

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

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Derek King, Lead Pastor

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Prelude

Bonita Howard

Welcome

Jay Goering

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is King

People: clothed in majesty

Leader: girded with strength

People: more majestic than roaring waters

Leader: and thundering waves!

People: Let us sing praises to God;

Leader: sing praises to our King!

All: Alleluia!

Opening Song – #364 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* led by Becky Setser

Scripture reading – Acts 1: 1-14 Bret Gillmore

Worship Music – *Holy Holy Holy* by John B Dykes
Rachel Friesen, alto sax; accompanied by Robin Schrag

Graduate Recognition

Time with Children Larry Temple

Message “Get Going by Staying Put” Pastor Derek

Song of Response – #413 *Na nzela na lola (As Long as We Follow)*

Communion

Worship Music – *In the Garden* by Traditional
Rachel Friesen, alto sax; accompanied by Robin Schrag

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

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song – #91 *We Praise Thee, O God*

Postlude

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

Time of pastoral transition at Eden:

The Pastoral Search Committee as they begin their work.

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

Nursery: Whitney & Lance Loganbill **May 21:** Brenda Dalke & JoLene Kaufman

Interim Pastor Update: Eden Leadership Team has met with and offered the Interim Pastor role to Bev Baumgartner and she has accepted. Bev is available to begin her work July 1. The Interim Pastor position is 3/4 Time, primarily focusing on pastoral care and worship planning. Her Memo of Understanding with the congregation is in process and we hope to finalize the agreement in the near future. Please keep Bev in prayer as her current pastoral assignment comes to an end and she prepares to join us.

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 **Pastoral 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.

Children's Day will be June 4 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!

Congratulations Graduates!

8th grade promotion: **Gentry Regier, Allison Schrag, Aspyn Stos** – Moundridge; **Hudson Krehbiel** – McPherson; **Rhett Stucky** - Newton

High School Graduate: **Hannah Schrag** - Moundridge

College Graduate: **Ben Schrag** – Fort Hays State University

Masters Graduate: **Britney Stos** – Fort Hays State University

Medical Doctor: **Devin Clark** – University of Rochester School of Medicine, NY

OUR OUTREACH

SMCHA: Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association

WDC: Western District Conference

MCC: Mennonite Central Committee

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!

2023 WDC Annual Assembly, “Holy (Wholly) Listening,” August 11-13, 2023, Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. Listening to God and many voices. Why go? It’s a great chance to join others for creative resourcing, worship, great music and food, and participating in the work of the church.

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. 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.

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. 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](#).

ELT is looking for **two individuals to serve as delegates** from Eden for MennoCon23, in Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center, July 3-6, 2023. Please let Dave Stucky or Gail Graber know if you are interested.

Looking Ahead

May 24: Worship Commission at 7:30PM at Eden Office

Attendance Last Week: Worship:158; Zoom: 10; SS:100; Offering: \$5,545.00

Eden Church Office Hours

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

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