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Taming the Tongue

It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. James 3:5,6

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Andre was visibly nervous. He was basically shaking while waiting for his turn. He was

one of the biggest Philadelphia Eagles fan I could think of, so the fact that an actual player had come to our high school to speak at chapel, and that now we had a chance to meet him, was almost more than Andre could take. So, when it was his turn to shake the man's hand, he stepped up, grabbed his hand and loudly blurted out the name of another player on the team. It was an embarrassing moment that to this day my friends still chuckle about. Andre had this one chance to greet one of his heroes and had blown it, at least in his mind, with this one slip of the tongue.

I think many of us have been in that awkward position of having just a moment to greet someone. We often roll around in our head what we're going to say with the short time that we have. I think of the line of opposing athletes shaking hands after the game, or the receiving line at a funeral visitation. We have just a few moments, but want to greet and offer some words to the other person. In the long run, what we say may not be very important since there are many other people in line, but we also need to be aware that our words can make a difference. We ought to be paying attention to what we say, what we really mean, and how it might be heard by the other person.

I've thought about this recently in the context of our brief conversations on Sunday mornings. In those moments, we regularly have the opportunity to connect with people we haven't seen for a while, or perhaps someone we are just meeting for the first time. Many of us have the intention of connecting or re-connecting, while also conveying our hope for them to remain a part of our faith community. I've heard of a couple of phrases that are used in the context of Sunday morning greetings that I'd like to offer as test cases for us to be aware of how our words may come across:

Someone says: "Glad you're here, hope you make a habit of it." Positive meaning: "Glad you're here, because we miss you when you're not." Could be heard as: "We're watching you and keeping track of your attendance."

Someone says: "What family do you belong to?" Positive meaning: "I'd like to know more about you and make some connections." Could be heard as: "You really only belong here if you are related to someone else in the church."

The trick, here, is to analyze what our motivations and true meanings are. If you are keeping track of attendance and think that church membership is based on family connections, then you ought to re-examine your understanding of the Good News of Jesus. If your intentions line up with the "positive meaning," you may just need to be more clear about what you mean. We will never be able to say just the right thing in every situation, but we can improve simply by paying closer attention to our words. My hope is that we can make better connections with each other.

While I've written about our need to pay attention to our words, it also is important to remember that communication

is a two-way street. As someone who preaches regularly, I know that while I can try my hardest to convey an idea in a very specific way, others will still hear it differently than I intended. We can't control what other people hear, or how they will interpret what they hear. However, we can do better at paying attention to our own thoughts and feelings, then carefully expressing those things which will "build up the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:12).



The Eden Leadership Team (ELT) met May 14, 2018 at the Eden Church Office.

Present were: Jay Goering, Glen Goering, Cheri Kaufman, Larry Kaufman, Jerry Lankford, Candy Unrau, Austin Goering,

Derek King, Marcia Goering, Dianne Schmidt, Kyle Neufeld, and Becky Koller

Kyle led devotions in Lectio Divina format with the reading of Matthew 6: 25-34.

The Minutes from the April 9, 2018 ELT meeting were approved as submitted.

Austin gave the treasurer's report. Income: \$127,000; Expenses: \$152,000; Budget: \$178,000. A recent large donation from the Ruth Kaufman estate was received and will be distributed as follows--\$30,000 to the church office renovation fund, \$16,000 to the capital building fund, and \$16,000 to the Eden endowment fund.

Education/Discipleship—Marcia: The Sunday School Picnic will be held at the church on 6/3/18. Hamburgers will be served for lunch with congregation providing a side dish or dessert. The Summer Sunday School offering will be for Camp Mennoscah. Debi Lichti will continue meeting with the children for Kids Sing throughout the summer.

Trustees—Larry: The new air compressor for air conditioning has not yet been installed. Goering Hardware will put this in when they have time. The committee has finished a new policy on cemetery protocols. They are working on job descriptions. Putting on a new roof on the church office is last item to be completed in the church office renovation project.

Worship—Cheri: There has been discussion about conflicting events during the Eden Weekend at Camp Mennoscah. Rene Kaufman's wedding is scheduled for Saturday, July 14, and will take a significant number away from attending the retreat on Saturday. There was discussion about changing the date. There was a clarification about honorariums paid to the Men's Chorus for singing at funerals. That money will go into the unified budget and not into the Worship commission.

Deacon s—Glen: The deacons have been discussing responses to violence in our community without being drawn into secular talking points. They are considering having a special meeting on this topic during the Sunday school hour or at an evening service.

Stewardship—Teresa Graber sent a report that they will be meeting with the SCRT regarding the Corinthian insurance plan.

Pastor Derek reports that they had 13 couples participate in the Couple's Check-up and he is hopeful that it was a meaningful exercise. He reports that there was good energy, interactions, and commitment to the series of meetings. Derek has recently agreed to serve on the WDC/SCC Youth Ministry Committee and also will be serving on the WDC Resource Committee. Derek participated earlier this evening in a panel discussion "Big Talk" on a community -focused discussion on the threat of gun violence. Jill Stern from the Moundridge Public Library moderated the panel discussion which included Doug Schroeder, police officer from Hesston who was representing Grace Crossing Church, and Brad Roth, pastor of West Zion Mennonite Church. About 55 community people were in attendance, which included time for the audience to comment and ask questions. Pastor Derek's goal was to truthfully, boldly, and humbly represent the peace witness of Eden Mennonite Church, while being respectful of the diversity of opinions in our community.

Pastor Dianne reports that she is on the Planning Committee for the Western District Conference Annual Meeting that will be held July 27 and 28. The Saturday activities will be held at the Eden Church. She reports that she recently finished two seminary courses the first of May and now has no additional classes planned until August, 2018.

Old Business: Regarding hospitality, Kyle reports that he talked with JoLene Kaufman. She stated that they are okay for now, but have concerns about the future and may need ELT support. Jay reports that he and Linda are on the potluck committee with Pat Rupp. JoLene and Pat have kept excellent notes which may help their successors. The gift discernment committee may be asked for their input in finding leadership for hospitality and potluck committees. Jay reports that he continues to work on organizing information for emergency coordination plans. He has met with the ushers and reviewed their job descriptions. He hopes to have an initial draft ready for ELT review at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be June 11, 2018 at 7 pm at the church office. Candace Unrau, Secretary



8th Grade Joseph Schrag

Hesston High School Ayden Fleming

Moundridge High School Jaeden Dalke Greta Frosia Josh Knight

Ben Schrag Pedro Domecq Vergara

> Juniata College Devin Clark

Newman University Trey Unrau

Wichita State University **RJ** Clark



If you are going to Camp Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp this summer let the church office know. The deacons are offering a \$100 scholarship per camper toward registration. If there is need beyond this amount please talk to one of the deacons, (Glen Goering, Gail Graber, Tim Regehr, Bret Gillmore, Marcia Hiebert). We want campers to be able to enjoy this experience.

Eden Retreat Weekend at Camp Mennoscah

Everyone needs to take a break. What fun it is to take a break with friends, family, and church family. The Eden



Retreat Weekend will take place at Camp Mennoscah on July 14 and 15. Don't let temperature determine if you will go or stay home. There are air conditioned options for sleeping and other areas you can escape to if you need to cool off throughout the day. Below is the tentative schedule for the weekend. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

Saturday

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m. 10:00 -11:00

Registration Afternoon Swim Supper **Group Activities** Popcorn Campfire Late Swim

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Morning Devotions 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Worship 9:30 a.m. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Swim 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00-2:00 p.m. Clean up and head home

Please consider being with us both days. Below are the perperson rates:

Adult/Child Overnight

\$15/\$7.50	Tent/RV
\$17.00/\$8.50	Cabin
\$22.50/\$11.25	Bunk House

A room in the Retreat Center is \$70 per night for 2 people. You may add others to a room for \$15.00 per person. Limit 4 people per room.

Adult/Child Day Rate

\$7:00/\$4:00

If you can't make it Saturday at least come join us on Sunday. To help us in planning for the retreat, please sign up on sheets in the Fellowship Hall by July 1, if you plan to attend Saturday and/or Sunday. Don't let finances keep vou from coming. If the fees are a struggle for vou. please contact the Worship Commission. If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Stucky.



How Then Shall We Live? For Adventurous Men 18+

A week-long immersion in the wild to bring out the deep wisdom, fierce joy and sacred strength of men. Come wade into the wilds of New Mexico! Highlights include homemade meals in an adobe hacienda, visiting Taos Pueblo, plunging into the waters and canyons of the Rio Grande Gorge, wilderness solos, songs and campfires, morning meditations and biblical analysis in wild places—all designed to open radically new possibilities for men seeking a wilder way of fierce love for God, humanity and our precious earth. Guided by Todd Wynward for adventurous men 18+ in Taos, New Mexico **September 8-15, 2018**. For registration information on this Mennonite Men experience, vis-it www.mennonitemen.org. See bulletin board in the fellowship hall for more information.



We choose not to print addresses of our members online.

Words for today, from 1968

For America, this marks the 50th anniversary of a turbulent year, which included high-profile assassinations, the Vietnam War and civil rights protests. Five decades on, turmoil still abounds.

May we take hope and inspiration from Robert Kennedy, who, on the night of Martin Luther King's death, replaced a presidential-campaign speech with these words: "What we need in the United States is not division; ... not hatred; ... not violence and lawlessness, but ... love, and wisdom, and compassion toward one another; and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or ... black."

Kennedy added: "We will have difficult times in the future. ...But the vast majority of white people and ... black people in this country want to live together ... and want justice for all human beings. ...Let's dedicate ourselves ... to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world ... and say a prayer for our country and for our people."



Invitation to Share

The invitation to share project for the month of May is sewing kits:

- 1 metric tape measure,
- 2 spools white thread/2 spools black thread (300 yards each,
- 1 thimble, (medium size),
- 1 pr. dressmaker scissors, (good quality)
- ◆ 1 pkg. needles, (approx. 25),
- 1 pkg. straight pins, (approx. 100),
- 1 pkg. hooks and eyes, (approx. 12);
- 1 pkg. sew on snaps, (approx. 20-25),
- 10 assorted safety pins.

Place contents in 11" x 16" 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 P.O. Box 406, or take it to the Eden Church Office at 109 E. Hirschler, Moundridge, KS 67107.



Vacation Bible School planned for July 10-13

Kids love Vacation Bible School. They enjoy being with their friends, singing songs, doing crafts, and most of all learning about Jesus! The Moundridge Community VBS registration website is up and running! The theme for this year is SHIPWRECKED-Rescued by Jesus! You can sign your children/ grandchildren up as well as register to be a volunteer at <u>https://vbspro.events/p/e48ae5</u>. We need many volunteers to make this a great week of fun and learning for our kids! Please consider helping in some way. Vacation Bible School will be July 10-13 6:00- 8:25pm at West Zion. We are so excited to learn all about how we are RESCUED BY JESUS! For any questions please contact Morgan Kaufman or Shayna Smith.



Thank you to all who so generously donated to MCC by supporting us in the 5k Run/Walk in April. It was a most windy day, but 202 participants came. The oldest were two people 83 years young and the very youngest were 7 years. A total of \$32,000 was raised this year by the Run/Walk.

Gregory and Elaine Krehbiel

Thank you doesn't even begin to express our gratitude for all the goodies and drinks! It was such an awesome surprise and truly means more than you know! Thanks so much for thinking of us! Sincerely,

Shelby Shaw & your Pine Village family

Thank you for your contribution to Mennonite Disaster Service.

Be Joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Romans 12:12-13)

Thank you for sharing this gift with disaster survivors in need. Because of you, MDS volunteers are able to share their time and skills to repair and rebuild homes damaged by wind, water and fire.

Homeowners repeatedly extend hospitality to the volunteers working on their homes. This report comes from the volunteer team in Victoria County, Texas, a community impacted by Hurricane Harvey:

"On Monday evening, Ben and Vicky prepared a delicious BBQ for us, with ribs, chicken, sausage, rice and beans, chips and homemade pico de gallo and guacamole. It was delicious!! They are living in a small camper while we work on their house, but they wanted to express their appreciation for all that MDS is doing for them! We find, again and again, the people to be so generous here!"

Thank you for being a part of this cycle of joyful giving with this gift. With gratitude, Kevin King **Executive Director**

My wife, daughter and I recently came to AMBS after six years as missionaries in London, England. We were unsure about a return to life in the U.S. and to full-time studies, but we have been delighted by the ways we have been welcomed and encouraged by the campus community, and we look forward to investing ourselves in the life and ministry of the seminary.

Once I graduate, I hope to focus on interfaith

peacebuilding in low-income urban neighborhoods, helping churches and others work together to grow healthier communities. After years as a missionary, I could not afford seminary without your help. Peter Anderson,

Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies student Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

To our friends at Eden Mennonite Church,

Thank you so much for your generous gift for Masemo Wakibogo and his class in Philadelphia. Your gift is helping him be able to interact with thriving Anabaptist congregations in urban Philadelphia and I'm sure this experience will strengthen all the participants to be more missional! Several of them are considering a call to ministry. This class may be a key to hearing this call more deeply.

Again, thank you! May God continue to bless all your ministries!

Michele Hershberger. Bible Professor at Hesston College

The Moundridge Food Pantry would like to thank the Eden Mennonite Church for their very generous donation, your contribution to the food pantry will enable us to continue to serve the Moundridge Community. Thank you!!

"It is in giving that we receive." -Francis of Assisi

Thanks for doing this. Marvis Doering, Treasurer Moundridge Food Pantry

Dear Eden Mennonite Endowment,

Thank you for the contribution to our Expanding the Table Campaign. We greatly appreciate your support, and are thankful for all you and your congregation do. Sincerely, Shelby Shaw

Thank you for your donation to the upcoming kitchen remodel! We are very excited to see this much needed project coming close to fruition. Dining Services staff have done an admirable job of making due with the same space while we've added more residents over the years. Your financial support makes it possible for us to conduct much needed upgrades in this area.

Thank you for your continued support of Pine Village. Fred Goering

Fund Development Director



Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light

What you do:

- 1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
- 2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
- "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
- 4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.



God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.

- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

I	enemies	will	be	Judas
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sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV



- 1- Barbara Stucky (Mrs. Ken)
- 3- Rod Gehring
- 4- Krystle Dalke Merlin Goering Perry Kaufman Morris Stucky Kimberley Kaschke
- 5- Mabel Goering Kate Juhnke (Berneil)
- 7- Joy King (Derek & Becky)
- 9- Suzette DeBoard
- 10- Michael Graber Vaughn Juhnke Mervin Krehbiel
- 11- Brice Starks (Chris & Tori) Shelese Stucky
- 12- Damon Krehbiel
- 13- Joyce Anderson Ampton Stos (DaWayne & Britney Kason Stos (DaWayne & Britney)
- 17- Devin Clark (Becky Setser) Dennis Gehring
- 18- Julaine Goering Jean Regier
- 19- Christopher Gehring
- 20- Mary Graber (Mrs. Ralph) Christy Shirack Marie Wedel
- 21- Nicole Moddelmog Wyatt Schrag (Brian & Amy)
- 22- Joan Goering Leah Graber (Tim & Tammy) Ann Kaufman Jakob Schrag (Steve & Margaret)
- 23- Gary Howard
- 24- Janet Neufeld
- Hannah Schrag (Darrell & Bobbi) 25- Brenda Dalke
- Raymond Flickner Mark Rupp Mary Ann Waltner

- 26- Blair Stucky
- Murray Stucky
- 27- Jeff Masonhall
 28- Kathy Krehbiel Perkins Fred Schrag James Schrag Jonathan Schrag Miranda Snyder
- 29- Laura Law
 Suzanne Miller
 Rex Harrison (Cory & Amanda)
- 30- Marlene Waltner



- 1- Sheryl Krehbiel
- 2- Nile Burge (Rachel) Lane Graber (Darren & DeeDee) Aspyn Stos (DaWayne & Britney Carol Temple
- 3- Myron Flickner Randall Wedel
- 4- Katrina Zerger
- 5- Clair Stucky Charmaine Clayton
- 6- Kaia Stucky (David)
- 7- Camden Dalke (Jerrod) Neva Kaufman
- 9- Shelly Arnold (Todd & Sandy) Brent Knight Denise (Huber) Krehbiel Lesli Earlston
- 10- Debra Whitaker
- 11- Gary Janzen
- 12- Glen Goering Randall Goering Greg A. Krehbiel (Glenda) Meghan Schrag
- 13- Jonathan Cutting (Brad & Kim) Sharon Harris Rachel Parsons (Rob & Lori)



- 14- Paul Crabb Layla Neufeld (Kyle & Sarah) Geordan Schrag (Jeremy & Jaci)
- 15- Terri Gehring Dayton Goering (Patrick & Jennifer) Jim Kaufman
- 16- Patricia Goering
- 17- Stewart Gehring
- Paul McGinness
- 18- Alan Waltner
- 21- Glen Toews22- Eugene C. Goering
- Dennis Graber Ken Krehbiel Tyler Stucky
- 23- Nicholas Krehbiel
- 24– Jerry Schrag Kim Snyder Lynnette Suderman
- 25- Aaron Goering (Larry & Sarah) Homer Goering
 Peter Graber (Nathan & Krista) Bill Zerger
- 26– Larry Krehbiel Derrick Law
- 27- Robert Joe Schrag Mary Ellen Stucky Aayden Wedel (Tenise Wedel)
- Austin Goering
 Dawn Johnson
 Linda Stucky
 Nadine Wedel
- 29- Brenda Childs Abby Flickner Banda Emma Krehbiel (Clint & Shelly)
- 30- Frank Schrag
- 31- Cindy Anderson Connor Childs (Jeff & Brenda) Kristen Stucky Evan Stucky Greg Stucky

If there has been an omission or mistaken date please notify the church office.



- 1- Wayne & Kathy Ensz Bill, Jr. & Carita Juhnke Brent & Carina Knight Vance & Candy Unrau
- 2-Jan & Anne Groves Walt & Frieda Neufeld
- Richard & Betty Stucky 3-Robert & Cheryl Stucky
- 4-Curtis & Janine Addis
- Marvin & Mary Beth Goering Perry & June Krehbiel
- 5-Neal & Cindy Anderson Trent & Angela Preheim Jacob & Esther Schrag Blaine & Teresa Stucky

- 8- Vaughn & Dee Juhnke9- Travis & Penny Graber
- Irvin & Evelyn Harms
- 10- Herb & Denise Stucky John & Brenda White
- 11- Douglas & Margaret Waltner
- 12- Eugene & Waneta Goering
- 15- Brian & Colleen Krehbiel
- Jason Miller & Melanie Krehbiel 17- Galen & Kathy Waltner
- 18- Dennis & Dianne Schmidt
- 24- Peter & Debra Schrag
- 27- Jerry & Patsy Lankford Gale & Lisa Schrag

- 8- Joshua & Sarah Erb Joe & Janice Yoder
- 10- John & Marcia Stucky
- 11- Jim Gaeddert & Leda Kaufman
- 14- Brian & Tenae Alfaro
- 15- Brad & Kim Cutting
- 18- Joe & Heather Krehbiel
- 19- Derek & Becky King
- 21- Nathan & Krista Graber Robert & Jenny Schrag
- 22- Raymond & Susan Flickner
- 23- Lynn & Karen Kaufman
- 24- Mark & Gail Stucky Mike & Suzette Deboard

- T.J. & Annie Wyssmann
 - 27- Don & Robin Gehring Kenneth & Paula Goering

25- Dustin & Amy Krehbiel

Ernest & Judy Krehbiel

26- Mike & Terri Gehring

- 28- Larry & Carol Temple
- 29- John & Betty Heritage
- 30- Kenneth & Marilyn Preheim
- 31- Matt & Rashelle Schrag

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Up-Coming Events

June 17:	Father's Day
	Communion served during the worship service
June 18-July 3:	Pastor Derek out of the office
June 21:	First Day of Summer
July 5:	7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg.
July 9-12:	Pastor Dianne out of the office
July 10-13:	Vacation Bible School
July 14 & 15:	Eden Retreat Weekend at Camp Mennoscah
July 27 & 28:	WDC Annual Assembly at Tabor Mennonite on 27th and Eden on 28th
August 19:	10:00 a.m. Worship Service at Pine Village



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