

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

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**How Will We Know?
What now? We wait for PEACE.**

Prelude

Candy Unrau

Welcome

Pastor Derek King

Call to Worship

Leader: Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with God one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

East: God is not slow, as some think of slowness

West: but is patient with us.

All: not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

Leader: The word of our God will stand forever.

All: How shall we live while we wait for salvation?

(pause)

All: Together we wait.

Opening Song

“What Child is This”

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Led by Eden Worship Band

Time with Children

Kristin Kaufman

Drama

Larry Temple and Lance Loganbill

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Aspyn Stos

Worship Music

“Christmas Hallelujah”

Message

“What Shall We Do While We Wait?”

Pastor Bev Baumgartner

Song of Response

“Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called”

#220

Sharing Joys and Concerns

During this week’s response time, you are invited to share aloud or bring to the manger your written response to the prompt: One thing you will do while you wait this week.

Prayers of the People

Announcements (Children will collect gently used items for Angels Attic.)

Advent Candle Lighting and Benediction

Sending Song

“Mary’s Little Boy Child”

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)

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

Joe Lichti at Newton Medical Center.

Patsy Lankford will undergo heart surgery at Wesley Hospital on Monday.

Lucas and Michelle Hiebert grieving the death of his father, Myron Hiebert, Dec. 1.

The family of **Clarene Stucky** who died Dec. 7.

WDC: Pray for WDC's Ministerial Leadership Commission as they meet this week, and as they provide support and resources for credentialed ministers in our conference.

Nursery: Dec. 10: Brenda Dalke / JoLene Kaufman **Dec. 17:** Pat /Bruce Stucky

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.

Clarene Stucky (99) died Dec. 7. There will be a graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11 at the Eden Church cemetery. We extend our sympathy to Clarene's family and friends.

After worship today will be a **congregational meeting** for active members. ELT will call for an affirmation vote on the 2024 budget and new commission members.

Elizabeth Schrag Wipf will be ordained on Sunday, Dec 10 at North Kildonan Mennonite Church in Winnipeg. Liz is a daughter of this congregation. Her ordination is with Mennonite Church Canada.

A **Christmas cantata, *And there Was Light***, by Joseph M. Martin, will be performed next Sunday, Dec. 17 during morning worship. Its songs and carols celebrate God's light of the world that appeared in prophecy and through the coming of Jesus.

We are so grateful for Becky Setser's 23 years as minister of music with Eden! An **Appreciation and Farewell Reception** in the Fellowship Hall will follow worship on **Dec. 17**. Please join us in blessing her with cards and a love offering to help pay for moving expenses.

Two of the advent candle vases are missing. If you have any idea where these could be, please let us know. If you have borrowed them, please return as soon as possible. Again, these are used for advent so we really do need them now.

The **2024 directory** is being updated. Copies of the 2023 directory pages are on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Make corrections on these pages by Dec. 24.

Commissions and committees: This is a reminder to submit your narrative and budget reports for the Annual Report book by Jan. 15.

The Memorial Tree is decorated in the Fellowship Hall to honor the memory of our loved ones who have passed away. An angel for each of your loved ones may be purchased for \$3 each. You may take the angel(s) with you when you place the envelope with the completed form and payment in the box by the tree. A list of those remembered and those remembering them will be printed at the end of the year.

All Junior Sunday school classes are invited to participate in the **Christmas Eve program**. Rehearsals are Wednesday, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. During Sunday School hour on Sunday, Dec. 17, one class at a time will rehearse. If you have any questions, please call Ashley Stucky, 620-245-4375.

Are you tired of Pastor Derek talking about the importance of **small groups**? Are you feeling a nudge towards deepening your faith and ready to try it out for yourself? Are you content where you're at but willing to support others in their faith journeys? Whatever the reason, please talk with Derek about the possibility and next steps.

It is time to renew our group subscription to **Anabaptist World**. The cost for a group subscription is \$39 (individual subscription is \$54). If you would like to receive this denominational magazine in your home at a group rate, contact Berni at the office.

The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Dec. 29 at 12:00 noon until 6:00 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. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Carol at 620-345-6774 or email bczerg@mtelco.net.

We are gearing up for the **2024 SMCHA 150th celebration musical drama**. A number of people have expressed interest in participating and we hope you will join them. In particular, we need young men (teens or slightly older) but have openings for others as well. Contact Jenny Schrag by text or phone (620)747-9158.

OUR OUTREACH

Consider becoming a **volunteer at the Newton Et Cetera Shop** throughout the upcoming year. In doing this, you will share in the joy of a gentle laugh over a cup of coffee, the hope found in a new friendship, and peace in the embrace of a loving community of volunteers and staff. Even though the Et Cerera Shop is a supporting organization of the MCC, you do not need to be a part of the Mennonite church to serve, all denominations and faiths are accepted. All that is required for service, is a heart that cares for our world, our community, and others.

Interviews for Camp Mennoscah 2024 Summer Staff start over the Christmas/semester break! Summer staff must be 18 years old or older. The staff leadership positions receiving stipends are naturalist, crafts leader, lifeguard, grounds/maintenance, music leader, and office/media. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. The 2024 summer camp season begins with orientation for summer-long positions on June 2 and ends August 4. Apply [here](#).

Looking Ahead

Dec. 13: Choirs – Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.; NO LADIES CHORUS at Eden Church

Attendance Last Week: Worship: 188; Zoom: 10; SS: 132 Offering: \$18,351.60

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