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## Journeying Together With Thanks



Just over seven and a half years ago I began a journey I could not have even imagined only a little while before that; as Associate Pastor of Visitation at Eden Mennonite Church. In fact, I could not have imagined such a position at any church! It was a new position at Eden. It meant adding another pastor to the pastoral staff (and increasing the budget), even if only one quarter time; it meant accepting a woman who grew up in this congregation; it meant opening up to someone who already knew you a little. So we all took a leap of faith. Could the people who knew me

from a little girl see me as their pastor and trust me with their stories and their questions and their joys and sorrows? Was this really God leading? the congregation? me? But God, who calls us, “is faithful and will do this.” (I Thessalonians 5:24)

These are the words Paul writes in his first letter to the church at Thessalonica as he encourages the church to live in ways that would reflect their life in Christ. He reminds them that it is God who has called them and it is God who is faithful to hold them in existence as a church. It is God who makes us holy by being present in our hearts by the Spirit and who gives us strength to do the hard work to which we are called.

We, as individuals and as the church, are always becoming. And it is God at work in us that changes our lives. Paul says, “The one who calls you is faithful.” The Message says this, “May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole; make you holy and whole, put you together – spirit, soul, and body – and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ.” (I Thessalonians 5:23)

When we answer a call, when we step out in faith, God is faithful. We do not know the challenges we might face. But we walk together trusting God while we “seek to do good to one another and to all.” (I Thessalonians 5:15b) When I answered a call to ministry, you, the congregation answered a call to support me with your prayers and kindness and generosity. Even though I had grown up in this church you accepted me in a new role and granted me the honor of serving as a pastor. And I thank God for you. I thank God for His faithfulness and for His ongoing work of renewal as we are becoming whole.

I treasure the years I could be part of the pastoral team at Eden. As a pastor in formation I am grateful for the willingness of Pastor Dave to mentor me and encourage me to step out of my comfort zone (I don’t think it was in his job description). As a daughter of the congregation I thank you for allowing me to learn from and to grow with you. Thank you for entrusting me to officiate at weddings and at funerals, and inviting me to teach. And I thank you for ordaining me. I hold this as affirmation of my call to ministry.

I treasure and hold as sacred the stories you have shared with me and the way you have let me into your lives. I cherish you all as brothers and sisters in Christ and trust that “by the power that is at work within us” (Ephesians 3:20) we might all live resurrection lives.

“The amazing grace of Jesus Christ be with you!” (I Thessalonians 5:28 The Message)

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*Bail Graber*



### **Board of Deacons and Pastors kept busy with many changes**

The deacons and pastors met on October 15. Those in attendance were Don Kaufman, Wanda Knight, Bonita Howard, Brandon Kaufman, Pastor Dave Stevens and Pastor Gail Graber. Pastor Gail opened the meeting with devotions by reading an excerpt from *Setting the Agenda* by Edgar Stoesz and Rick Stiffney which invoked scripture from Philippians 4. The excerpt Gail chose encourages churches to live in a spirit of rejoicing and celebration. Participants within the church community are reflectors of the institution (church). Celebrating what is working well and the gifts within helps to harness energy for working on challenges and fulfilling the mission of the church. Gail then offered refreshments of Ginger Ale and cupcakes complete with whipped topping and pop rocks in the spirit of rejoicing and celebration. After sharing of congregational joys and concerns, Gail led in prayer.

Lynn Kaufman, trustee chair, joined the group to help finalize the memo of understanding to be presented to Derek King, Associate Pastoral candidate.

Bret Gillmore, Brenda Dalke and Jolene Kaufman, members of the Executive Council, and Bruce Stucky and Denise Stucky, members of the Nominating Committee joined the group to discuss the process of moving ahead with filling positions of the new organizational structure. Bruce and Denise have agreed to continue on the new Gifts Discernment Committee. Names of persons to be contacted for service on the new Gifts Discernment Committee which replaces the Nominating Committee and for the new Staff Congregation Relations Committee were suggested. Attempts will be made to have a gender mix. Don will give these names to Church Moderator Jeff Snyder who will, along with the Executive Council, be responsible for the contact of these suggested persons. After these 2 committees are established, the Executive Council will set a date for the committees to meet with Dorothy Nickel Friesen for an educational meeting/training. Following that meeting, the Gifts Discernment Committee will begin to fill the remainder of the positions in the new organizational structure.

Pastor Dave shared some thoughts on the selection of persons for both the Staff Congregation Relations Committee and the Stewardship Commission, both new committees established within the new organizational structure. He offered that members of the Staff

Congregational Relations Committee will need to be relational, empathetic, caring, give attention to the pastors and their families, able to keep confidentiality and deal with friction right along with the ability to take care of memos of understanding, job descriptions, staff reviews, and personnel policies. He would see this committee as being more than just a "personnel committee" but also dealing with congregation/pastor/staff relations. As for the Stewardship Commission, Pastor Dave sees this as more than a finance committee. As well as financial skills, persons will need to possess good communication skills and be able to offer stewardship education. Those who serve on the Stewardship Commission will be called to inspire others to be good stewards of God's good gifts and to be God's giving in the world.

### **How will new commissions be funded?**

The question was raised about how the commissions of the new organizational structure will be funded, who will decide how to fund and the amount to fund. It was proposed that the 2013 budget be divided by 12 and use that amount to fund January 2014. This would allow the Commissions to meet in January to determine their funding needs, and submit them to the Stewardship Commission to prepare a budget. The budget vote then could happen in February. It was decided that the Executive Council would communicate this proposal to the congregation. At this point, members of the Executive Council and Nominating Committee exited the meeting.

Bonita reported that things are moving along with Pastor Dave's review. The review committee had very good response in securing facilitators and recorders. The facilitator/recorder training sessions will happen on October 23. EYF sponsors and the high school students will have their focus group separately but at the same time as the adults on November 3. Bonita will make copies of the congregational informational letters/questionnaires and Wanda and Bonita will place these in church mailboxes October 17.

Pastor Dave reported that concerning the pastors and transition, it is a busy time in the church but things are going ok.

Pastor Gail expressed feeling overwhelmed with the results of the review and the vote (149 persons (93%) voted yes and 10 persons (7%) voted no.) to extend her ¼ time Associate Pastor of Visitation contract for three more years through December 31, 2016. She is considering the call to remain in this position and will inform the deacons of her decision about accepting the call to remain as ¼ time Associate Pastor of Visitation before November 10.

Deacons minutes continued on next page →



A date has yet to be set for an educational meeting regarding the Mass Communication system in order that key people in each subgroup know how to send a message so that every message does not need to go through the church office. Jeff Snyder is working on this.

Pastor Dave's memo of understanding will be updated at the November 21 meeting.

Since we are moving ahead with the new organizational structure beginning January 1, Dave reported that office secretary, Becky Koller, is wondering about year end reports that have traditionally been published in the annual report book and distributed before the traditional annual meeting. Should those be requested for 2013? The deacons suggested that Becky seek guidance from Jeff Snyder, Church Moderator. The deacons also suggested that since we are not officially changing the structure until January 1, 2014, the 2013 reports be solicited as usual.

Because of conversations with others, it has been suggested to include a statement about the pre-service gathering at 8:45 a.m. Sunday mornings when the order of service is distributed to all those involved in the worship service. Information about the pre-service gathering has not been published for some time and there may be persons who are participating now who are not aware of that gathering. Bonita has talked with Becky Koller about including a statement when she e-mails the order of service to participants.

**Deacon, Pastor and staff Christmas gathering:** December 8 at Jay and Linda's

**Future Deacon meeting:** December 19, if needed.



**What to give?**

- To your enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance.
- To a friend, your heart.
- To a customer, service.
- To all men, charity.
- To every child, a good example.
- To yourself, respect.

By Oren Arnold

Pastor Gail Graber will conclude her term as Associate Pastor of Visitation on December 31, 2013, a position she has held since April, 2007. Pastor Gail's service in a pastoral role at Eden actually began in April, 2006, when she accepted a position of 1/4 time Interim Pastor. December 29 will be her final Sunday at Eden in her role as Associate Pastor. Eden has been blessed by Pastor Gail's spiritual care and other ministry gifts she has shared in serving our congregation as pastor. Much appreciation is expressed to Pastor Gail for her service to our congregation and to husband Ardy for spousal support during her tenure on the pastoral staff. Best wishes to Pastor Gail as she expands her time as chaplain at Bethesda Home in Goessel. A celebration of Pastor Gail's time as pastor at Eden will be held Sunday, December 29, following the worship service with light refreshments. A basket will be available for cards, well wishes and love offerings.



Sunday morning offerings are designated for the unified budget except for 5th Sundays which are designated by the deacons. December's 5th Sunday offering will be swapped with the

Christmas Eve offering. The Christmas Eve offering will be designated towards local mission and the December 29th offering will go towards the Unified Budget.

**Invitation to Share**

*Mission Giving*



The "invitation to share" project for the month of December is comforters and blankets (60" x 80" or 82" x 90"). Comforter specifications, NEW or nearly new material. Single/twin size, winter weight preferred. Please use quilt batting. Knotted with crochet cotton. If you want to support this project financially you may write a check to Eden with "invitation to share" in the memo line. Please mail checks to the church office, P.O. Box 406, Moundridge, KS 67107.



Sunday, November 3 a congregational meeting was held for the purpose of voting on the recommendation from deacons to call Derek King as Associate Pastor. The vote was 98% yes, and 2 % no. Derek has accepted the call and will begin his three year contract in February of 2014. We look forward to Derek, his wife Becky and daughter Sarah joining our church family.



Sisters in Spirit (SIS) has decorated a Christmas tree 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 \$3.00 each. They will hang on the tree throughout the Christmas season. The forms and envelopes are available near the tree. Please place the completed form and payment in the basket provided.



Ladies, please mark your calendars for the annual Sisters In Spirit Christmas tea on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Eden fellowship hall. We anticipate another year of beginning the Christmas season with Christian fellowship, good food, good music, beautiful table decorations and place settings, and an inspiring program. Our speaker this year will be Karen Andres, chaplain at Prairie View with music provided by Angel Feet Dance Company. Please RSVP by December 1st to the church office at 345-8320 ([edenmc@mtelco.net](mailto:edenmc@mtelco.net)) or Denise Stucky at 345-2591 ([hdstucky@mtelco.net](mailto:hdstucky@mtelco.net)). All guests are welcome, so please bring your friends! Please share your favorite table service with us by setting a table for 8. If you are interested in setting a table, please contact Judy Krehbiel at 345-8784 ([jthorn5889@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jthorn5889@sbcglobal.net)).

Christmas is just around the corner and we will once again have a Christmas Eve program presented by the Junior Sunday school department. The Christmas Eve program will tell the story of Jesus' birth in both word and song.



## Program Practice

Josh and Emily Regier are in charge of the event this year. Practices will be held from 7:00-8:00 p.m. December 4, 11, and 18. The 2&3 year olds only need to be there on the 18th. Thanks!



I want to express my deep appreciation for your support and affirmation of my ministry here as indicated not only by the recent vote but also by your many words of thanks. It is an honor and privilege to serve as a member of the pastoral staff here at Eden Mennonite Church.

As you know I am also serving as the chaplain at Bethesda Home in Goessel. I truly enjoy both places and experience God's presence and love. It is, however, increasingly challenging to give good energy to two places. And so I share with you that I very unexpectedly received a call from Bethesda for more time there. And while the timing of the call - the same time as my vote here - is a puzzle, it is important, I believe, to listen to these calls and to pray and discern about them.

So after much prayer and discernment alone and with others, and after several sleepless nights, I have decided to resign my position as Associate Pastor of Visitation at Eden and accept this call to Bethesda Home. I will finish my contract at Eden which is December 31 of this year and begin with increased hours at Bethesda in January. This increase in hours also means for me insurance benefits, which is important at this time in Ardy's and my life. Upon consultation with Conference Minister Clarence Rempel I will take a three month leave from attendance at Eden, and then return as a member among you.

You have nurtured me, and now given me wings to pastor in a little different congregational setting. It feels good to be able to focus in one place in ministry. Thank you for caring for me. You have always been dear to my heart and that will continue. May God bless our pilgrimages in new life and in new ways.

Pastor Gail Graber



### **Leadership Team meets and plans for the future**

On Saturday, November 16 the leadership team met at Eden. Those in attendance were:

Denise Stucky, Pam Schrag, Becky Koller, Katie Gillmore, Brenda Dalke, Wanda Knight, Jolene Kaufman, Linda Goering, Jay Goering, Bret Gillmore, Bonita Howard, Lynn Kaufman, Keith Albrecht, Bill Zerger, Jeff Snyder, Eugene Goering, Mark Stucky, and Jenny Schrag.

Pam Schrag opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting was led by Jeff Snyder, Church Moderator, and involved Eden's leadership which included the Executive Council, Church Council, Deacons and Trustees.

Information was shared about the Corinthian Plan which is a mutual aid insurance for pastors and church staff in MCUSA. This plan makes it possible for smaller churches to provide insurance for their pastors based on larger churches contributing larger amounts. The insurance can travel with a person from church to church. Open enrollment is through March 2013. The Staff/ Congregation Relations Committee will research this plan and make a decision about enrolling before March.

The Christmas Decorating committee is requesting some money for new decorations in the amount of \$400-\$500. This request was approved. They will need to get a voucher to Becky K.

Becky Koller shared information about the possibility of updating Eden's website. We are currently using Mennonite.net. They will soon be updating part of their system with increased cost to us. Flint Hills Design out of Newton does Western District Conference's website. They have a two tier cost plan with an initial start-up fee and monthly charge thereafter. There was agreement that Eden should update the website. Becky Koller will get more extensive information from Flint Hills Design regarding specific details about what is offered with each plan.

The Mass Communication System is up and running. After the new commissions are named and operating, persons from each subgroup will be offered training on how to use the system so all communication does not need to go through Becky K. at the office.

Discussion was held on the budget. The 2013 budget year will include December 2013. January – December 2014 will comprise the 2014 budget year. Since

the 2014 budget will not be approved until February 16, 2014, 1/12 of the 2013 budget will be established for the months of December 2013 and January 2014. A ballot-like form will be given to the congregation on or before December 29 for input on mission giving. Current percentages and amounts will be noted with opportunity to indicate a desire to give more or less and offer suggestions for new mission organizations to be added to our budgetary giving.

Pam Schrag, Berni Kaufman and Eugene Goering have answered the call to serve on the Staff/ Congregation Relations Committee. Cindy Bartell has answered the call to serve on the Gifts Discernment Committee with Bruce Stucky and Denise Stucky. The Executive Council will continue to seek one additional person that is needed yet for the Gifts Discernment Committee.

### **End of year committee report deadline set for January 13, 2014**

Since the new structure will begin on January 1, 2014, committee reports for the Annual Report Book will be requested in January instead of December.

Persons who are currently serving on a committee, have served on a committee in the past and/or are interested in serving on one of the new commissions will be invited to the church for a gathering on December 14 at 8:30 a.m. with Dorothy Nickel Friesen. This meeting will be for sharing input and establishing job descriptions and personnel for the commissions, with Dorothy as planning coach. The hope is that each of the former committees placed under the commissions will have representation at this meeting. The Executive Committee and already established Staff/Congregation Relations Committee and Gifts Discernment Committee will also meet. A filled slate of persons willing to serve on the Commissions and Executive Committee will be presented to the congregation on or before December 29 for congregation affirmation on January 5.

February 16, 2014 is set for the date of a congregational meeting to approve the budget. This will allow the newly formed Commissions to discern in early January their budgetary needs for 2014 and the Stewardship Commission to prepare a budget after receiving budgetary requests from the different Commissions.



## Group subscription renewal in process

It's time to renew our group subscription to The Mennonite. If you are currently part of the group and would like to renew your subscription please return the sheet in your mailbox to the office. The group subscription rate this year is \$37. If you are not currently part of the group and would like to be please call the church office 620-345-8320 or pick up a subscription sheet from the literature table. All are due in the office by December 9.



Photo provided by Jean Regier

### A windy afternoon blows in an evening of fun

Around 75 persons of all ages headed to the farm of Gary and Bonita Howard on the windy afternoon of Sunday, November 3, for a church wiener roast and time of fellowship. Activities enjoyed included hayrack rides, a scavenger hunt, and gathering and eating together. Because of the wind, the hotdogs were grilled instead of roasted on an open fire. Along with the hotdogs, there was an abundance of delicious potluck side dishes and desserts. Later in the evening, a number of people gathered around a small fire to roast marshmallows for s'mores. A big thank you to the Evangelism Committee who provided the hotdogs and s'mores and to Bret and Marla Gillmore and others who organized and helped with the evening's activities.



On September 29 Dorothy Nickel Friesen, planning coach and Jeff Snyder, church chairperson, proposed a new structure model for Eden. The structure model presented should work better for a church our size. Until this model was presented the church was still working with a structure that fit the attendance we had in the fifties. The congregation agreed to give a new structure model a try for two years.

On December 14 at 8:30 a.m. Dorothy will meet with all current and new committee members to discuss how the new committees will work under the new commissions. This will be an opportunity to have questions answered and to learn more about the new structure.

We ask that you continue to keep Eden in your prayers as we look to the future with a new structure.

### Pastor Review Completed



The process for Pastor Dave Stevens' review is completed. Around 125 persons participated in the process. The review committee (Bonita Howard, Wanda Knight, Fred Goering and Tim Goering) would like to thank all who participated in the process. A special

thank you to all facilitators and recorders for their willingness to serve and to others who helped make it possible for review focus groups to meet during Sunday school on November 3. Marvin Zehr, Western District Conference Support Person, has compiled a review summary report and will present the report to the congregation immediately following the worship service on Sunday, December 8.



*Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him*



**An update from Alyssa Schrag  
Serving with Mennonite Voluntary Service**

Things here are going well. My boss just got a new job at the Sierra Club on their Beyond Coal Campaign so his last day was Oct 16th which has meant a bit of additional work on my part, but the feedback from my supervisors and coworkers has been so positive and supportive! I've taken on additional roles, including more community builder activities. We just held our second Annual Tenant Feel Good Fair, where we had outside vendors come in to talk to our tenants about different programs and services available. They also gave CPR training, had an art booth, a terrarium booth, a photobooth, ear acupuncture (which I also took advantage of ☺), a free book giveaway, and a huge raffle! It was so great to see the tenants enjoy themselves and have access to services that can help them! I get to create our staff newsletter and our tenant newsletter, which are some of my favorite tasks. I also had a big role in our 7 year anniversary bash that happened in September! It was a huge success and we ended up raising over \$31,000 which we will put towards the sidewalk gardens that we are installing at each site, the murals that we are painting on our buildings, and the holiday celebrations that are coming up soon!

I'm also playing a lot of volleyball, at one point three nights a week! It's a great way to wind down after work, and I've made so many friends through the leagues I've participated in. I love my new housemates, and I'm also grateful that my housemates from last year have stuck around the area so that I can still see them too. I'm going to my grandparent's house in Reedley for Thanksgiving. It continues to be such a blessing to live so close by to them!

I'm thinking a lot right now about what the next step will be in my life. I'm taking the GRE in a few weeks so I've been studying for that, and I'm also working on an application to graduate school. I'm not positive if that's the step I want to take right now though, or if I'd rather get a job for a year or two. This has probably been the source of most of the stress in my life right now, so prayers for guidance and clarity would be much appreciated.

Blessings,  
Alyssa Schrag  
Mennonite Voluntary Service  
San Francisco, CA



Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers on my behalf. Also thank you to Pastor Dave for his visits and prayer before my surgery. It was all greatly appreciated.

Bryce Ratzlaff

Thank you so much for the meditations book and the piggy bank you gave for Elise's arrival! Very generous! The 3 of us are getting into a rhythm and are enjoying every minute.

Thanks again,  
Kyle, Sarah, and Elise Neufeld

Thank you for the outpouring of concern and love shown during this time of our loss of Matt. Your prayers and support have been a source of strength and comfort.

The Family of Matthew Graber

Thank you for the support after the unexpected death of my brother Ron. The prayers, phone calls and thoughtfulness during this challenging time was greatly appreciated. Sending God's blessing to you all. Amber, Tim, Amanda and Tiffany Stucky

We extend a warm Thank You to everyone who helped make this year's Community Thanksgiving Meal a success. We had delicious food, great music and about 300 smiling faces as we all joined together to share this time together.

--Jeff Snyder - On behalf of the Meal Organizers and the Community of Moundridge.

**Happy birthday Jesus**

Each Christmas, a family celebrated by holding a birthday party for Jesus. To remind themselves of Jesus' presence, they placed a chair of honor for him at the dinner table.

The highlight of the party was singing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus and then blowing out the candles on a special cake.

One Christmas, a visitor asked the family's 5-year-old daughter, "Did you get everything you wanted for Christmas?"

The girl paused and then answered, "No! It's not *my* birthday!"



# PEACE Wreath

## What you need:

- Paint (blue and green)
- Paint brush
- Embroidery hoop
- 24 wooden clothespins
- Scissors
- Craft foam (white, red and green)
- Glue
- 3 white feathers
- Floral wire (two pieces)



## What you do:

1. Paint the hoop blue and the clothespins green. When dry, attach clothespins around the hoop.
2. Cut a dove shape (slightly wider than the hoop's diameter) out of white foam. Glue on feathers.
3. Pierce the beak with a scissors tip. Slide a piece of wire through the slit to make an olive branch.
4. From green foam, cut out two leaves. Attach them to each end of the wire.
5. From red foam, cut out the letters P E A C E. Glue them onto clothespins.
6. Place dove in center of hoop. Glue its head and tail to clothespins.
7. Attach wire to the back and hang up your wreath.

# PUZZLE

## A Child is Born

*Jesus received many different names — even before he was born. Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) prophesies about four of these names.*

Directions: Unscramble the words on the name tags below. (Hint: The first letter is capitalized.)

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MY NAME IS

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MY NAME IS

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MY NAME IS

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Answers: Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

## December Birthdays

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| 1-  | Karey French<br>Nick Graber<br>Roberta Ollenburger                                    | 19- | Seth Goering<br>Zaeta Knoll (Dan & Annette)<br>Ernest Krehbiel<br>Judy Krehbiel<br>Jacey Krehbiel<br>Kyle Schrag |
| 2-  | Tony Schrag<br>DeAnn Huxman   | 20- | Christina Graber<br>Wesley Waltner (Alan & Tina)   |
| 3-  | Leland Goering<br>Polly Schrag<br>Angela Tipton                                       | 21- | Victoria Stucky<br>Danny Zerger  |
| 4-  | Alfred Stucky<br>Alexis Westfall (Jacob & Tonya)                                      | 22- | Emmi Schrag (David & Hillery Schrag)<br>Marilyn Stucky<br>Jason Neufeld  |
| 6-  | Dave Stevens<br>Bill Toews  | 23- | Milo B. Goering<br>Chelsey Knight (Chuck & Diane)  |
| 7-  | Annie Toews   | 24- | Marla Gillmore<br>Ruth White<br>Frank Wedel  |
| 8-  | Virgil Goering<br>Calvin Preheim<br>Katelynn Stucky (Kevin & Gayle)<br>Teresa Stucky  | 25- | Leonard Graber   |
| 9-  | Alison Schrag (Matt & Rashelle)   | 26- | Charlene Epp<br>Ronald Stucky  |
| 10- | Galen Waltner   | 27- | Annah Schrag (Matt & Rashelle)<br>Lauren Bonde   |
| 11- | Deborah Koehn<br>Bryan Zerger   | 28- | Blair Goering<br>Annie Schrag<br>Judy Sebo   |
| 12- | Ethan Knight<br>Miriam Krehbiel<br>Norman Wedel                                       | 29- | Kim Cutting<br>Aaron Parsons (Rob & Lori)  |
| 13- | Reese Gehring<br>Christine Goering<br>Janet Kaufman<br>Tonya Westfall<br>Haley Schrag | 30- | Dick Zerger  |
| 16- | Makenna Hayes (Mike & Kelly)<br>Sarah Erb   | 31- | Ronnie Schrag  |
| 18- | Becky Clark<br>Kurt Graber<br>Leda Kaufman<br>Jerry Stucky<br>Jayden Wedel (Brooke)   |     |  |

If there has been an omission or mistaken date  
please contact the church office.

## December Anniversaries

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|-----|--|-----|---|
| 3-  | Fred & Polly Schrag                                    | 22- | Mark B. & Sheila Goering                            |
| 11- | David & Margaret Goering                               |     | Robert D. & Katy Schrag                             |
| 15  | Vonn & Casey Durst                                     | 26- | Harvey & Mary Graber                                |
| 16- | Kirby & Christine Goering                              |     | Tim & Bethany Schrag                                |
| 17- | Josh & Emily Regier                                    | 28- | Matt & Lindsey Begnoche                             |
| 18- | Steve & Barbara Goering<br>Michael & Margaret Krehbiel | 29- | Don & Bonnie Kaufman<br>Darrell & Bobbi Schrag      |
| 19- | Daniel & Janet Schrag<br>Kelly & Donna Stucky          | 30  | Stephen & Sandra Koontz<br>DaWayne and Britney Stos |
| 20- | Homer & Dorothy Goering                                |     | Emory & Naomi Wedel                                 |

## Up-Coming Events

- Dec 1** First Sunday in Advent
- Dec 7** 9:00 a.m. Christmas tea at Eden
- Dec 8** Second Sunday in Advent  
Summary Report for Pastor Dave's review presented to congregation  
Deacons/Pastors/Staff Christmas Dinner
- Dec 14** 8:30 a.m. Committees meet with Dorothy Nickel Friesen
- Dec 15** Third Sunday in Advent
- Dec 18** Noon staff meeting at Underhill Farms
- Dec 19** 7:00 p.m. Deacons/Pastors mtg.
- Dec 21** First day of Winter
- Dec 22** Fourth Sunday in Advent
- Dec 24** Church Office Closed  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve program
- Dec 25** Christmas Day (Church Office Closed)
- Dec 29** Celebration for Pastor Gail after worship service
- Dec 31** End of Eden's fiscal year  
New Year's Eve
- Jan 1** New Year's Day (Church Office Closed)



On Wednesday Nights!

**7:30 p.m.**

Ladies Chorus

**8:00 p.m.**

Chancel Choir

**8:45 p.m.**

Men's Chorus

(Check w/Becky Clark for updated schedule during December.)

**December 4, 11, 18**

**6:00 p.m.**

EYF

**7:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Program Practice



December 2013						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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