

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
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Derek King, Lead Pastor

Dianne Schmidt, Associate Pastor (On sabbatical)

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Prelude

Brenda Dalke

Welcome

Berni Kaufman

Call to Worship

God invites us to gather this space.

Come, let us worship.

God loves us to care for one another.

Come, let us worship.

God guides us on a journey to shalom.

Come, let us worship.

At God's invitation, with love in our hearts, let us journey together.

Come, let us worship.

Opening Song STJ 27

God of the Bible

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:7-14

Barbara Stucky

Worship Music

Rachel Knight

Poetry Reading *Parable of the Dinner Party* by Michael Coffey

Candy Unrau

Message

Pastor Derek

Song of Response HWB 307

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Sending Song HWB 362

Help Us to Help each Other

Benediction

Postlude

Scripture next week: Matthew 25:14-30

Remember in Prayer

Wayne Schrag: Recovering at home

Pastor Dianne and Dennis during her sabbatical this summer. May they find rest, relaxation and return rejuvenated and filled with the Holy Spirit.

WDC: On this Annual Assembly Sunday, give thanks and pray for WDC in its mission of empowering congregations to **Witness** and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, **Dwell** in just and loving relationships, and **Connect** to God's mission in the world.

Let's have a church swimming party at the Moundridge pool! Join the party on August 15 from 6:30-8:30. Please bring a snack. If you aren't a swimmer, just come for the fellowship. Contact Marla Gillmore, if you have questions.

The Education/Discipleship Commission is seeking Junior Department Sunday school teachers for the coming year which begins in September. Please prayerfully consider this and if you are willing to be a teacher contact Laurie Schrag, Amy Krehbiel, Cory Harrison, Sarah Neufeld or Marcella Schrag.

Please bring your non-perishable grocery items and monetary gifts for the Moundridge Food pantry the first Sunday of the month. Place items in the containers provided near the east entrance and the library.

Eden will again be collecting School Kits during August and September. There is a display in the fellowship hall and the west entrance where you can pick up a School Kit Bag provided by the Mary Martha Circle. Go shopping and fill the bags with the following items.

4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8.5 in. x 10.5 in. and 70 sheets)

1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)

12 colored pencils (in packaging)

1 large eraser

2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

A small metal pencil sharpener will be added to each kit later since they are not available in most stores. If you prefer to purchase just certain items, put them in the boxes along with the filled kit bags. If you prefer to donate cash, you may take a check to the church office. It will be used to purchase school supplies or shipping purposes.

The August newsletter *The Garden* is available on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

If you would like to watch the Western District Conference Annual Assembly Worship Service, please stay in the sanctuary following the worship service this morning.

Are you helping the new hymnal fund grow? The cost of 1 hymnal, \$24, will help get to the goal of replacing the 3 songbooks currently in the pew racks with 1 hymnal, *Voices Together*. *Voices Together* offers us songs from previous Mennonite collections, as well as newly written songs and texts, and a diversity of songs from different cultures and languages. Donations may be taken or mailed to the church office or placed in the church office mailbox at church.

Reports of sexual abuse are becoming more common as survivors feel safer to tell their stories. As these stories become more common even within churches, the Deacons Commission has created a policy and approved by ELT on how to care for survivors of sexual abuse and those who have been accused of sexual abuse. If you have questions or would like to view the policy, please contact the church office. **Pastors and Deacons are ready and willing to listen to those who may need to share their own stories of survival.**

Colorado Peaches are coming to MCC in North Newton! Get your Colorado Peaches this summer and support MCC at the same time. Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs is organizing a fundraiser to cover expenses related to the annual Rocky Mountain Relief Sale, which is being planned for October 15-16 in Rocky Ford, Colorado. **Peaches are available in 10-pound boxes for \$25 and 18-pound boxes for \$35. Deadline for orders/payment is Monday, August 2.** Checks or cash are accepted, checks are made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo line. Please contact Patsy Dirksen at MCC Central States Office for orders/payments at patsydirksen@mcc.org. Pick-up date for peaches is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 23 at the MCC Central States in North Newton.

Mennonite Disaster Service Border Learning and Service Dates of two trips: October 16 - October 23 and/or February 19 - 26. Participants will leave Kansas on Saturday morning traveling to San Antonio, TX, staying overnight. Visiting San Antonio Mennonite Church on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon traveling to McAllen TX for the MDS project. **Costs:** Lodging and meals on the two traveling weekends. MDS will cover the remainder of the expenses. **Reservations:** To make your reservations or for more information contact **Cleo Koop call 316-282-0797 or cleohkoop@gmail.com** . If you are interested in volunteering at McAllen, TX on different weeks than what is in this announcement please call the volunteer coordinator at 800-241-8111.

Looking for volunteers!! **Steps to End Poverty of McPherson County (STEP MC) is looking for volunteers to make a meal** for 15-20 people on Monday nights for their weekly meeting. Find a friend and make the meal together OR get a Sunday School class together and help STEP-MC with their mission. It's easy to sign up using the SignUpGenius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da4a928a3fdc70-stepmc> Please call or text Connie Kaufman at 620-386-0816 OR conniejkaufman@gmail.com if you need more information.

WDC seeks a full time Administrative Assistant to work out of its North Newton, office, beginning August 25, 2021. 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.

Looking Ahead

August 10: 7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg at church office
August 15: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Pool Party
August 17: 7:15 p.m. Eden Leadership Team meeting

Attendance last week: Worship – 140; SS - 96; Zoom: 4;
Offering: \$4,425.00

Eden Church Office Hours

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

Phone: 620-345-8320; **Email:** edenoffice@edenmennonite.org

Check out our website at www.edenmennonite.org

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(On Sabbatical until September 21)