

Eden Mennonite Church  
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*Standing Firmly and Joyfully in Faith*

Prelude

Robin Schrag

Welcome

Pastor Bev Baumgartner

**Call to Worship**

One: We are here because God is our source of hope and holiness.

**Many: We hold near those who are absent in body, but not from our hearts.**

One: We draw kindness from the well of God's mercy as we gather today.

**Many: We pray for those who are distant from us, but not from God's love.**

One: We walk with one another, keeping our eyes on Christ as we go.

**Many: We stand together in joy and faith.**

**Opening Songs**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

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**Confession and Curious Question:**

How can our church traditions keep us focused on Jesus?

How can they distract us from Him?

**Time with Children**

Amy Krehbiel

**Worship Music**

"I Believe"

arranged by John Leavitt

Ladies Chorus, accompanied by Brenda Dalke

**Scripture Reading**

Philippians 3:12-4:9

Jeff Koller

**Worship Music**

"Light of a Clear Blue Morning"

arranged by Mac Huff

**Message**

"Fix Your Eyes"

Pastor Derek King

**Song of Response**

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

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**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**Announcements** (Children will be collecting items for the Moundridge Food Pantry.)

**Benediction**

**Sending Song**

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

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**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**

- 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)
- MennoPIN:** Mennonite Palestine Israel Network
- SMCHA:** Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association
- WDC:** Western District Conference (Eden's regional conference of MC USA)

**OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

**Remember In Prayer**

**Those healing** from injury, trauma, grief and other maladies.

**WDC:** Pray for the WDC's Israel Palestine Task Force, and for WDC congregations that are engaged in advocacy for peace and justice for all who suffer war and violence.

**Nursery: Nov. 5:** Kathy and Al Neufeld      **Nov. 12:** 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. 5: Trauma: Christy S Schunn, executive director KIDS Network, Inc.  
Experiencing a traumatic or untimely death shapes people in profound ways. Such loss can grip us with feelings of sadness, anger, or loneliness that persist over time. How do we support one another through these feelings? What helps people find meaning after profound loss? In her role as executive director of Kansas Infant Death and SIDS Network (KIDS), Christy Schunn, LSCSW walks with families and communities experiencing traumatic grief.

Nov. 12 Grief

Nov. 19: Mission Sunday

Nov. 26: Making Plans: Hospice

**Next week**, the children will be collecting donations for **Angels' Attic**. Please bring gently used items to share. Kitchen and household items, youth size clothing, games, puzzles are especially appreciated.

**From the Search Committee:** Documents reflecting responses from the survey were sent to Western District Oct. 27. Three printed copies are in the church library. Thanks for helping us with the survey and for your prayers.

West Zion and First Church of Christian will join together at Eden Mennonite to celebrate **Fall Mission Sunday on Nov. 19**. Michelle Hershberger, dynamic speaker and Bible and Ministry Professor at Hesston College, will share the morning message and lead adult Sunday School after worship. A noon fundraising meal will be served by FEWZ youth.

**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 Sunday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. at the 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.

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## OUR OUTREACH

**Cradle to Crayons Fundraiser:** In conjunction with the City of Moundridge, the Associated Ministries, and USD 423, Cradle to Crayons is undergoing an effort to build an Early Childhood Center for Moundridge. Cradle to Crayons has outgrown the current building. A German meal of veronika casserole, green beans, zwieback and fruit crisp will be served Monday, Nov. 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Moundridge Senior Center. Dine in, carry out, and delivery available. Suggested donation is \$15. For delivery, call 620-345-2390 before 2 p.m. to schedule supper delivery (within Moundridge city limits).

**Living that Matters for Men: A half-day retreat.** Men, what kind of man do you want to be and how can you live a life that matters? In this half-day retreat, men will examine scripts we've been given, explore differing expressions of masculinity, and reconsider our purpose in life. Steve Thomas, director of Mennonite Men and author of *Living that Matters* (Herald Press, 2023), will lead the retreat at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton Saturday, November 11 from 8-12 noon. See more information or register at <https://www.mennonitemen.org/>.

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, KS. Those interested in attending, contact Everence at 316-283-3800 or 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Gaza Update:** MennoPIN will host a Zoom conversation Saturday, Nov. 11, 9-10 am with Tareq Abuhailima. Tareq grew up in Gaza City and is the current graduate assistant at Bluffton University's The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center. He will share about his experience of growing up in Gaza and give an update on the disastrous human toll of the current war. Tareq recently learned that his sister was killed in the violence. Email [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) to get the Zoom link.

**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](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) with any questions or interest.

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

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### Looking Ahead

**Nov. 8:** Centering Prayer 1:30 p.m. at Eden Office

**Nov. 8:** 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: 160; Zoom: 10; SS: 117 Offering: \$3,130.00

#### Eden Church Office

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