

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

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The Love of God

Prelude

Jill Zerger

Welcome

Pastor Bev Baumgartner

Call to Worship

One: Let us return to Love. In this act of our gathering here

Many: Let us return to Love.

One: In this season of savoring and harvesting

Many: Let us return to Love.

One: In our holding and our releasing

Many: Let us return to Love.

One: In our surest moments of knowing the One who is Love,
and moments of knowing it least

All: Let us return to Love.

Opening Songs

“Ancient Words”

Eden Worship Band

Confessions and Curious Question

Time with Children

June Krehbiel

Worship Music

“Thy Word is a Lamp”

#398

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13

Laurie Schrag

Message

“Why Set the Bar So High?”

Pastor Derek King

Song of Response

“The Love of God”

#162

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song

“There Are Many Gifts”

#374

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 ten minutes after the end of the worship service.]

Key

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

SMCHA: Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association

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

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

The family of Ellen Stucky. Ellen died Monday, Oct. 9. Remember the family as they grieve her death.

WDC: Pray for WDC congregations as they nurture followers of Christ through faith formation, preparation for baptism and church membership, and ongoing discipleship and service.

Nursery: Oct. 15: Sami and Heath Doane **Oct 22:** Brenda Dalke and Dave 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.

Ellen Stucky, (95), died Monday, Oct. 9. Funeral services were held at Eden on Saturday, Oct. 14. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Sunday School Elective for fall: Pastor Derek is leading an adult Sunday School class on the topic of death which meets in the sanctuary. Here is the schedule.

Oct. 15: Making Plans: Funeral Director, Jon Wiggins

Oct. 22: Making Plans: Wills, Estates, etc, Dave Stucky

Oct. 29: Question and Response. More questions? Email Pastor Derek at dking@edenmennonite.org.

Nov. 5: Grief

Nov. 12 Trauma

Nov. 19: Mission Sunday

Nov. 26: Making Plans: Hospice

There is a **fish fry today** following Sunday School. Proceeds will go to the Capital Building Fund.

Items for The **Garden** newsletter are due Oct. 25.

Wednesday Night Study has begun. The children (age 2 to grade 4) are studying “Babylon: Daniel’s Courage in Captivity.” Grade 5 is studying “13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Kids About Loving Each Other.” Pastor Bev is leading the adult book study on “How to Have an Enemy.”

There will be a **potluck meal Wednesday night, Oct. 18**, before the evening activities. Please bring a dish to share.

Mission partners Joseph and Rachel Givens: Our congregation has committed to give to Mennonite Mission Network at least \$3,000/year to support the ministry of the Givens family in France. Please make your donations by Oct. 18. Take your check to the church office with *MISSION PARTNERS* in the memo.

Pies are needed from Eden for the Pine Village Benefit Auction. Please sign the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you are willing to donate. Thank You.

MCC Meat Canning: The Moundridge churches are responsible to help with turkey meat canning on Monday, Oct. 23. There is a work schedule at the literature cart to sign up. There is another opportunity to help. Look for the sheet to sign up if you are able to provide pop for breaks and meals. Donations by check may be made to Eden with MCC Meat Canning in the memo and taken to the church office.

The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 27 noon until 6 p.m. at the Pine Village Wellness Center. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thanks for your support and if you have any questions, call Denise Stucky at 620-386-0112 or email hdstucky@mtelco.net.

OUR OUTREACH

The Moundridge Senior Center is looking for a director. Call the Center at 620-345-2729 for more details.

SMCHA Fall Banquet: Thursday, Oct. 26, 6 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson Ave. in Newton. Jerry Juhnke, Swiss Volhynian Mennonite genealogy and history researcher, will present “Interesting Happenings Over Our Last 500 Years.” Enjoy an ethnic German meal. \$25 per person at the door. RSVP by Oct. 23 to Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693 by text or phone.

Buhler Mennonite Church and IdeaTek need your help to **package 50,000 meals** on Saturday, Nov. 18 at Sand Hills Event Center, 4601 N. Plum, Hutchinson. The plan is to keep the meals local. What a great way to give of your time during the Thanksgiving season to help those who struggle to put food on the table. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0545AEAD2EA1F58-44960089-50000> or call 620-543-2733.

MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict - As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. You may donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel.

Looking Ahead

Oct. 16: Stewardship Commission 7 p.m. at Eden Office

Oct. 17: ELT 7 p.m. at Eden Office

Oct. 18: Centering Prayer 1:30 p.m. at Eden Office

Oct. 18: Wednesday Nights: Meal 6 p.m. and Study 6:45 p.m. at Eden Church
Choirs – Ladies Chorus 7:30 p.m.; Chancel Choir 8 p.m. at Eden Church

Attendance Last Week: Worship: 142 ; Zoom: 11; SS: 163 Offering: \$4,435.00

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