

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

Derek King, Lead Pastor

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Seeking Peace Together: Vine and Branches

Prelude Karen Kaufman

Welcome June Krehbiel

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to meditate on the word of God,

People: that we might be like trees planted by streams of water.

Leader: We have come to listen to the words of Jesus,

People: that we might be branches abiding in the true vine.

Leader: Let us delight in this time of worship.

All: that our joy might be complete.

Invocation

Opening Song "O Blessed Spring" #522
led by Kristin Kaufman

Scripture reading John 15:1-17 Ryan Goering

Worship Music "Into the Sea (It's Gonna Be Okay)" by Tasha Layton
Kristin Kaufman and Michelle Unruh

Time with Children Morgan Kaufman

Message "Bearing Fruit " Pastor Derek

Song of Response "Be Still and Know" #37

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

Prayers of the People

Worship Music "This Little Light of Mine" by Addison Road
Kristin Kaufman and Michelle Unruh

Moments in Mission Eden Endowment Grants Dick Gehring

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (v. 1,2,6) #203

Postlude

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If you would like to share financial offerings, you may leave your donation in the vessel on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

[Sunday School begins five minutes after the end of the worship service.]

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

Campers: Piper Doane, Sawyer Kaufman, Sarah King

The Pastoral Search Committee welcomes the prayers of the congregation as we move forward together.

Western District Conference (WDC): Please pray for churches grappling with changes in these post-pandemic times. May we find ways forward that are creative, that meet people and families where they are, and which leave behind anything holding us back. May we remember that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever—even as our world changes.

Nursery: Cindy Bartell and Alan Thomas **July 2:** Brenda Dalke and Dave Stucky

The peace lamp is lit to remind us to pray for an end to violence in the world. We trust in the power of prayer and know that through prayer all things are possible.

The Peace/Witness Commission is encouraging us to **HELP MCC**. North Newton's Material Resources Center is critically low on inventory. Some supplies are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. Please help by purchasing: 1) new infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes), 2) notebooks (70 sheets), 3) black or blue ballpoint pens, 4) shampoo (20 oz. or larger), 5) men's deodorant (2.25 oz. or larger), or 6) toothpaste (5 oz. or larger). **Bring these items to church by July 2** and Eden's Peace/Witness Commission will deliver them to North Newton. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found [here](#).

Moundridge Community Vacation Bible School Summer 2023 will be hosted by West Zion Mennonite Church (101 Washington Ave, Moundridge) from Tuesday, July 11 to Friday, July 14. The fun starts at 6 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. Email [Ashley Stucky](#) or call her at 620-245-4375 to volunteer or to register your child/children. You may also register [online](#).

A **VBS decorating party** will begin at 3 p.m., Sunday, July 9 with a meal and volunteer meeting to follow. If you are not able to attend, please contact Ashley Stucky. There will be a pool party 7-9 p.m., Saturday, July 15 for all who have attended VBS. Enjoy free snow cones and large telescopes for star-gazing after dark. If you would like to help, notice the sign-up sheet on a table in the Fellowship Hall for items needed, either donated or borrowed. We would like all children planning to attend to be registered by Sunday, July 9. Walk-ins will be welcome. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for VBS this summer!

Come enjoy experiencing God in nature at **Camp Mennoscah Retreat Weekend on July 15-16 at camp.** We will join First Mennonite and At the Feet of Christ church from Wichita for the weekend. Registration from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday along with an afternoon swim from 3-5 p.m. After supper activities will include recreation and campfire. Sunday begins with devotions at 7:30 a.m. followed by breakfast, worship, swimming, and lunch, departing by 2 p.m. The Retreat Center has air conditioning units, so please don't let the warm temperatures keep you from coming. If you can't make it on Saturday, join us on Sunday. To help in planning, please sign up on the sheet found in the fellowship hall by July 9. There will be no service at the Eden church building that Sunday. Come join us at Camp!

OUR OUTREACH

STEPMC: Steps To End Poverty in McPherson County

WDC: Western District Conference

MCUSA: Mennonite Church USA

MCC: Mennonite Central Committee

STEPMC is currently walking alongside many families who are experiencing unreliable transportation making it harder for them to get to work, take care of their kids, and pay all of their bills. Would you or someone you know have a **vehicle to donate to STEPMC**? You could give someone a giant boost on their journey out of poverty with the gift of a reliable vehicle. Click [here](#) to donate. Or contact Jay Goering, board president, for more information.

It will soon be 150 years since our ancestors came to the USA in 1874. Let's celebrate all year. We will begin by remembering the old days with agriculture. Come see a **Plowing with Horses event** and Vintage Tractor demonstration at a 22-acre field west of the Moundridge Historical Museum, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 15, 2023. Concessions will be available from Lone Tree Mennonite Church. A tent will be provided for shade. You might bring a lawn chair. The museum will also be open.

WDC Assembly 2023 Registration is now open! It's not just for church leaders! It's for everybody! Aug. 11-13. Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. Isaiah 51:1-8 and Numbers 27:1-11 will guide us as we explore **“Holy (Wholly) Listening.”** We will stretch ourselves to listen carefully to one another as siblings in Christ who understand scripture differently and can widen our cultural, racial, and identity perspectives as we focus on faith in Christ together. As we hear the concerns and joys of all of us in Western District Conference, we will explore what it means to respond to one another with God's mercy and justice.

Jon Carlson, moderator-elect for MCUSA and worship speaker at MennoCon23, writes, “**This is part of what I love about the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition.** We believe that the work of interpretation — of figuring out what is right — happens best in communities guided by the Holy Spirit,” in his blog, “Communities of Transformation.” Read more [here](#).

“**We live in a fragmented society.** Most of us have grown accustomed to spending the vast majority of our time alone and apart, even if we are in the vicinity of other people,” writes Dianne Garcia, future MennoCon23 speaker. Read her reflections [here](#).

MCC School Kit Challenge: Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan can’t get the education they desperately need. Enter the **School Kit Challenge:** 10,000 school kits to help 10,000 kids during the month of August. Plus, we’ve got a fun activity for Sunday School and VBS students! Download our free School Kit Challenge activity resource full of challenges for kids to learn how school supplies help children receive a tangible message of God’s love. **Learn more about this challenge and download the free guide** [here](#).

Looking Ahead

June 29: Pastoral Search Committee 7 p.m. at Eden Office

Attendance Last Week: Worship: 157; Zoom: 10; SS 114; Offering: \$6,840.00

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

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