

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

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**How Will We Know?
How long? We wait in HOPE.**

Prelude Robin Schrag

Welcome Pastor Bev Baumgartner

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, tear open the heavens and come down so that the mountains quake at your presence! No one has heard, no ear has perceived,

People: no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for you.

Leader: No one knows when the time will come.

People: How long must we wait?

(pause)

All: Together we wait.

Opening Song "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #218

Time with Children Mattison Booth

Worship Music "Jesus, What a Wonderful Child" arr. by Rollo Dilworth
Ladies Chorus, accompanied by Brenda Dalke

Drama Larry Temple and Vance Unrau

Scripture Reading Isaiah 64:1-9 Cheri Kaufman

Worship Music "Let Heaven and Nature Sing" by Larry Shackle

Message "Honest Waiting" Pastor Derek King

Song of Response "Come Now, O God" #143

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: A time God was with you while you waited.

Prayers of the People

Announcements (Children will collect non-perishable items for the Food Pantry.)

Advent Candle Lighting and Benediction

Sending Song "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #245

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

ELT: Eden Leadership Team

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

Emily Knight and Tim Yoder who were married Nov. 25.

Howard Kaufman recovering at Pine Village healthcare following surgery at St. Francis where a stent was inserted for a blocked heart artery.

Jill Zerger grieving the death of her mother, Dorothy Preheim, Nov. 18.

WDC: Give thanks for the WDC Resource Library's creative resources and ideas for Advent and Christmas and pray for congregational leaders who plan worship and special activities during this season.

Nursery: Dec. 3: Carol / Larry Temple **Dec. 10:** Brenda Dalke / JoLene Kaufman

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.

There will be a short **congregational meeting** after worship today to discuss the 2024 proposed budget.

After worship Dec. 10 will be a **congregational meeting** for active members. ELT will call for an affirmation vote on the 2024 budget and new commission members.

Next Sunday, Dec. 10, the children will collect items for **Angels Attic**. Please bring gently used items to share. Kitchen and household items, youth size clothing, games, and puzzles are especially appreciated.

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. 27.

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

A tree, **the Memorial Tree**, is decorated in the Fellowship Hall to honor the memory of our loved ones who have passed away. You may purchase an angel for each of your loved ones for \$3 each. You are invited to 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 being 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.

Jay Goering served with the Teachers Abroad Program at Kijabe High School in Kenya from 1968 to 1973. While there, Jay was instrumental in getting one of his students, John Muthama, to Bethel to gain a degree in biology. During his time in Kansas, John stayed with Jay's parents, J Hobart and Lorene Goering and attended Eden with them. John won many track awards both locally and nationally as a Bethel athlete. He graduated in 1977 and returned to Kenya where he taught biology in various secondary schools and also was involved in administration.

John's daughter, Ann Mbugua, would like to get a Social Work degree here in the United States and return to Kenya to help disadvantaged people in her own country. She is an intelligent, outgoing young woman who will want to get to know all who support her. She would like to begin spring semester in 2024. She has been accepted at Bethel College, North Newton, and will need some resources to complete her degree. She will need \$8,000 to \$9,000 per semester. The "**Ann Mbugua Education Fund**" has been set up at the Citizens State Bank in Moundridge, Kansas. You can support by writing a check to "Ann Mbugua Education Fund" and depositing it at the Citizens State Bank. Or give the check to Jay or Linda Goering, who will make sure it is deposited appropriately.

Elizabeth Schrag Wipf will be ordained on Sunday, Dec 11 at North Kildonan Mennonite Church in Winnipeg. Liz is a daughter of this congregation. Her ordination is with Mennonite Church Canada.

OUR OUTREACH

Cradle to Crayons New Building Project: Childcare is in high demand in Moundridge. They are trying to raise 15% of the capital funds so we can apply for a Kansas Grant Program that would pay the remaining 85%. Read more about the project and a picture of the proposed site on the literature cart board. Consider giving for the children in our community.

There are still **Everence dollars available** for this year! If your Sunday School class or commission know of an individual or organization that may be struggling with utilities, food, vehicle needs, home repair, etc., Everence will match your donations up to \$1,250. Grant requests need to be in to Everence by Dec. 8. Thanks! –Jerri Kaufman, Everence Advocate, 620-386-4484

Looking Ahead

Dec. 6: Centering Prayer 1:30 p.m. at Eden Office

Dec. 6: Choirs – Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.; NO LADIES CHORUS at Eden Church

Attendance Last Week: Worship: 0; Zoom: 0; SS: 0 Offering: \$12,450.00

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