Eden Mennonite Church Moundridge, Kansas

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The Cloud of Witnesses

Prelude Candy Unrau

Welcome Pastor Derek King

Call to Worship

One: With all your saints across the generations we gather, Holy God,

Many: to approach your mystery and hear your judgment.

One: We come seeking the faith of those who have gone before us

Many: in righteousness and truth.

One: Lead us by your Word

Many: to walk in your ways and observe your commandments.

AII: AMEN.

Opening Songs "You Are Holy, You Are Whole" #61

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" #111

Led by Eden Worship Band

Confession and Curious Question: Who are your saints?

Time with Children Morgan Kaufman

Scripture Reading Hebrews 11:1–12:2 Dusty, Amy and Kennedy Krehbiel

Message "Life in the Cloud" Pastor Bev Baumgartner

Song of Response "I Love to Tell the Story" #761

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements (Children will be collecting items for Angels Attic.)

Benediction

Sending Song "God, Be the Love" #43

During the song, you may come forward to light a candle in memory of a saint.

Postlude

Choral Director: Becky Setser

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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

FEWZ: First, Eden and West Zion Mennonite youth group

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

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

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

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

As we anticipate the holiday season, let's **remember those sitting with difficult and cherished memories** of friend and family saints who are among our cloud of witnesses.

WDC: Pray for WDC Congregations in pastoral transition, and for those who are considering a call to ministry, that they would be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in times of change.

Nursery: Nov. 12: Kathy and Al Neufeld Nov. 19: Whitney and Lance Loganbill

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.

Nov. 12 Sharing Stories of Grief

Nov. 19: Mission Sunday

Nov. 26: Making Plans: Hospice

Wednesday Night activities for this week will be game night for all ages.

Fall Mission Sunday is next week. West Zion and First Church of Christian will be joining us for worship. Michele Hershberger, dynamic speaker and Bible and ministry professor at Hesston College, will share the morning message and lead the adult Sunday School discussion after worship. The FEWZ youth group will provide a meal of ham, green beans, potatoes, rolls and apple dessert following Sunday School.

An opportunity for the theatrically inclined! Schweitzers and Friends is sponsoring a musical drama to be presented Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, 2024. Are you interested in being part of a drama depicting a history of Anabaptist Mennonites? There will be an informational meeting this afternoon at 2 p.m. at Eden Mennonite Church. There are parts for children and adults, as well as a choir. Rehearsals will be twice a week beginning the last week of January (the evening that works best and Sunday afternoons). Questions: contact Jenny Schrag by text or phone 620-747-9158.

OUR OUTREACH

Everence will hold a **Medicare workshop** on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. The in-person workshop will take place at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending, contact Everence at 316-283-3800 or 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

An evening of service on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28 6–8 p.m. at the MCC Central States Center (121 E. 30th St, North Newton KS). Bring dark-colored hand towels so we can pack hygiene kits! We'll also be tying comforters. And Offender Victim Ministries (OVM) will supply cards for you to write greetings which will be delivered before the holidays to incarcerated people. We'll have snacks for you to enjoy.

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Goerz House, 2512 N. College Ave, North Newton, KS. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. Your home-baked cookies, zwiebach, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts and poppyseed rolls are always great sellers. This year we are especially asking for homemade candies such as peanut clusters, peanut butter balls, peanut brittle or fudge. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, Dec. 1, from 1–4 p.m. or on Saturday from 9–10 a.m.

The 2023-24 **Prairie Window Concert Series** continues with <u>Martha Scanlan & Jon Neufeld</u> on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains, 177 W Hickory St, Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. To reserve your seats, purchase tickets online at <u>dyckarboretum.org</u> or call <u>620-327-8127</u>.

M&M Project Update: WE DID IT!! Working together, we have raised more than \$100,000 for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! We've been able to match the generous gift that started this challenge back in the Spring! Thank you for being a part of Camp Mennoscah these 75 years. There is still so much ahead!

Are you heading to South Texas? If so, MCC Central States in North Newton is looking for your help! We need to transport 25 boxes of kits to a partner in McAllen, TX. Please contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org with any questions or interest.

SAVE THE DATE – The Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz will be March 4-6 in Yoder.

Looking Ahead

Nov. 13: Peace/Witness Commission 6 p.m. at Eden Office

Nov. 13: Deacon Commission 7 p.m. at Eden Office

Nov. 14: Education/Discipleship Commission 7 p.m. at Eden Office

Nov. 14: Stewardship 7 p.m. at Eden Office

Nov. 15: Centering Prayer 1:30 p.m. at Eden Office

Nov. 15: Wednesday Nights: Meal 6 p.m. and Games 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: 163; Zoom: 10; SS: 109 Offering: \$9,105.00

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