Eden Mennonite Church Moundridge, Kansas

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Service of Thanks and Praise

Prelude Brenda Dalke

Welcome Pastor Derek King

Call to Worship: With Thankful Hearts

Readers: Derek King, Pete Emery, Laurie Schrag and Pat Krehbiel

Opening Song "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer" #34

Worship Music "Festive Praise" by Pote

Bonita Schrag, director; Robin Schrag, piano; Brenda Dalke, organ

Time with Children Kristin Kaufman

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 17:1-16 Pat Krehbiel

Worship Music "Prayer of Gratitude" by McDonald

Bonita Schrag, director; Robin Schrag, piano; Kristin Kaufman, flute

Message "Give Thanks" Pastor Kenzie Internann

Song of Response "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #419

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Sending Song "Go, My Friends, in Grace" #810

Postlude

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Remember In Prayer

Hazel Voth preparing for back surgery.

Gary Regier recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.

Lanny Stucky has returned home.

Mabel Goering receiving hospice care at Pine Village.

WDC: During this Thanksgiving Season, give thanks for the amazing church planting opportunities. Give thanks for the pastors and lay leaders who minister to the needs of people, building communities of faith. Give thanks for the many ways WDC and individuals support church plants with resources of finances, vision and time. — WDC Church Planting Commission

Financial offerings for your congregation can be placed in the respective vessel on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

Nursery: Nov. 24: Whitney and Lance Loganbill Dec. 1: Sam and Ashley Shilts

A meal (ham, green beans, cheesy potato casserole and pumpkin pie) will be served by the FEWZ Youth Group following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Checks can be made to Eden Mennonite Church with FEWZ in the memo line.

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.

Announcements

First Mennonite:

Hanging of the Greens: Join others at 3 p.m. next Sunday, Dec. 1 at the church. Bring a pot of soup to share for supper after hanging the greens.

Lurline's hours Thanksgiving week: Monday morning, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4:30 p.m. Announcements due Tuesday noon.

Eden:

Eden Leadership Team will call a **congregational meeting** immediately following the worship service next Sunday, Dec. 1 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 Christmas Decorating Committee would like some **new Christmas trees**. After years of use, several trees have been discarded. If you have a good artificial Christmas tree (large or small) to donate, contact Michelle Hiebert 620-747-2480 or Kristin Kaufman 620-381-3341 by Monday, Nov. 25.

Next Sunday (Dec.1) the **Angel Tree** will be 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. 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.

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.

BEYOND OUR COMMUNITY

Adopt a Snowman! The Moundridge Giving Trees (formerly Angel Trees) are up and adorned with snowmen. Each snowman represents a child and will have identifying information on it as well as a family code. You are invited to help bring joy to a child in need this Christmas! <u>Take the snowman with you</u>, <u>buy</u> a gift for that child, <u>wrap</u> the gift, and <u>label</u> the gift with the family code. Gifts can be dropped off at <u>West Zion</u> on Friday, Dec. 13 from 2 – 7 p.m. The gifts will be distributed n Dec.16. Contact Alyssa Pollman at 918-306-2042 or email <u>moundridgecoach@stepmc.org</u> if you have questions or if the drop off date does not work. The Giving Trees are located at Bradbury, Goering Hardware, Moundridge Library and The Hub.

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.

The Verenike Meal has returned! Save the date for a tasty verenike casserole meal to benefit Camp Mennoscah on Saturday, Dec. 14, at Faith Mennonite Church at 5:30 p.m. Meals will be pick up or delivery. Reservation forms are available soon.

The **Newton Treble Clef Annual Vespers** will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1 at First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus, Newton. The prelude will begin at 2:45 p.m. featuring Connie Rickard, saxophone. The program will include: Treble Clef Chorus, Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble and the Schrag Siblings. A freewill offering will be taken for the scholarship fund that will be awarded to high school seniors who are pursuing a music major.

Quilts for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (KMRS) must be at the MCC Central States Resource Center (121 E. 30th St, North Newton) by Feb. 14, 2025. This is three weeks earlier than previous years. The KMRS Quilt Committee appreciates all the work that goes into your contributions!

Save the Date! The 2025 Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be **Aug. 8-9, 2025, at Hesston Mennonite Church.** Along with others around the globe, next year at Assembly we plan to celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism. Please add this to your calendar and plan to join us!