Eden Mennonite Church Moundridge, Kansas

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Prelude		Brenda Dalke
Welcome		Gail Graber
Call to Worship		#851
Opening Song	"O God, Our Refuge"	#434
Time with Children		Led by Eden Worship Band Whitney Loganbill
Scripture Reading	Luke 7:36-50	Courtney Goering
Message		Renae Stucky
Song of Response	"Take My Life, and Let It Be	" #759
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Prayers of the People		
Announcements		
Benediction		
Sending Song	"The Lord Is My Light"	#437

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.

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Postlude

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

KMRS: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

MCC: Mennonite Central Committee (relief, development, and peace mission) **SMCHA:** Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association **WDC:** Western District Conference (Eden's regional conference of MC USA)

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

- MCC staff and the communities in Kentucky and West Virginia experiencing catastrophic flooding.
- Kylie Goering's father, Lewis Irving, is receiving hospice care at Schowalter Villa in Hesston.
- WDC: Pray for Church Planting Commission members as they endeavor to foster meaningful relationships between sister churches. —WDC Church Planting Commission

Nursery: Feb. 23: Shayna and Ian Smith Mar. 2: Sarah and Kyle Neufeld

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.

Congratulations to parents, Sam and Anna Bertholf, on the **birth of Isaac David**, born Feb. 12. All are doing well. There is a piggy bank on the library desk for anyone who would like to share a financial gift. There is also an online sign-up to provide the family with a meal in the coming weeks: https://takethemameal.com/XZUD9048

It's review for Pastor Derek time again! Reviews are a way to nurture the pastor's ministry and foster a healthy relationship between the pastor and the congregation. Roger Neufeld Smith is the WDC resource person to facilitate the process. The review committee is ELT executive committee, Josh Booth, Brenda Dalke, Gail Graber, and deacon Jay Goering. A review questionnaire will be sent to those who work most closely with Pastor Derek, (commissions, youth and parents, and staff), but anyone who wishes to participate is welcome to do so. The questionnaire will be distributed March 3, online and by paper copy, to be returned by March 17. Contact Berni at the church office if you would like to participate. Roger Neufeld Smith will compile the results and report to the congregation at a later date. Thank you for your participation be it by completing a questionnaire or by praying for the process.

The Peace/Witness Commission invites you to **learn more about MCC** from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24 at the MCC Center in North Newton. We will work on projects.

Jr. FEWZ would like to thank Eden for their terrific response with the Christian Soup Ministry. Approximately 160 meals were served. The support of Eden allows the youth this opportunity to serve.

The Eden Endowment Committee is accepting applications for grants to qualifying individuals, organizations, and charitable causes in accordance with the Endowment bylaws. The application process is open, and the deadline is March 14. Printed applications are available at the church or church office. Contact Berni at the church office to receive an application via email. We look forward to receiving and evaluating this year's grant requests.

Saturday, March 22, Prairie View will provide training for **Youth Mental Health First Aid** at the Eden. This event will provide information about and offer training to respond to a youth in a mental health crisis. Parents, teachers, and anyone concerned for the well-being of our youth is encouraged to attend. The training is from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The cost of \$25 includes materials, training, snacks, and lunch. Please give this your prayerful consideration and let the church office or Gail Graber know if you plan to attend. Space is limited to 30 persons.

BEYOND OUR COMMUNITY

"Bridges Out of Poverty" is a training designed for people in middle class to learn more about poverty and prepare to become partners. The class will be offered twice, 8 a.m.—2 p.m., March 1 at McPherson United Methodist Church, and 8 a.m.—2 p.m., April 5 at West Zion Mennonite Church. Both options include breakfast and lunch. To register go to the STEPMC website or see Jay Goering. If neither date works for you, see Jay Goering. Moundridge will have 14 people who will soon need partners.

MCC Comforter Blitz: March 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; March 4, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and March 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Journey Facilities Building (3605 E. Long View Rd, Haven) near Yoder. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Snacks are welcome to share during the workday.

SMCHA Annual Meeting: 2:30 p.m., March 9 at Bethel College Mennonite Church fellowship hall with speaker will be Dorthy Stucky Halley. Refreshments will be served. A copy of the newsletter is on the bulletin board.

Pine Village Anchors Banquet: Sat., March 29 at the Pine Village Wellness Center. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., entertainment by Icy Tea Jazz Quartet. Tickets are \$100 going to the Memorial Home Endowment Fund. Make your reservations online

at <u>www.pinevillageks.org</u> or by calling Pine Village at 620-345-2901. The reservation deadline is Monday, March 24.

Western District Women in Mission invites women & girls to our annual potluck salad supper at 6 p.m., Monday, April 28 at the Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton. The theme is "For the Beauty of the Earth" with Kansas City floral designer, Becca Schrag speaking. Bring a salad to share and a small vessel to make a floral design. An offering taken to help cover expenses. RSVP not required but appreciated by emailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

This week

Feb. 24 6 p.m. Work night at MCC Central States building

Feb. 25: ELT

Feb 26: 6 p.m. FEWZ at West Zion

6 p.m. Meal at church (soup, grilled cheese sandwiches and dessert)

6:45 p.m. Jr. FEWZ in the youth room-Book of Kings

Children's activities and Adult class with Everence in Room 127

7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8 p.m. Chancel Choir

Looking Ahead

Mar. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Scripture: Lk. 9:28-45) / 10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Mar. 3: 6 p.m. Peace/Witness Commission at office Mar. 4: 6:30 p.m. Education/Discipleship at office

Mar. 5: 6 p.m. (Last) Wednesday night activities / Ash Wednesday Service

Last Week: Attendance: 146; Zoom: 15; Sunday School: 89

Offering: Budget: \$46,005.75; SS: (Christian Soup Ministries, Hutchinson) \$2

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