

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
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Prelude Brenda Dalke

Welcome Gail Graber

Call to Worship

L: A dry, lifeless speck blown by the wind settles to earth.

P: Sunlight, soil, rain.

Roots! Shoots! Flowers! Fruit!

L: Mysterious God, we marvel at the miracle of new life from seeds.

P: We marvel that your kingdom grows even while we sleep.

L: Scatter your good seed in our hearts this day, O Spirit of God.

**ALL: Let our hearts unfold like flowers before you,
center of unbroken praise!**

Opening hymn HWB 71 (vs 1 & 2) *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Reader's Theatre – Parable of the Growing Seed written by June Krehbiel
Readers: Galen & Kathy Waltner, Wayne & Laurie Schrag, June Krehbiel

Worship Music *Lift Your Voice and Sing* by Cindy Cruse-Ratcliff and Becky Cruse
Becky Setser, Shirley Delk, and Cindy Bartell

Scripture Mark 4:26-29 Preslie Doane

Message "Hope in a Seed" Pastor Dianne

Response Song HWB 96 *We plow the fields and scatter*

Prayers of the People

Worship Music *Holy, Holy, Holy/He Is Holy* by Carol McMillen

Announcements

Sending Song HWB 324 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Benediction

Postlude

Scripture next week: Matthew 7:24-27

Lee Flickinger: Released from Newton Medical Center

Les Thiessen: Dismissed from Wesley Medical Center to Pine Village

Family of Jon Hochstetler grieving after his death on June 8.

WDC: Pray for God's guidance and joy for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team, as they prepare for our hybrid (in-person and online) gathering July 30-Aug 1 with worship, delegate business, learning seminars and fellowship.

We are excited to open and staff the nursery for use during worship services and Sunday school. We plan to make a new nursery schedule and will use our previous list of nursery volunteers. If you would like your name added to or deleted from that list, please let one of us know by June 23. Thanks for your help with our young children. Brenda Dalke (345-2767) or Pat Stucky (345-8618).

Eden Retreat Weekend Planned for July 10 & 11. Come spend some time with your church family at Camp Mennoscah. The Eden Retreat Weekend will take place on July 10 and 11 at camp. Registration will go from 2-5 pm on Saturday along with an afternoon swim from 3-5 pm. This will be followed by a potluck supper and evening activities including campfire. Sunday will begin with morning devotions at 7:30 am followed by breakfast, worship, swimming, and lunch. We will depart camp by 2:00 pm. The Retreat Center is air conditioned so please don't let the warm temperatures keep you from coming out. If you can't make it for Saturday, join us on Sunday. To help us in planning, please sign up by July 4, if you plan to attend Saturday and/or Sunday along with your preference for lodging. If you don't get signed up, we would love to have you anyway!

Vacation Bible School: will be held at West Zion Mennonite on Sun. July 11-Tues, July 13 from 6:00-8:30pm, for Grades K-5.

The cookbooks are completed, and we have them in church today, on a table in the fellowship hall. Even if you haven't pre-paid, you can still purchase one or more for \$10 each. If you write a check, make it to Eden with Mary Martha in the memo line. You can also call Mary Ann Waltner at 345-8747 and pick them up at 1803 Iris Vlg. or stop by the church office weekday mornings.

The Moundridge Community Blood Drive is scheduled for June 25, at 12:00 noon until 6:00 PM at West Zion Mennonite Church. Please enter through the west doors only. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Carol at 620-345-6774 or email bczgerger@mtelco.net.

Beginning today, June 13 Sunday school will be 45 minutes long. The summer theme for the Junior department is *Justice for All*.

Camp Scholarships: Thanks to a very generous donor, **registration fees** for Summer Camps at Camp Mennoscah will be **fully covered** for any Eden kids attending. Please inform Deacon Treasurer Bret Gillmore (bmj@lrmutual.com) which camp weeks your child is attending.

There's still time to register for camp! Camp Mennoscah has a few openings at most camps. Register online at campmennoscah.org!

The Junior Sunday School Department has a new offering project! Each Sunday, children may bring their offering to Sunday school to help provide an item on Camp Mennoscah's wish like, a Giant Connect-4 Game. There is a picture of this fun game in each classroom and also on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Michelle Hershberger, Bible Department Chair, Hesston College, will be our **keynote speaker and storyteller for WDC Annual Assembly, July 30-August 1**. She is the author of *God's Story, Our Story*. Michelle never gets tired of telling how Jesus is at work in her life, church, and community! For more hybrid Assembly info, go to <https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>. You're welcome to join us for worship or for the whole Assembly!

Join others from across WDC to discuss **"Why Do We Suffer and Where is God When We Do?"** by **Valerie G. Rempel** on **Thursday, June 24 at 7:00pm** via Zoom. Register for the online discussion or to borrow a copy at crlib@mennowdc.org

Special Annual Assembly Storytelling Opportunity! WDC's Assembly theme July 30-August 1 is "Woven into God's Story." When was the last time you really listened to the story of someone who doesn't see the world as you do? The folks at StoryCorps have invited WDC to partner with their storytelling project, *One Small Step*, to share and record our own stories within WDC. *One Small Step* is an initiative to facilitate conversations across differences, between people who may disagree politically. It's not a debate. It's a chance to spend time virtually with someone different than you and discover the stories behind each other's beliefs. To join another WDC member for an online conversation, sign up at <https://onesmallstep.storycorps.org/wdc/>. The registration **deadline is June 25** and virtual recordings will be scheduled July 28-30 (space is limited). For more information about *One Small Step* see the attached flyer.

Guidelines for summer youth camps have changed and Camp Mennoscah is working to change within the guidance of state and local agencies. If you have questions or concerns about how the camp masking and distancing guidelines may have changed, please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Staff position opening: WDC seeks a full time Administrative Assistant to work out of its North Newton office, beginning August 25. Responsibilities include office management, communications, records management, scheduling, and administrative support for staff. Qualifications include strong organizational, computer and communication skills, ability to collaborate as part of a team, and willingness to promote WDC's mission and priorities. For more information, position description and application materials, contact Heidi Regier Kreider, Conference Minister, at heidirk@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300.

For the first time, Mennonite Church USA is hosting a hybrid convention on July 6-10, 2021. MennoCon21 participants may choose between attending in person in Cincinnati, Ohio, or virtually via Pheedloop, an interactive, online event platform. Learn more about MennoCon21 virtual offerings here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21-virtual-opportunity/>

Looking Ahead

June 15: 7:15 p.m. Eden Leadership Team mtg.

June 16: 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg.

July 10-11: Eden Retreat Weekend at Camp Mennoscah

July 11-13: Vacation Bible School at West Zion

September 11 & 12: WDC Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

Attendance last week: Worship – no count taken

Offering: \$6,920

Eden Church Office Hours

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

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