

Eden Mennonite Church
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Reflecting on Death: Death in Christ

Prelude		Karen Kaufman
Welcome		Pastor Bev Baumgartner
Call to Worship		
One:	When we cannot see the path,	
Many:	Jesus is the way.	
One:	When we do not know which voices to trust,	
Many:	Jesus is the truth.	
One:	When it feels like death is closing in,	
Many:	Jesus is the life.	
One:	No matter how we feel, or what we bring with us today, we gather as a community of hope, because the One who is the way, the truth, and the life is with us. Let us worship together.	
Opening Song	"Oh, Have You Not Heard"	#668
Scripture Reading	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Wayne Schrag
Worship Music	"Wings of Your Love"	by Patti Drennan
	"All My Trials"	arr. by John Leavitt
	Ladies Chorus, accompanied by Brenda Dalke	
Time with Children		Kristeen Thompson
Message	"The death of Death"	Pastor Derek King
Song of Response	"Be Still, My Soul"	#664
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		
Prayers of the People		
Worship Music	"All My Trials"	arr. by John Leavitt
Announcements		
Benediction		
Sending Song	"Soon and Very Soon"	#669
Postlude		

Choral Director: Becky Setser



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.]

Key

FEWZ: First, Eden and West Zion Mennonite youth group

KMRS: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

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

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

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

Leona Kaufman has been dismissed from Mercy Hospital to Pine Village.

Western District Conference (WDC): Pray for God's guidance for elected leaders of WDC and other WDC committees and task forces, as they begin a new program year following Annual Assembly. Members from Eden who serve on these committees include Linda Goering, Gifts Discernment Committee, and Pastor Derek King, Resource Commission.

Nursery: Sept. 3: Britney and DaWayne Stos **Sept. 10:** Pat and Bruce Stucky

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.

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 others on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the church office. All are welcome to centering prayer!

The **Search Committee for our Associate Pastor** asks for your help in completing a form of Congregational and Pastoral Priorities. You can fill it out online or in paper copy (available at church or church office). This is for high school age and up, members and regular attenders. Need help or have questions? Look for Josh Booth, Glen Goering, Cheri Kaufman, June Krehbiel, or Renae Stucky today or next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Here's the link to complete the survey online. tinyurl.com/EdenPastorSearchSurvey The survey/questions come from Mennonite Church USA and will be submitted to WDC to match us with possible candidates. Due: Sept. 20. Please stay for a short meeting after Worship (Sept. 10) to learn about the survey.

We will be collecting items for **Angels Attic** today.

Items for **The Garden** newsletter are due Sept. 20.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Garden Surplus** this summer — those who shared produce and those who “purchased.” We raised \$139 to go towards pre-sale expenses for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

Sunday School Elective for fall: Pastor Derek is leading an adult Sunday School class on the topic of death. The first several weeks will focus on burial practices at Eden and explore other options, under the category of "Green Burial." Other topics will include preparing for death, conversations with aging parents, funeral planning, and legal/ financial/medical concerns. Adults of all ages will benefit from these important conversations.

Eden Choirs have begun practicing! And there's still room for you. If you're a longtime member, a short-time member, or haven't even tried a choir before, **please join us!** Ladies Chorus begins at 7:30 p.m. and Chancel Choir at 8 p.m. Come enjoy a fun, meaningful, low-pressure experience of making music together! Questions: Call, text, or email Becky Setser, 620-386-4145 rsetser89@gmail.com.

Support Youth: Anyone Can Do It! We are getting ready for another year of Jr. FEWZ (6th-8th grade) and FEWZ (9th-12th grade) and would love whatever help you might be able to offer. If committing to be a sponsor for the year is too much for you, would you consider something just as helpful, but less time-consuming? We would love for individuals or groups who could: manage our financial books, coordinate meals, Bible teach on occasion, share their faith story, plan a service project, etc. If there is something on that list that you could do (or anything else you could offer), please contact Pastor Derek (dking@edenmennonite.org)

Let's gather to eat and study! Wednesday evening meals and activities/study for all ages will begin Sept. 27. This first evening the Education/Discipleship Commission will provide the meal and all ages will be involved in assembling **MCC School Kits**. You may put your purchased items in the box labeled “**School Supplies**” in the Fellowship Hall. If you prefer to **donate cash or check**, make checks payable to Eden, with “School supplies” in the memo. It will be used to purchase school supplies.

Ask your friends, family, or church group to help you provide **a meal for Wed. Night gatherings**. Meal service begins at 6 p.m. Preparation and cleanup is expected by the group serving the meal. The Education/Discipleship Commission has a sign-up sheet on the literature cart. Let's share the opportunity to provide a meal so we can all share in the fellowship and activities/study together.

OUR OUTREACH

The **Camp Mennoscah 75th Anniversary Kick-Off event** will be Sept. 24 at Camp! The day will be filled with fun family activities, Camp Corporation Annual Meeting, spike ball tournament, storytelling, and music. And for the first time... The Camp Mennoscah Talent/No Talent Show. Enter your talent, wow the audience, and win prizes. All ages welcome! Or bring your cash or checkbook to "vote" for your favorite acts. The act that generates the most money wins! All money collected will be considered a donation to Camp Mennoscah's M&M Project!

Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC) — formerly known as Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN) — has formed a steering committee, recruited volunteers and begun its work to counter the recruitment of youth by the U.S. military. POTC is an independent initiative that began as an outgrowth of a collaboration between Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Church USA. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/potc

Looking Ahead

Sept. 12: Education/Discipleship Commission 7 p.m. at Eden Office

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Sept. 13: Centering Prayer 1:30 p.m. at Eden Office

Sept. 13: Gifts Discernment Committee 7 p.m. at Eden Office

Sept. 13: Choirs – Ladies Chorus 7:30 p.m.; Chancel Choir 8 p.m.

Attendance Last Week: Worship: 180; Zoom: 11; SS: 136 Offering: \$7,760.00

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