

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
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Advent 1



Prelude

Karen Kaufman



Call to Worship (VT 870)

Jay Goering



Song (VT 239)

He Came Down



Candle Lighting and Litany

Bret & Carina Knight

Leader: We light a candle of hope. And we imagine:

People: God's righteousness, God's steadfast Love, God's justice.

Leader: We light the candle to see God's goodness in us, among us.

People: Imagine that...we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.



Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 Joseph Schrag

Confession and Assurance

Leader: A friend once said children grow taller at night, while at rest; Bones quietly stretch, and bit by bit their bodies grow. Trees grow silently, too, from deep inside; energy is released. Branches reach for the light. People can grow silently too.

People: We confess that all too often we stifle the growth God inspires deep inside of us, preferring the immediate, the good enough, the comfortable.

Leader: In Advent, O God, cause us to get up on our tiptoes, lean forward, and extend our gaze.

People: Surely God, who caused the righteous Branch to spring up, will enliven our imaginations in this season of hope.

(silence)

Leader: The Kingdom of God is near. Listen can you hear it? Look, can you see it? Our God says "Surely the days are coming; they are already here!"



Time with Children

Shayna Smith



New Testament Reading

Luke 21:25-36



Message

"Dare to imagine God's goodness!"

Pastor Dianne



Song of Response VT 216

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



Sharing our Joys and Concerns



Prayers of the People



Announcements



Sending Song (VT 259)

To Us a Child of Hope is Born



Benediction



Postlude

Eden Remember in Prayer

Jake Schrag: St. Francis, Wichita

Family of Marilyn Preheim grieving after her death.

WDC: Pray for pastors, musicians, worship leaders and teachers who guide WDC congregations in celebrating the upcoming Advent and Christmas season.

Marilyn Preheim (81) passed away on Sunday, November 21. A memorial service was held at Eden on Saturday, Nov 27 at Eden. We extend our sympathy to her husband Ken and all of her family and friends.

Pastor Derek is on vacation through November 30.

The Christian Homebuilders Sunday School Class is hosting a sale for a friend of Eden Church. There will be yard sale of furniture, (antique and vintage items) lawn and garden, and household items. It will be held at Fred and Bev Goering's at 2221 Buckskin Rd., Moundridge from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30. All proceeds will help the owner with living expenses in a new location.

Mary Martha will meet Tuesday, December 7 at 1:30 for a time of Christmas fun and fellowship. Please bring your favorite snack and a special Christmas memory to share. Drinks will be provided.

Church Office Secretary, Apply Now! Becky Koller will be retiring from her position effective December 31, 2021. If you think this opportunity might be a good fit for you, please go to the following link to see the job description and fill out an application: <https://forms.gle/Uu5P8twHjuJzcZPm7> If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastors Derek or Dianne.

We canned approximately 7500 pounds of chicken into 5000 cans which were boxed into 200 boxes. In servings this equates to around 25,000 servings. Thanks to all that served in any capacity with the MCC meat canning. Hopefully we will be doing it again on one of the 1st two Mondays in November of 2022.

The **Angel Tree** is decorated in Fellowship Hall to honor the memory of our loved ones who have passed away. You may purchase an angel for each of your loved ones for \$3.00 each. The ornaments on this year's Angel Tree include a variety of designs. You are invited to make your selection and take the angels with you when you place the envelope with the completed form and payment in the box by the tree. (**Note: This is a change from previous years.**) A list of those being remembered and those remembering them will be printed at the end of the year.

We are planning the Christmas Eve Program! Please let your teachers know if you will be here to participate. If anyone would like to be a part of the prelude—solo, piano, instrumental—let us know. We're looking forward to a fun and festive Christmas Eve! Jerri Kaufman 620-386-4484; Marla Gilmore, 620-921-0428. Christmas Eve Program Practice: Wednesday, December 15 - 6:30 pm; Pre-K thru 12th grade; Wednesday, December 22 - 6:30 pm; Pre-K thru 12th grade

Joe Lichti is home from the hospital. Additional dates have been added to the Take Them a Meal schedule. To schedule a day to take them a meal go to <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=MNSF6169&welcome=1>

We join our voices together in praise and gratitude as we begin to use the new hymnal, *Voices Together*, during worship. Hymnals will be stored on 3 rolling carts that are placed at the doors of the sanctuary. The congregation is asked to pick up hymnals from the 3 carts prior to worship and return the hymnals to the cart following the worship service. Everyone is encouraged to share hymnals when possible so that there are enough for all to use during worship. The Worship Commission thanks all who have contributed to the hymnal fund thus far to make this transition possible!

Copies of our retiring songbooks, *Hymnal, Sing the Journey* and *Sing the Story*, are on tables at the north end of fellowship hall. Anyone is welcome to take copies of these songbooks home to keep.

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas on Saturday, December 4 at Goerz House on Bethel College campus. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, craft items, and poinsettias. Christmas candy, zwieback, peppernuts, poppyseed rolls and cinnamon rolls are always great sellers. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 3 from 1:30-4:30pm or Saturday, December 4 from 7:00-9:00am.

Sat., Dec. 4 – Five Places of Christmas, the annual holiday open house, includes Kauffman Museum and Goerz House on the Bethel College campus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. No charge for admission. The Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is the host at Goerz House, where there will be baked goods and other items for sale. Please plan to wear a face covering indoors and follow all COVID-19 protocols requested by the venue. (Other locations: Warkentin House, Harvey County Historical Museum and Carriage Factory Gallery, all in Newton.)

2022 Summer staff applications are being accepted! Applicants should be 18 years old or older and in agreement with the Camp Mennoscah mission statement. See website for details. **Information and the online application can be found here!** Call or email with questions!

Giving Tuesday is November 30. Encourage everyone to follow Jesus Christ by supporting the faith formation ministry of Camp Mennoscah here. Checks can be sent to Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111.

Christmas Gathering on Dec. 18 at 2:30pm! Join us in the Dining Hall at Camp Mennoscah for afternoon fun--bring games to play indoors or out. Camp will provide popcorn and generic pop. (Masks recommended and encouraged for inside activities.)

Looking Ahead

December 9: 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg.

December 14: 7:15 Eden Leadership team meets

December 16: 5:30 Education/Discipleship Commission mtg.

December 24: 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Program

Attendance last week: Worship – 132; Zoom - 17; SS - 100; Offering: \$26,276.04

Eden Church Office Hours

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

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