

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

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Freedom in Christ

Prelude

Karen Kaufman

Welcome

Pastor Derek King

Call to Worship

One: Our God, we gather to worship you, the One who creates all things.

Many: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.

One: We gather to worship you, the One who brings salvation through Christ.

Many: For the gift of redemption, we give thanks.

One: We gather to worship you, the One who sustains us by the Spirit.

Many: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.

One: We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise for all your gifts.

All: We worship you — our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

Opening Songs

“Here in This Place”

#10

Confession and Curious Question:

From what do I need to be freed, so I can bear the fruit of the Spirit?

Time with Children

Dave Stucky

Worship Music

Kids Sing, accompanied by Candy Unrau

Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:1-6, 13-26

Rex Harrison

Message

“The Only Thing That Matters” Pastor Bev Baumgartner

Song of Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

#740

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song

“Move in Our Midst”

#827

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

Greta Koehn has returned to healthcare at Pine Village.

Joe Lichti is at Mercy Hospital.

WDC: Pray for WDC staff as they help to carry out WDC's work of supporting ministers and other leaders, resourcing congregations, and nurturing emerging communities of faith.

Nursery: Oct. 22: Brenda Dalke and Dave Stucky **Oct. 29:** Sarah and Kyle Neufeld

The peace lamp is lit as a reminder to pray 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.

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. 22: Making Plans: Wills, Estates, etc, Dave Stucky and Tom Adrian

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

Next week, Oct. 29, your questions about death will be addressed by Pastor Derek. Submit your questions to him at dking@edenmennonite.org

Items for The **Garden** newsletter are due this week, Wednesday, Oct. 25.

MCC Meat Canning: The Moundridge churches are responsible to help with 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.

M&M Project Update: SO CLOSE!! As of Oct. 16, more than \$90,000 has been raised for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! It shouldn't be long before we reach our goal of \$100,000!

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.

Everence will hold an informative **Medicaid and long-term care workshop** on Monday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 p.m. The in-person workshop will take place at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. The guest speaker is Cynthia A. Wiens, attorney from Adrian & Pankratz, P.A. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

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 [here](#) or call 620-543-2733.

Community Peacemaker Teams (CPT) have provided resources on nonviolence that can be used when talking about the war in Gaza. You can find writings, prayers and action steps that can contribute to shepherding hard conversations about the war in Palestine/Israel and ways to be involved in proactive peacemaking [here](#).

Mennonite Church USA Executive Board has named two peacemakers, Jonathan Kuttab and Sydney Leah Bontrager, as the 2023 **Bring the Peace award winners**. Each year, the denomination gives the award to a Legacy Peacemaker (someone who has devoted their life to peace and justice work) and a Young Peacemaker (a young adult or teenager who has just begun their peacemaking journey). [Read more.](#)

Looking Ahead

Oct. 23: Deacon Commission 7 p.m. at Eden Office

Oct. 25: Centering Prayer 1:30 p.m. at Eden Office

Oct. 25: Wednesday Nights: Meal 6 p.m. and Study 6:35 p.m. at Eden Church
Choirs – Ladies Chorus 7:30 p.m.; Chancel Choir 8 p.m. at Eden Church

Attendance Last Week: Worship: 166; Zoom: 6; SS: 148 Offering: \$11,905.93

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