

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
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Derek King, Lead Pastor

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Prelude Brenda Dalke

Welcome Gail Graber

Call to Worship #880

Opening Song – #88, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (v. 1,2,4) led by Debi Lichti

Scripture reading – Acts 17: 22-31 Danielle Goering

Time with Children Kathy Neufeld

Message “Christ and Culture, Christ in Culture” Pastor Derek

Song of Response – #433, *I Believe in God Almighty*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (Raise your hand and an usher will bring a mic)

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song – #95, *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah*

Postlude

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

Time of pastoral transition at Eden:

The person being called to fill the interim time.

Western District Conference (WDC): Pray for WDC congregations seeking creative ways to meet and serve their neighbors.

Nursery: Larry & Carol Temple

May 14: Whitney & Lance Loganbill

The peace lamp is lit as a reminder to be in prayer for an end to violence in the world. We trust in the power of prayer, as we know that through prayer, all things are possible.

The ELT Executive Committee is grateful for the willingness of the individuals who have accepted the call to serve on the **Search Committee** for the next pastor: Josh Booth, Cheri Kaufman, Renae Stucky, June Krehbiel, and Glen Goering. Please hold them in prayer as they begin their work together.

The **church budget report** as of the end of April: Giving is up approximately \$11,000 from last year at this time, but still shy of our total expenses by \$43,000. Our total expenses are about the same as last year and nearly right on budget. Continued giving at this pace would leave us approximately \$100,000 short of budgeted expenses by year end. The Student Endowment Fund has \$167,000 invested. Thanks for your generosity. – Fred Schrag, Church Treasurer

Consider Sharing Your Gift of Music! The Worship Commission is looking for persons to share their gifts of music during Sunday morning worship this summer. Contact Michelle (Schrag) Hiebert at 620-747-2480 or [email](#) if you or someone you know is interested. We would love to hear you!

Items for **The Garden** newsletter for June are due to the office by May 23.

We will be **recognizing graduates** on May 21. Please contact the church office with the name and school from which you will be graduating.

Children's Day will be June 5 with the theme of Creation. We are looking for any children who would be interested in performing during the prelude. Please contact Amy Krehbiel at 620.960.5630 if you would like to perform.

Everyone is invited to stay after the Children's Day service for lunch, June 5. The Education/Discipleship Commission will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream sandwiches. The congregation is asked to please bring a side dish to share.

Save the Date! Mark your calendars for our annual **Camp Mennoscah Retreat Weekend on July 15-16**. This year will be a joint retreat with First Mennonite Church of Moundridge and friends from At the Feet of Christ Church in Wichita. There will be time to swim, play games, eat together, enjoy a campfire and of course a time to worship together on Sunday morning. We hope to see you there and bring your friends!

OUR OUTREACH

SMCHA: Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association

WDC: Western District Conference

MCC: Mennonite Central Committee

Camp Mennoscah has been offered a gift of \$100,000. The money comes to Camp as a matching gift. We have been invited to raise money that will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000. Camp Mennoscah is calling this the M&M Project for Mission and Maintenance. For more information, check out the [Camp Mennoscah Website](#).

Custodial-housekeeping help is needed at Camp Mennoscah. This is a 10 hours per week position, paid hourly. The work times are flexible, but must fit within the group and retreat scheduling, which varies from week to week. The position requires an application, references, and background check. Contact Olivia for details by [email](#) or telephone at 620-297-3290

The **Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Dinner and Meeting** will be Thursday, May 25, 6:00 pm at First Mennonite Church, McPherson. The cost of the meal is \$20.00. Please RSVP to [Barb BJ Reeves](#) or call/text 620-543-6863 by May 21. Come celebrate the success of the MCC Sale!

Save the Date for **WDC Annual Assembly**, August 11-13 at Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton, KS.

Swiss Volhynian Mennonites came to the U.S. in 1874. To commemorate this, a 150 year celebration is planned next year, August 23-25, 2024 at Eden Mennonite Church. One hope is to gather stories of the old days. Brian Adams from Massachusetts volunteered to edit stories to have available for the event. Brian has

heard stories from his Grandfather Jacob (Red Jake) Krehbiel from Moundridge. He would love to receive your stories at smolts123@yahoo.com or call him at 413-586-3063 and he could interview you. Lots of fun events to come.

SMCHA is offering **education grants** for the 2023-2024 school year to individuals preparing for full-time Christian service, Mennonite ministry, Mennonite voluntary service, or other related careers. The application deadline is May 30, 2023. Contact the Church Office for more information.

MCC is giving an opportunity for young adults, ages 18–30, to attend its **Peacebuilders Training Camp** July 24 to 29 in Divide, Colorado. MCC will fund all travel expenses, and Eden's Peace/Witness Commission will pay the \$200 registration fee for participants from Eden Church. For information, talk to Pastor Derek or a Peace/Witness member: Shirley Delk, Marla Gilmore, Perry Krehbiel, Bob Schrag or Renae Stucky. Find more information [here](#).

#MennoCon23. [Online registration](#) is open for MennoCon23, Mennonite Church USA's leading faith formation event, in Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center, July 3-6, 2023. Registration is also open for the [Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit](#), July 7, and the [Delegate Assembly](#), July 7-8.

ELT is looking for **two individuals willing to serve as delegates** from Eden. Please let Dave Stucky or Gail Graber know if you are interested.

Looking Ahead

May 15: Worship Commission at 7:00PM at Eden Office

May 16: ELT at 7:00PM at Eden Office

Attendance Last Week: Worship:183; Zoom: 11; SS:155; Offering: \$11,357.78

Eden Church Office Hours

8:00 a.m. to Noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

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