

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

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Wisdom and Foolishness

Prelude Brenda Dalke
Welcome Gail Graber

Call to Worship

One: Come, rule makers, rule breakers, and you who are still finding your way. Come. Whether you speak with wise words or with wisecracks, you are made in the image of God. Come into God's house. Hear God's Word. Prepare to meet your Maker and your match. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is greater than human strength.

Many: Some of us like certainty and structure. Some of us don't. We come by different roads, yet we are here together. We want to know God, and to be known by God. We are here to worship the Lord.

One: Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there." We are here and Christ Jesus is here. We join our hearts in worship.

Opening Songs "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" #29

Confessions and Curious Question #896

Worship Music "Raise Your Voices" arr. by Roger Emerson
"How Lovely Are the Messengers" by Mendelssohn
Ladies Chorus, accompanied by Brenda Dalke

Time with Children Larry Temple

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18 - 2:10 Pat Stucky

Message "Foolish Wisdom" Pastor Derek King

Song of Response "Ask the Complicated Questions" #440

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song "Lead Me, Guide Me" #601

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

KMRS: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

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

People in transition: job changes, medical issues, age, career choices, changes influenced by weather.

WDC: Give thanks for Bethel College as it celebrates its annual Fall Fest next weekend, and pray for WDC members who are students, faculty and staff at the college.

Nursery: Oct 8: Shayna and Ian Smith

Oct. 8: Sami and Heath Doane

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.

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. 8: Talking about death with children. What do we say?

Oct. 15: Making Plans: Funeral Director

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

Oct. 29: Question and Response. More questions? Email Pastor Derek at dking@edenmennonite.org. Or ask your question during class.

Nov. 5: Grief

Nov. 12 Trauma

Nov. 19: *Mission Sunday*

Nov. 26: Making Plans: Hospice

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.” (Contact the church office for a copy.)

Ask your friends, family, or church group to help provide **a meal for Wed. Night gatherings**. Meal service begins at 6 p.m. The Education/Discipleship Commission has a signup sheet on the literature cart.

Gordon Scoville, former interim minister at Eden, passed away Oct. 3, 2023, in Milford, Nebraska, after a long illness. He was 69 years old. Plans for a memorial service are pending at Bellwood Mennonite Church in Milford.

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 (see bulletin insert). Please make your donations by Oct. 15. Take your check to the church office with *MISSION PARTNERS* in the memo.

There will be a **fish fry** Oct. 15 following Sunday School. You are invited to provide side dishes. Proceeds will go to the Capital Building Fund.

The **Pine Village Benefit Auction** is Thurs., Oct. 19 at the Wellness Center, supper at 5:30 p.m. and live auction at 6 p.m. Pies are needed from Eden. 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 Mon., 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 MCC Meat Canning and taken to the church office.

Mission Sunday, Nov. 19. There will be a join worship service with First Mennonite and West Zion churches at Eden. Michelle Hershberger will share during worship and Sunday School. FEWZ will be providing a fundraising meal after Sunday School.

OUR OUTREACH

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

The Moundridge Senior Center is having an **ice cream/homemade pie fundraiser** on Mon., Oct. 9 at the Senior Center, 100 N Schmidt St. Join us from 6-7 p.m. Dine in and carryout are available. Event. This money will go into our carpet cleaning fund. Come and support your local Senior Center. Thank you.

KMRS QUILTER'S CORNER FALL SALE – Oct. 13-14, Fri. 9-5 and Sat. 9-3, at MCC Center, 121 E. 30th Street, N. Newton, KS. All proceeds for the work of MCC. Questions? Contact Rose at 316-288-0079 or Ann at 919-604-3282

SMCHA Fall banquet: Thurs. 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.

Krista Dutt, MCC Chicago (IL) program coordinator, writes, “*My child’s school recently started conversations about what role they have in reducing violence in their neighborhood... I popped into the school office one day, offering support... I wondered aloud, ‘What are the creative, simple ways that we can reduce violence?’*” [Read more.](#)

Looking Ahead

Oct. 10: Education/Discipleship Commission 7 p.m. at Eden Office

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Oct. 11: Centering Prayer 1:30 p.m. at Eden Office

Oct. 11: 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:178; Zoom: 9; SS: 121 Offering: \$18,774.37

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