Eden Mennonite Church Moundridge, Kansas

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Advent 1: Hope in Rocky Times

Prelude Jill Zerger

Welcome Pastor Kenzie Internann

Advent Candle Lighting Cindy Bartell and Jenny Schrag

Call to Worship

Leader: Responding to the call of the living God,

People: our rescuer and Savior,

Leader: we welcome the Holy Spirit's presence,

People: among and within us.

Leader: In the name of Jesus, our risen Lord,

All: we offer ourselves in worship.

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

Worship music "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" by McPheeters

Ladies Chorus; Brenda Dalke, piano; Aaron Begnoche, trumpet

Time with Children Linda Goering

Scripture Reading Daniel 6:6-27 Tim Schrag

Message "How to Wait Well" Pastor Derek King

Song of Response "Praise to the Living God" #204

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Moment in Mission Joseph and Rachel Givens video

Worship Music "The Snow Carol" arranged by Snyder

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song "God, Be with Us" #613

Postlude

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To share a financial offering, please leave your donation in the vessel on the table in the Fellowship Hall. To give online, scan the QR code on the back page.

Sunday School begins 10 minutes after the end of the worship service.

Key

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

MC USA: Mennonite Church USA (denominational conference)

MDS: Mennonite Disaster Service (repair/rebuild homes damaged by disasters)

MMN: Mennonite Mission Network (mission agency of MC USA)

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

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

Mabel Goering receiving hospice care at Pine Village.

WDC: Pray for pastors, musicians, artists, teachers and worship leaders in WDC congregations as they shape worship and other special activities during the special seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Nursery: Dec. 1: Ashley and Sam Shilts Dec. 8: Carol and Larry Temple

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 **congregational meeting** immediately following the worship service today to present the proposed budget for 2025 and the slate of proposed new commission members. Another congregational meeting to vote on the proposals will take place immediately following worship on Dec. 15.

The children will be collecting gently used items for the **Angels Attic** next week.

Together on the Journey is the theme for Advent. The At Home Worship Guide is available from the Mennonite Education Agency. Download your copy here. Or pick up a copy on the literature cart.

Christmas Eve program. Practices are Dec 4, 11, and 18 at 6:30 p.m. The 2- and 3-year-olds do not need to come Dec. 4. Please notify your child's teacher if your child will not be present on Christmas Eve. If your child would like to be part of the

prelude, please contact Marla Gillmore or Jerri Kaufman. Thank you to everyone who is helping to make the program possible.

The **Angel Tree** is decorated in 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 \$3.00 each. 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 shared Dec. 29.

Christmas for Pine Village residents: Many Pine Village residents do not have the chance to go home for the holidays, so the staff brings Christmas to them. It is always meaningful to celebrate Christ's birth together as the larger Pine Village family. Consider making a donation to Pine Village gift giving. These contributions would go towards the purchase of gifts for our residents. Donations are needed by Dec. 2.

Everyone is invited to the annual **Christmas Eve program!** The kids are preparing to share the wonderful story of Christmas beginning at 7 p.m. Popcorn and pop will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the program. Bring neighbors, friends and guests to share in the celebration and fellowship.

It's time to renew our group **Anabaptist World subscription**. The group subscription rate is \$44 (individual rate is \$54). If you would like to subscribe through the Eden group subscription, contact the office.

BEYOND OUR COMMUNITY

Camp Mennoscah Verenike Casserole Meal will be available for pick-up or dine in at 5:30–6 p.m. Saturday, Dec.14, Faith Mennonite Church in Newton. The meal (suggested donation of \$20) consists of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and fruit crisp. Camp feeds your soul and this favorite youth camp meal will feed your belly! Call 620-297-3290 with questions. Get ready for the busy days before Christmas with a meal you didn't have to prepare! Reserve your meal here!

Camp Mennoscah: There are currently materials on hand for 18 of 35 projects remaining on the HVAC renovation at the Retreat Center. Work groups can be of any size (within reason). Contact Isaac at 316-217-5626 or Olivia at 316-293-7313 to set up a time for you or your group.

Anabaptism at Five Hundred: Hymn Festival: 3 p.m, Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, at Hesston Mennonite Church. Hosted by the Hesston College Music Department, this event will also celebrate the release of the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. The Hymn

Festival coincides with the 500th anniversary of the first Anabaptist adult baptisms that took place in Zurich, Switzerland in 1525.

Join the Global Anabaptist Bible Read-a-thon! This is your opportunity to take part in a once-every-500-year moment of unity and faith! MennoMedia's Anabaptism at 500 is collaborating with Mennonite World Conference in this extraordinary event as 500 voices will join together to read through the entire Bible – from Genesis to Revelation – in multiple languages. Register here.

Looking Ahead

Dec. 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship / followed by a congregational meeting to present the budget and slate of officers / 10:40 Sunday School

Dec. 4: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program practice (2-and 3-year-olds do not need to attend practice)

Dec. 8: 9:30 a.m. Worship / 10:40 Sunday School Dec. 11: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program practice

Dec. 15: 9:30 a.m. Worship / congregational meeting to vote on budget and slate 10:40 Sunday School

Dec. 18: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program practice Dec. 22: 9:30 a.m. Worship / 10:40 Sunday School

Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve program

Dec. 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship / 10:40 Sunday School

Last Week: Attendance: 184, Zoom: 9, SS: 0

Offering: Budget: \$23,9728.64, SS: No Sunday School

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