

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
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Prelude Karen Kaufman

Welcome Pastor Dianne

Call to Worship

Leader: It is a risk to have come to worship today.
This is a place

**People: where we worship what cannot be seen,
where we choose to participate in a living mystery,
where we seek transformation.**

Leader: This is a place where we try with all of the Spirit's grace

**ALL: to risk letting go of familiar ways
In order to believe, receive, and love anew.**

Opening Hymn STJ 16

Praise with joy the world's Creator

Music led by Deb Lichti

Scripture Acts 10

Time with Children Pastor Derek

Worship Music *You Raise Me Up*, arr. by Jan Sanborn Judy Goering

Message Pastor Derek

Song of Response HWB 322 (vs. 1-2) *For we are strangers no more*

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Sending Song HWB 418 *Move in our midst*

Benediction

Postlude

Scripture next week: Acts 16:11-40

Remember in Prayer

WDC: Pray for God's guidance for WDC congregations, pastors and leaders as they determine priorities and focus vision in the midst of the ongoing challenges and changes of the pandemic.

Congratulations to Brandon and Morgan Kaufman on the birth of a son, Flynt Leo Kaufman, born on April 30. He is welcomed by his big sisters, Sawyer and Karsyn, and his big brother, Coy. His paternal grandparents are Lynn and Karen Kaufman. **Please welcome Flynt by placing a donation in his piggy bank on the library table.** If you would like to welcome him by taking a meal to the family, sign up at <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=BHSE9357>. The password is Flynt.

Don't forget to add a donation to the piggy bank for Jetson Paul Smith, born on Saturday, April 24 to Ian and Shayna Smith. The bank is on the library table. If you would like to welcome him by taking a meal to the family, sign up at <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=GNVK0828>. The password is Jetson.

Trustees would like to get a feel for those members who **may have interest in a green burial and what those expectations may be.** Please contact the church office or a trustee if this is a personal desire. (Trustees: Herb Stucky, Matt Schrag, Brent Knight, Brandon Kaufman, or Dustin Krehbiel)

Children's Day will be June 6 with the theme "The Fruits of the Spirit." Parents, the Junior Department teachers would appreciate it if you would let them know as soon as possible if your child will not be participating that morning. It will help with the planning.

The Education/Discipleship Commission is planning a service project for this coming Wednesday, May 12. At 6:00 that evening meet in front of the Pine Village Wellness Center to bless the residents by creating a chalk mural for them to enjoy. There will be a simple pre-packaged supper to eat as we decorate. Come to help with the mural or join in the fun by watching the artists at work!

Sunday school classes with Mission Partners, please take an offering for your Mission Partner on May 9 and 16. Make the check to Eden with the name of the mission partner in the memo line and take them to the church office or give them to Howard and Neva Kaufman.

Save the date! Eden Camp Mennoscah retreat weekend will be **July 10-11th.** Mark your calendars for a much-needed fun getaway weekend at camp. We will once again be booking the retreat center along with all the cabins. Come and enjoy time with your church family and a chance to experience God in nature!

If you or someone you know is graduating from 8th grade, high school, college, tech school or graduate school, please contact the church office. Don't assume we know. No names will be printed in the bulletin or newsletter unless we hear from you.

The Garden, the May Eden newsletter is available on the information stand in the fellowship hall.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, three nights: July 11-13 at West Zion! We're looking forward to getting VBS started again after a year off, and we need volunteers to make it happen. Can you help? VBS is a great time to reach out and connect kids to the love of Christ. Contact Lory Fisher with questions or to volunteer! (620-794-6125; huffycross58@gmail.com)

Delegates Needed. Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention is happening this summer, July 6-10, at which the delegate body will gather to discuss and vote on resolutions pertaining to the denominational vision, mission, and documents. Eden can have up to 3 individuals represent the congregation in this work. The delegate session will be entirely virtual this year, with participants meeting via Zoom on July 10, from 12-2:30PM. If you might consider serving the congregation and denomination in this way, please contact the church office or a pastor. You can find more information at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/delegate-resources-mennocon21/>

Consider Sharing Your Gift of Music: The Worship Commission is looking for persons to share their gifts of music during Sunday morning worship starting in May and extending through the month of August. The music may be vocal or instrumental, an individual or a group. Usually, two numbers are shared. Contact Michelle Schrag at 620-747-2480 or mschrag12@gmail.com if you or someone you know is interested. We would love to hear you!

California Roasted Almonds are available at Etcetera stores in Hutchinson, Newton and Hillsboro and the MCC Center in North Newton. Selling price will be \$10/bag with donations welcomed. The money will all go to MCC. Richard Ediger will also have some available in Buhler. Call 620-543-2787

Congratulations! Deborah, Camp Mennoscah's dedicated and generous office assistant of over 7 years, is retiring! She has reduced her hours and has graciously agreed to stay on for a time while the next assistant is found. Camp Mennoscah is seeking someone to share in office/support operations and guest services in a position with potential growth. For more information, contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the HUGE tents used for this summer's youth camps at Camp Mennoscah. Setup will happen May 28 and 29. Sign up by **May 15** by contacting 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Camp Mennoscah needs nurses for June 17-19 (First Camp), June 20-26 (Junior I) and July 25-30 (Senior High). Nurses receive a stipend or a discount up to full camp fees for their camper (camper does not have to attend the same camp week). Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for more information.

Sunday, May 9, 2 p.m. – Concert by Bethel College's small a cappella ensembles Open Road (men) and Woven (women), on the steps of the Administration Building on campus. Bring your own chairs/blankets. The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be taken to support the Concert Choir's 2022 Europe tour. *Face coverings must be worn, and physical distancing practiced on the Bethel campus.*

Glen Guyton has been reappointed for a second three-year term as executive director of Mennonite Church USA. Read about his goals and accomplishments here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/glen-second-term>

Everence will host the following free, online webinars during the month of May; all starting at 6:30 p.m.

- ***Making your wishes known*** - Tuesday, May 11
- ***Navigating education savings: 529 plans*** - Tuesday, May 18
- ***Social Security and retirement income planning*** - Tuesday, May 25

To register, or learn more about each webinar event, please visit our webpage at everence.com/kansas.

Attendance last week: Worship – 152; SS: 84; Zoom screens: ?

Offering: \$11,375

Eden Church Office Hours

8:00 a.m. to Noon Monday thru Friday

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