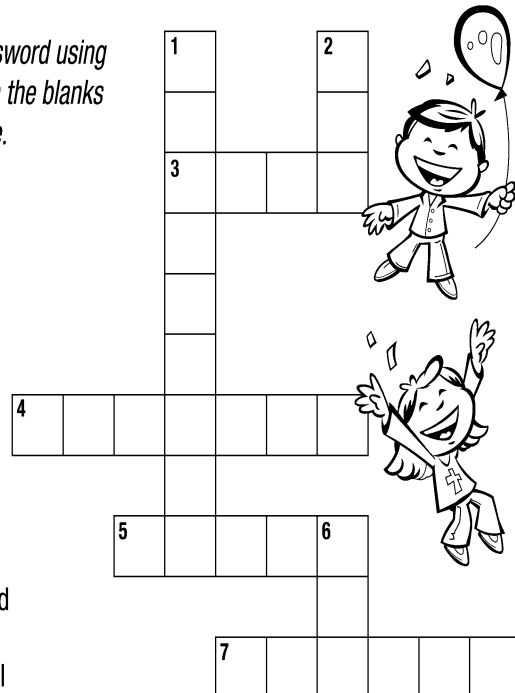
Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

ACROSS

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when you're very happy
5. A song written by David
7. Full of joy

DOWN

1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



"But may the 1. _____ be 3. _____ and
4. _____ before 2. _____; 6. _____ they
be happy and 7. _____." 5. _____ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV

August Birthdays

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| <p>1- Jim Dalke
Ryan Goering
Ryan Stucky</p> <p>2- Susan Goering
Berneil Juhnke
Betty Krehbiel
Esther Schrag
Gayle Stucky
Marcia Pat Stucky</p> <p>3- Lenora Gehring
Angie Stucky</p> <p>4- Tindy Graber
Renetta Stucky
Orville Waltner</p> <p>5- Denise Krehbiel
Rhonda Masonhall
Donnie D. Schrag
Lonnie L. Schrag
Michael Zerger</p> <p>7- Marna Goering
Brian Krehbiel
Audrey Tipton (Andy & Angela)</p> <p>8- Kayla Gowdy
Sarah King (Derek & Becky)
Britney Stos
Marcy Thiesen</p> <p>9- Brenda Wedel
Karen Nice
Kristy Hoffmann
Herb Zook</p> <p>10- Christian McGinness (Paul & Claudia)
Greg Zerger</p> <p>11- Marilyn Kaufman
Alyssa Schrag
Maxine Schrag</p> <p>12- Larry Goering
Richard Goering
Shayna Smith
Chuck Knight
Blaine Stucky</p> <p>13- DeAnna Goering
DaWayne Stos
Marveta Sperling
Angela Zerger</p> | <p>15- Caden Webb (Shannon & Pamela)</p> <p>16- Anne Groves</p> <p>18- Berni Kaufman
Margaret Waltner</p> <p>19- Marlo Gehring</p> <p>20- Kyler Dalke (Jerrod Dalke)
Ruby Graber
Candace Unrau</p> <p>21- Kyle Neufeld
Amanda Stucky
Laurie Thiesen</p> <p>22- Mark Albrecht
Whitney Fiedler (Cathy)
Tyler Gehring
Breanna Graber (Darren)
Anna Stucky</p> <p>23- Donovan Graber
Warren Kaufman
Gary Regier</p> <p>24- Brian Alfaro
Neva Austin
Robert John Schrag</p> <p>25- Roy Kaufman</p> <p>26- Piper Doane (Heath and Samantha)
Steve Graber</p> <p>27- Hayden Gehring (Chris & Jessica)
Doug Graber
Krista Graber
Frieda Neufeld</p> <p>28- Mark H. Goering
Katharine Perkins (Greg & Kathy)</p> <p>29- Laurie Schrag
Megan Waltner</p> <p>30- Rollin Flickner
Debi Lichti
Duane Stucky
Pat Rupp</p> <p>31- Clarene Stucky
Renae Stucky</p> |
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- If there has been an omission or
mistaken date please notify the
church office.

August Anniversaries

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| <p>3- Doug & Barbara Ewy
Stewart Gehring & Nancy Friesen</p> <p>4- Justin & Krystle Dalke
Russ & Jamie Kaufmann
Alan & Kathy Neufeld</p> <p>6- Nathan & Shelby Graber
Frank & Darla Schrag</p> <p>8- Mark H. & Mary Goering</p> <p>9- Joe and Debi Lichti</p> <p>10- Jacob & Tonya Westfall</p> <p>12- Paul & Ginny Crabb
Robert & Marcy Schrag</p> | <p>13- Melvin & Janice Graber
Ken & Cheri Krehbiel</p> <p>14- Harlan & Joyce Stucky</p> <p>15- Jim & Brenda Dalke</p> <p>16- Chris & Jessica Gehring</p> <p>18- James & Diane Schrag</p> <p>19- H. Keith & Judy Goering</p> <p>20- Greg & Elaine Krehbiel
Maynard & Marlene Krehbiel</p> <p>21- Bret & Marla Gillmore</p> <p>22- Dennis & Teresa Graber</p> | <p>23- Jeffery & Brenda Childs</p> <p>26- Howard & Wanda Knight
Steve & Robyn Roberson</p> <p>27- Larry & Cheri Kaufman</p> <p>28- Wes & Ashley Stucky</p> <p>29- Sheldon & Marveta Sperling</p> <p>30- Glen & Lisa Goering
Clinton & Shelly Krehbiel
Danny & Carol Zerger</p> <p>31- Gordon & Annie Schrag</p> |
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Up-Coming Events

Aug 1: 7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg.
 Aug 4-6: WDC Annual Assembly in Texas
 Aug 13: Noon thank-you meal & meeting for S.S. teachers
 Aug 17: 6:00 p.m. Deacons/Pastors mtg. @ church office
 All items for September *Eden Echoes* due in the church office
 Aug 20: Worship at Pine Village
 Aug 28: 7:00 p.m. ELT mtg. at church
 Sep 3: New Sunday school quarter begins
 Bibles presented during worship
 Sep 8-10: Women's and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
 Sep 20: First Wednesday night meal, adult Bible study and kids activities

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