

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

Derek King, Lead Pastor

Bev Baumgartner, Interim Associate Pastor

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Seeking Peace Together: Peace Within

Prelude

Robin Schrag

Welcome

Berni Kaufman

Call to Worship

One: Praise to God who has given us life.

Many: Blessed be God for the gift of love.

One: Praise to God who forgives our sin.

Many: Blessed be God who sets us free.

One: Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Many: Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

Opening Song

"God of Our Strength "

#47

Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:15-21

Chris Thompson

Worship Music

"I Can't Even Walk "

by Colbert and Joyce Croft

Josh Booth, solo; Brenda Dalke, accompanist

Time with Children

Jenny Schrag

Message

"Liberating Midwives"

Renee Reimer

Song of Response

"There is a Line of Women"

#546

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

(Raise your hand and an usher will bring a mic.)

Prayers of the People

Congregational Song

"Bless'd Be the God of Israel"

#223

Announcements

Benediction

Choral Benediction

"This I Pray "

by Kelson Graber

Josh Booth

Postlude



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

Kenneth L. Stucky receiving hospice care at Pine Village.

Lee Flickinger and Laverne Flickinger on the death of their brother, Marvin, who died July 30. Services were held Friday, Aug. 4, in Wichita.

The families and individuals from our congregation **working with MDS** this week in Red Lake, Minn.

Western District Conference (WDC): Pray for all who will participate in the WDC Annual Assembly next weekend, Aug. 11-13, who will gather for worship, work and fellowship around the theme of *Holy (Wholly) Listening / Escuchar con Atención a Dios y al Pueblo*. **Eden delegates** are Pastor Derek King, Gail Graber, Berni Kaufman and Jeff Koller.

Nursery: Aug. 6: Carol and Larry Temple

Aug. 13: Ashley and Sam Shilts

Special welcome to Renee Reimer, a Bethel College and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary graduate. She lives in Newton with her farm cats, Adam and Eve.

Centering prayer is a form of silent prayer that invites us to rest in the awareness of the presence of God. Join Pastor Bev and other Eden folks weekly on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the church office. All are welcome to centering prayer!

Next week, the children will be collecting donations for **Angels Attic**. Please bring gently used items to share. For example: kitchen and household items, youth size clothing, games, puzzles

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 Aug. 13**. Junior Department teachers for this coming year will plan a few minutes after lunch to receive materials and organize for the year. **Please RSVP by Aug. 7 to Amy Krehbiel 620-960-5630**.

It's time to think about a new school year. The Education and Discipleship Commission is looking for teachers for the junior department. See the whiteboard in the Fellowship Hall for more details. The kids would love to learn from you!

GARDEN SURPLUS - Bring your extra produce to the Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings to share with others. You may "shop," take home delicious veggies, and leave a donation for Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale pre-sale expenses.

Service Sunday, Sept. 24. Eden will be serving the community. Instead of worshipping in the building that morning, we will be out serving others. Peace/Witness Commission needs your help in gathering a list of individuals/organizations that could use help. What jobs can we do to serve persons outside our church family? For example, yard work, cleaning, visiting. Submit ideas to Bob Schrag, Marla Gillmore, Perry Krehbiel, Renae Stucky or Shirley Delk. Let's learn to know our neighbors.

Eden will again be collecting supplies for **MCC School Kits**. You may put your purchased items in the box labeled "**School Supplies**" in the Fellowship Hall. The children will assemble the kits on Wednesday "Project Night" Sept. 27.

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages 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
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens

If you prefer to **donate cash or check**. Make checks payable to Eden and with "School supplies" in the memo. It will be used to purchase school supplies.

Thank you to Eden Mennonite Church for use of the tent and the labor to set it up for the Plowing with Horses event last Saturday, July 29. It was fun seeing horses and vintage tractors at work. The SMCHA 150th planning committee and the attenders appreciated your support.

DRIVERS NEEDED—Tractor drivers are needed for the Kansas State Fair on Friday, Sept. 15. If you're able to help with this, please contact Rene or Kristin Kaufman.

OUR OUTREACH

MCC: Mennonite Central Committee (relief, development, and peace mission)

MC USA: Mennonite Church USA (Eden's national denomination)

MDS: Mennonite Disaster Service (rebuilding homes of those impacted by disasters)

SMCHA: Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association

STEPMC: Steps to end poverty in McPherson County

WDC: Western District Conference (Eden's regional conference of MC USA)

STEPMC is off to a good year. Fourteen people (seven adults and seven kids) have been assisted to overcome poverty in 2023! **Could you help?** We rely on generous individuals and groups to cook or cater in meals for us each week. Right now, we could use some extra support with meals in Moundridge. Click this [link](#) to sign up.

You are invited to the **MDS Region 3 Annual Meeting** Sept. 15 and 16 in Boulder Colo. Virtual attendance is available. Registration online [here](#). The registration fee is \$20 for individuals and \$30 for couples.

MCC is looking for a driver with a semi tractor that would be willing to transport cardboard paper bales for recycling from the MCC warehouse in North Newton to Wichita. This is an immediate need, but MCC anticipates needing help like this 4-5 times per year. If you can help or have questions, please reach out to Duane Unruh at MCC at 785.760.1390 or duaneunruh@mcc.org.

In his state of the denomination report to delegates at the MC USA Delegate Assembly, held in Kansas City, Missouri, on July 7-8, Executive Director Glen Guyton introduced MC USA's new biennial theme: **Follow Jesus / Sigue a Jesús. Witness to God's peace. Experience transformation through the Holy Spirit.**

Looking Ahead

- Aug. 6-Aug. 9:** Pastor Derek out of the office
- Aug. 6-8:** Pastor Bev out of the office for AMBS class
- Aug. 7:** Stewardship Commission 7 p.m. at Eden Office
- Aug. 9:** Centering Prayer 1:30 p.m. at Eden Office
- Aug. 10:** Peace/Witness Commission 6 p.m. at Eden Office

Attendance Last Week: Worship: 146; Zoom: 7; SS: 97 Offering: \$4,340.00

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