

**Eden Mennonite Church**  
**Moundridge, Kansas**  
Website: [www.edenmennonite.org](http://www.edenmennonite.org)

Derek King, Lead Pastor

Dianne Schmidt, Associate Pastor (On sabbatical)

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**Prelude**

Candy Unrau

**Welcome**

Jay Goering

**Call to Worship**

Leader: What will you offer the body of Christ today?

**People: Bring all that you have. Bring all that you are.**

Leader: The gifts of silence and the gifts of words are welcome.

**People: The gifts of leading and the gifts of following are welcome.**

Leader: The gifts of doubt and the gifts of faith are welcome.

**People: The gifts of the head and the gifts of the heart are welcome.**

Leader: The gifts of planning and the gifts of spontaneity are welcome.

**All: *May all that we are as individuals come together to strengthen the living Body of the church, Christ Incarnate.***

**Opening Song HWB 46**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 25:14-30

Kathy Neufeld

**Worship Music**

Jon Schrag

**Parable Drama**

Read by Berni Kaufman

Noise provided by Deb Lichti, Preslie, Piper and Pixie Doane

**Message**

Pastor Derek

**Song of Response STJ 44**

*The Love of God*

**Prayers of the People**

**Announcements**

**Sending Song**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Scripture next week: Matthew 25:14-30**

### **Remember in Prayer**

**Les Thiessen:** Mercy Hospital

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

**WDC:** Give thanks for WDC members who have been affirmed for conference leadership roles this coming year and pray for God's guidance as they serve in this way.

**The church swimming party at the Moundridge pool is changed to Saturday, August 14 from 6:30-8:30** at the request of Moundridge Recreation. Please bring a snack and/ or 2 liter of pop. If you aren't a swimmer come out to the pool, to watch the fun and have some fellowship. If you have questions, contact Marla Gillmore.

**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.

**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)

8 new unsharpened pencils

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 Education/Discipleship Commission invites all Junior and Senior Department Sunday school teachers and their spouses/families** from the past year and those planning to teach in the coming year to an appreciation lunch after Sunday School on August 22. If you will be teaching in the Junior Department this coming year please plan to stay for a few minutes after the lunch to receive materials and organize with your fellow teachers for the coming year.

**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.**

**The Worship Commission seeks everyone's help in keeping our sanctuary and surrounding areas a welcoming and safe space for our faith community and guests.** Whether it be a pew, the stage area or the choir room, we are asked to pick up after ourselves and remove items no longer needed so that the space is inviting and ready for the next use. The hallway between the sanctuary and choir room is considered an emergency exit. This emergency exit also moves through a corner of the choir room. It is important to refrain from leaving items in these areas so they remain free and clear for use in an emergency. The Worship Commission thanks everyone for their help in caring for our community in this way.

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

**The Worship Commission thanks the congregation for the funds received thus far for purchasing the new hymnal, *Voices Together!*** The Commission continues to seek funds and invites each household to consider donating the cost of 1 hymnal, \$24 (or more!). Our goal is to have enough funds to purchase 300. We will begin purchasing hymnals so that the choir can help introduce the hymnal by singing some of the songs during worship. Several copies of *Voices Together* have been placed in the library and one copy at the church office. You are invited to look through one of these copies at your convenience but are asked to leave them in their location for others to peruse as well. Donations may be taken or mailed to the church office or placed in the church office mailbox at church.

**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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:conniejkaufman@gmail.com) if you need more information.

**The next Camp Mennoscah Work Day is August 28 with all sorts of fun projects!** Meet at the Maintenance shed at 8:30am and bring your lunch and a water bottle. Come for a partial day, if that's what works! Call us at 620-297-3290 or email [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org)! You are important to Camp Mennoscah's ministry!

**Save the date November 5-8 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Symposium *Voices Together* at Bethel College.** Join us to learn more about this new resource for worship. Pick up an information card on the literature stand in the fellowship hall.

#### **Looking Ahead**

**August 10:** 7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg at church office

**August 14:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Pool Party

**August 17:** 7:15 p.m. Eden Leadership Team meeting

**August 28:** 10:30 a.m. Clyde Goering memorial service

**September 7:** 6:00 p.m. Deacons mtg.

**Attendance last week:** Worship – 150; SS - 89; Zoom: 12;  
Offering: \$9,872.37

#### **Eden Church Office Hours**

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

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(On Sabbatical until September 21)