

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon

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“And behold, the star which they had seen at its rising kept leading them” (Matthew 2:9)

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Epiphany

Meditation before worship: “Don’t be afraid! Stand still and see the salvation which the LORD will accomplish for you today“ (Exodus 14:13)

Pre-service Music Brenda Dalke

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Dave

Opening Prayer Pastor Dave and Emily Knight

Gift of Music *In the Bleak Midwinter* – arr. Courtney Sunflower Trio

Greetings from Hesston College
Dallas Stutzman, Director of Alumni & Church Relations

***Greet One Another**

***HWB 319** (verses 1, 3, 5) *Jesus shall reign*

***HWB 639** *Great God, we sing*

Children’s Time Gary and Jean Regier

Gift of Music *Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella* – arr. Walters Sunflower Trio
A Lute Carol – by Caldwell

HWB 221 *Hail the bless’d morn* Sunflower Trio and Congregation

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:9-10

Leader: When the wise men heard what King Herod said, they set out.

All: And behold, the star which they had seen at its rising kept leading them until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

***HWB 199** (verses 1, 3, 5) *The first Noel*

Message “Basking in Christmas” Pastor Dave

Prayers of God’s People

Offering/ Offertory The children will collect coins for MCC during the offering

Celebration of God’s Gifts Jeff Snyder

***Sending Song HWB 304** *There are many gifts*

***Blessing**

Postlude

HWB – Hymnal a *Worship Book* (blue book); STS *Sing the Story* (purple book)
*Please stand if able.



The peace lamp is lit as a reminder that we should be in prayer 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.

Welcome to Eden as 2014 begins. We come to worship the God of all time and eternity who is also Lord of our individual lives.

If you are a visitor, we encourage you to fill out a visitor card found next to the hymnals and drop it in the offering plate.



A nursery is available for small children. Please ask an usher to direct you. Thank you to Pat and Bruce Stucky for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

Hospitality Hint from WDC: Our mission is not just over there, it is right here!

Wednesday Night Meals: Anyone interested in serving one, two or three meals for Wednesday nights this spring, please contact Marcia Goering or sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall.

Pastoral Care: Because of the departure of Pastor Gail Graber on December 31, 2013 and Pastor Derek King beginning his term on February 1, 2014, the month of January leaves Eden with only one pastor. The deacons will pick up some of the responsibility for pastoral care and asks the congregation for patience and flexibility during this time. Although her role as deacon officially ended December 31, Linda Goering has offered to help with pastoral care during the month of January.

If you call the church office during office hours, Becky Koller, church office secretary can help direct you to whoever is on call and/or Pastor Dave. For some time, pastoral care has been a shared responsibility between the pastors, deacons and pastoral care visitors on Fridays and week-ends. If you have a pastoral care need after hours on Fridays and the week-end, you may call the church office and voicemail will give information regarding who is on call.

If Pastor Dave is needed for pastoral care after office hours, his home phone is his primary number and it is requested that you try that number first. If there is no answer, please leave a message. In the case of emergency or a critical pastoral care need, you may call Pastor Dave's cell phone and again leave a message if there is no answer.

Eden This Week

Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday school Celebration of new commission workers
Tuesday	Mary Martha all day meeting
Wednesday	Wednesday activities resume 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:45 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Ladies chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Looking Ahead

Jan 12	All commissions meet following a sack lunch meal
Jan 13	End of year reports due in church office
Jan 15	6:00 p.m. Supper 6:45 p.m. EYF 6:45 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Ladies chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
Jan 22	6:00 p.m. Supper 6:45 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Ladies chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
Jan 23	4:00 p.m. Eden provides worship at Pine Village
Jan 26	Eden Game Night (details to be announced)

Last Sunday, Dec 29, 2013

Worship: 225; S.S.:178

Offering: \$9,988.00

Next Sunday, Jan 12, 2014

Music: Chancel Choir

Children's Story: June Krehbiel

Nursery: Jerri and Warren Kaufman

Remember in Prayer

Mary and Keith Albrecht with the death of Mary's brother Rafael Gonzalez
Western District Conference: Pray for the Western District Conference Leadership Commission as they interview two pastors for ordination on Jan 10 and for the WDC Executive Board as they have their annual planning

Erna Stucky (86) passed away on Tuesday, Dec 31. A memorial and graveside service were held at Eden on Saturday, Jan 4. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Harvey, sons Jon (Marianne) and Kelly (Donna) and all of Erna's extended family.

The rosebud at the front of the sanctuary is in honor of a son, Daniel Reed Graber born to Nathan and Krista Graber. He is welcomed home by his sister, Elaina, his brother Peter, paternal grandparents Ardy and Gail Graber and great-grandparents Maynard and Marlene Krehbiel.

Did you miss being notified when church was cancelled due to bad weather? It's not too late to sign up for the mass communication system. Email or call the office to be added to the list.

The Eden Leadership Team invites all who are serving on a commission, the Staff Relations Committee and the Gifts Discernment Committee to come to an orientation led by Dorothy Nickel Friesen on Jan 12 following the Sunday school hour. The meeting will be an hour to an hour and a half max. Please bring your sack lunch.

Directory pages are on a table in the fellowship hall. Please update your information as well as family out of the area. If information stays the same mark with ok. If you change it, please initial it. Thanks.

Wednesday evening activities will resume on Jan 8, and continue through Ash Wednesday on March 5. There will be a meal at 6:00 p.m., followed by Bible Study for adults; EYF for high school youth, Young Men Of God for 7th and 8th grade, and activities for younger children. Bring your family and enjoy these evenings of fellowship with your church family!

Please remember to bring your non-perishable food items and/or your monetary donation for the Moundridge Food Pantry and the McPherson County Food Bank the first Sunday of the month. Please place them in the containers provided in the library.

Don't forget your end of the year reports! December 2013 has been included in this fiscal year so be sure to include activities through December. The deadline for turning them in to the office is **Jan 13**.

Thank you to Geneva Flickner for sharing her gift of art with the congregation. Check out the beautiful painting hanging in the hallway by the Sunday school supply room.

Mary Martha Circle will meet for an all-day meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 7 to start our New Year. Project – New Flat Colored Twin Size sheets. Lunch – covered dish. **All ladies welcome.** We quilt, tie blankets, embroider, or work on cards from about 9:00 until about 3:30. Come when you can.

Copies of Pastor Dave's review summary report can be found in the church library and at the church office through Jan 5. The copies in the library are to remain there in order to be available to the congregation. They may be viewed anytime but it is requested that these copies not be removed from the library. The copy at the church office can be viewed there during office hours.

This winter on Sunday mornings during inclement weather the ushers will be happy to park your car for you. Just drive to the carport on the west side of church and one of the ushers will park it for you. They will bring your keys inside, and return your car to the carport for you to pick up after church or after Sunday school whichever you prefer.

The penny collection for the 2014 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale which is April 11 & 12 will start the first Sunday in Jan. Remember to save your coins and kids be prepared to collect those coins starting Jan 5.

The Fellowship Meals registration forms for the MCC Sale are available and need to be filled out and **turned in by Feb 2, 2014.** Please contact Jerry Schrag for the more information.

Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service invites you to their annual meeting and program Jan 19 at 2:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st, Newton. The program will feature the Partnership Home Project. Learn about the Partnership Home Project and how your church or churches in your community could get involved. Refreshments will follow the program.

You are invited to Tabor College's Church Spirit Night! Saturday, January 18, 2014 as the Bluejays play the University of St. Mary. Admission is FREE when you sign in at the door. Tip off is 5:00 p.m. for women's varsity, 7:00 p.m. for men varsity.

On the closing day (Jan 5) of Kauffman Museum's special exhibit, "Art that Worked: WPA Art in Newton 1935-1943," there will be a gallery walk with Rachel Epp Buller and John Thiesen, 3:30 p.m. in the museum.

Back by popular demand, Pine Village will host another Dementia Educational Series beginning Jan 7 from 7-8 p.m. This is a great opportunity for the thousands of caregivers and/or family members, directly or indirectly affected, to learn more about the disease. This five session series will focus on how dementia works, its stages, and resources available for caregivers and family members. Series dates include: Jan 7, 21, Feb 4, 18 and Mar 11, all will be from 7-8 p.m. in the Pine Village Wellness Center. The series is free to attend, but space is limited so sign up today by calling 620.345.2901; or for more information visit www.pinevillageks.org.

Pine Village announced exciting news. It recently received zero deficiencies (perfect score) on its annual survey from the Kansas Department of Aging for its Assisted Living Cottages. "The annual survey substantiates that we are achieving quality of care for our residents, which is one of our top priorities," said Jim Huxman, Administrator. "Not only does the survey attest to the care, but our Assisted Living consistently remains full."

The 4th concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring The Stray Birds, a trio of fresh young stars on the new folk music scene will be Sunday, Jan 12 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

Start here...and jump into the biblical text! Join Michele Hershberger and Hesston College students for two weekends as they learn about the Psalms, Paul's epistles and I Corinthians verse by verse! The weekends are Jan 24-26 and Mar 20-23 (includes Thursday evening) on the college campus. Call 620-327-8290 to register and for info on costs, discounts and other details.

Retiring soon? An introduction to Medicare and Social Security will be presented at 4 and 7 p.m. on Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, and April 15 at Everence Financial Advisors, 371 N. Old Highway 81 in Hesston. Robert Wall, financial advisor with Everence, will speak on Medicare and Social Security, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain how continuing to work affects your benefits and answer related questions. To reserve spots for you, your friends or family members, contact Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Eden Leadership Team

Executive Committee

Moderator (2 yr. term)

*Jeff Snyder (2014)

Moderator Elect

*Bret Gillmore (2014)

Secretary (2 yr. term)

JoLene Kaufman (2015)

Treasurer (2 yr. term)

Jay Goering (2014)

At Large (2 yr. term)

Brenda Dalke (2015)

Marcy Schrag (2014)

Deacon Commission

3 yr. term/2 term max

*Don Kaufman (2014)

Wanda Knight (2015)

Bonita Howard (2015)

Brandon Kaufman (2016)

Carol Zerger (2016)

Trustee Commission

3 yr. term/2 term max

*Jim Dalke (2014)

Myron B Goering (2015)

Lynn Kaufman (2015)

Keith Albrecht (2016)

Gary Regier (2016)

Education/Discipleship Commission

3 yr. term 2 term max

Jenny Schrag (2014)

Shayna Smith (2014)

Dennis Wedel (2015)

Katie Gillmore (2015)

Pat Stucky (2016)

Deacon Rep

**Bonita Howard

Trustee Rep

**Lynn Kaufman

Education/Discipleship Rep

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Peace/Witness Rep

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Stewardship Rep

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Worship Rep

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Peace/Witness Commission

3 yr. term 2 term max

Pat Rupp (2014)

Waneta Goering (2014)

Mark Stucky (2015)

Jerri Kaufman (2016)

Keith Schrag (2016)

Stewardship Commission

3 yr. term/2 term max

Dave Goering (2014)

Kathy Neufeld (2014)

Fred Schrag (2015)

Perry Krehbiel (2016)

Robert Joe Schrag (2016)

Worship Commission

3 yr. term/2 term max

Jerry D. Schrag (2014)

Sondra Tolle (2014)

Joe Lichti (2015)

Linda Goering (2015)

Jill Zerger (2016)

*Ineligible for another term

**Appointed by Commission

We also appreciate the following people who were appointed to leadership positions.

Staff Relations Committee

Eugene Goering
Berni Kaufman
Pam Schrag

Gift Discernment Committee

Cindy Bartell
E. Fred Goering
Bruce Stucky
Denise Stucky

We will have a celebration of affirmation on January 5.

If you have a concern or suggestion about anyone listed for leadership take it to the Gift Discernment Committee by January 4.