

Sun., April 6 – The second film in the KIPCOR spring film series is the 85-minute documentary *Climate Refugees*, about “the human face of climate change”; 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, with talk-back session following

Summer classes at AMBS-Great Plains require early registration by April 13. The final two courses for the KS extension will be "Conflict, Communication, and Conciliation" taught at KIPCOR for two hours credit (or certificate option) June 10-13, 8 am-5pm and "Biblical Spirituality" taught by Jerry Truex for two or 3 hours credit Tuesday evenings, May 27-July 1, 6-10 pm. You may audit Biblical Spirituality for \$100--by registering directly with Great Plains Extension at mfaul@ambs.edu or [316-283-7098](tel:316-283-7098) or online at the Great Plains page at www.ambs.edu.

The final concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring the Erin Bode Group, will be Sunday, April 6 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of jazz-infused Americana 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.

Sun., April 13 – Bethel College Women's Chorus spring concert, 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church

Old bikes and bike parts wanted no matter what shape or condition. These will be rebuilt and given to the homeless shelter in Newton or sold at the Etc. Shop. Drop them off at the PET shop (320 W. Ruth) in Moundridge. If unable to deliver to the PET shop or for questions call Tim Goering 620-345-8443.

Church Office Hours

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

Phone: 345-8320; Email: edenmc@mtelco.net;

Check out our website at www.edenmennonite.org

Friend us on Facebook

Lead Pastor, Dave Stevens

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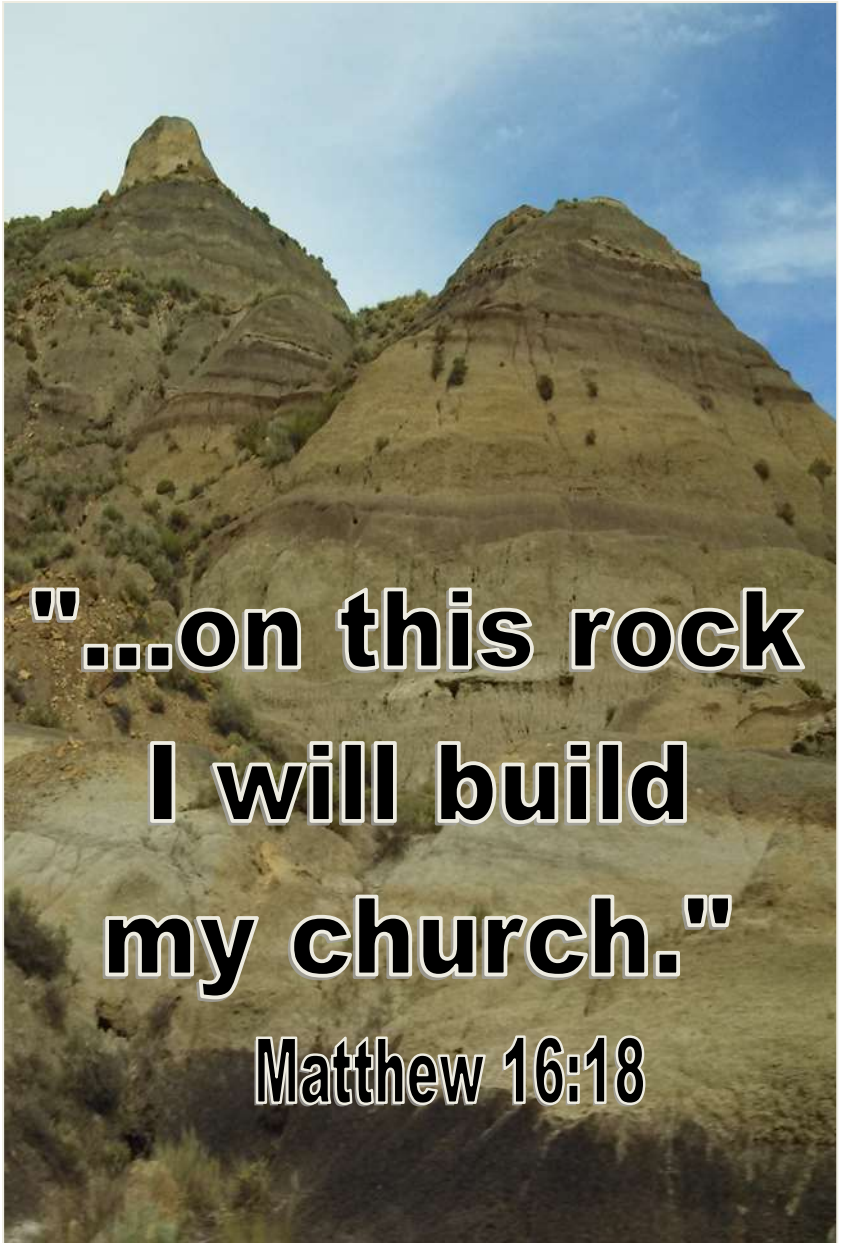
Cell phone (emergency or critical pastoral care need only) 267-374-9419

Day off: Friday

Associate Pastor, Derek King

Cell Phone: 717-201-1147; dking@edenmennonite.org

Day off: Tuesday



**"...on this rock
I will build
my church."**

Matthew 16:18

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Moundridge, Kansas
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Dave Stevens, Lead Pastor

Derek King, Associate Pastor

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Pre-service Music

Bonita Howard

Welcome and Announcements

Derek King

Worship in Song

STJ 1

HWB 1

Led by Deb Lichti
We sing to you O God
What is this place?

Colors of Covenant Procession

Kyle and Sarah Neufeld family

Each Sunday of Lent the rugged cross will be draped with a different color fabric contributing to a rainbow which symbolizes God's covenant with us and faithfulness to God's promises.

Children's Time

Kathy Neufeld

Worship in Song

STS 34

You are Holy

Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20

Message

"Whose church is it anyway?"

Pastor Dave

Responding: Flower Prayers

Moment in Mission

Mennonite Disaster Service trip to Minnesota

Jeff & Becky Koller, Jerry Schrag, Elizabeth Schrag, Tiffany Stucky

Prayers of the People

Offering/ Offertory/ MCC Penny Collection The children will collect coins for MCC

***Blessing**

***Sending Song STS 40**

We will follow

Postlude

HWB – Hymnal a *Worship Book* (blue book); STS - *Sing the Story* (purple book);

STJ - *Sing the Journey* (green 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. Grace to you from God our Father, the Lord Jesus and the life-giving Spirit! Let us worship together now. We also welcome the residents of Pine Village who are worshiping with us this morning via telephone hookup.

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 Samantha and Heath Doane for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

April is Eden's month to deliver meals on wheels from the Sr. Citizens Center. This is a very important ministry that you can be a part of. Please sign up on the sheet provided on the literature table.

Communion will be served during worship on Sunday, April 6.

Please remember to bring your non-perishable food items or your monetary donation the first Sunday of the month and place them in the containers provided in the library. All will be divided between the Moundridge Food Panty and the McPherson County Food Bank.

Mary Martha Circle will meet for an all day meeting Tuesday, April 1. Project is Newborn Kits. Lunch is a covered dish.

Personal Energy Transportation (PET) Kansas and Hope Haven International are planning a PET wheelchair distribution on May 3, 2014. If anyone would like to help with expenses for special projects in Guatemala, make out your checks to PET Kansas with mission trip on the memo line. Thanks, Kirby and Christine

You are invited to participate in a community choir that will perform on Tues, April 15, during Holy Week at 7 p.m. There are only two rehearsals to prepare two songs. Rehearsals are Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m. at Eden Church, and Monday evening, April 14, immediately following the Holy Week service. For information, contact Becky Clark (620-386-4145) or Donna Stucky (316-288-0777). We hope you will join us for a meaningful experience.

Check out our new and improved website. Go to www.edenmennonite.org and see the new look.

Eden This Week

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| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday school 7:00 p.m. Mentor Training @ Eden |
| Tuesday | Mary Martha all day meeting |
| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. EYF 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Western District Conference Basketball tournaments |
| Thursday | 4:00 p.m. Eden provides worship service at Pine Village |

Looking Ahead

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| Apr 6 | Items for the MCC sale on display at church Communion during the worship service |
| Apr 7 | 8:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg. |
| Apr 8 | 11:30 a.m. Associated Churches pastors mtg. |
| Apr 9 | 6:00 p.m. EYF 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir |
| Apr 11 & 12 | Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson |
| Apr 12 | 9:00 a.m. Eden Leadership Team mtg. |
| Apr 13 | Palm Sunday |
| Apr 14 & 15 | 7:00 p.m. Associated Churches Holy Week services at Eden |
| Apr 16 | 6:00 p.m. EYF 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir |
| Apr 17 | 5:00 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Team mtg. |
| Apr 18 | Good Friday – Eden Church Office Closed 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service at Eden |
| Apr 20 | Easter Sunday 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service Easter Egg Hunt |
| Apr 22 | 7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission |
| Apr 23 | 6:00 p.m. EYF 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir |
| Apr 27 | Congregational Meeting, watch bulletin for details |

Last Sunday, Mar 23, 2014

Worship: 218; Sunday School: 118
Offering: \$7,848.00

Next Sunday, Apr 6, 2014

Music: Men's Chorus
Children's Story: Kylie & Alyssa Goering
Nursery: Jerri & Warren Kaufman

Remember in Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for the flourishing of our church plants – Iglesia Camino de Santidad, Liberal, KS, Grace Mennonite Fellowship, Gladewater, TX and Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto, Wichita, KS.

Nick and Lundee Regier have requested the transfer of their membership to the Evangelical Covenant Church in Clay Center, KS.

The April *Eden Echoes* has been printed and is available on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

Reminder: Mentors of Eden Youth are meeting tonight, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come to receive tips and suggestions and share insights with other mentors. The goal is to provide resources that can help deepen mentor/mentee relationships...also to enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

Would you like to see MDS stories shared with the next generation? Join us for an evening of listening to MDS stories being shared by Paul Unruh on March 31 and April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Northlawn Theater on the Hesston College Campus. We'd like an audience mixture of both students and adults. This is part of a joint project between Hesston College and Mennonite Disaster Service to get some stories on video. The seating is very limited. Please contact Becky Koller at [620-345-8320](tel:620-345-8320) or [620-386-0010](tel:620-386-0010) if you would like to be a part of this project. Please note the change in date from April 7 to April 10.

Mark your calendars for *Weird Animals VBS*, May 27-30, 2014. 6:00 PM-8:10 PM at West Zion. Community service will be held during the last portion of the Friday night activities at West Zion. Help us teach the children of Moundridge about Jesus' One-of-a-Kind Love. Please fill out a volunteer registration form if you are interested in helping out or contact Kristen Koller at 345-2263, jeepingirl222@hotmail.com."

Women in Conversation--The Spirited Lives of Women: Join the conversation with women across the Mennonite Church at Women in Conversation, a biennial retreat sponsored by Mennonite Women USA and Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. Jennifer Davis Sensenig, pastor at Community Mennonite Church (Harrisonburg, VA), will serve as keynote speaker April 25-27 at Cross Wind Conference Center (Hesston, KS). To register or for more information: Laurelville.org/women-in-conversation or 800.839.1021.

Moundridge Community Blood Drive will be April 7, 1:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at Pine Village Wellness Center, 86 22nd Ave. The need is constant. The gratification instant. Give Blood.

The first-ever “Spring into the Arts” Festival, presented by the Newton Area Arts Council, will kick off with its first major event, the Soweto Gospel Choir, at Bethel College, 7:30 p.m., Fri., March 28, part of the Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts Series. The Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra Spring Pops Concert is 4 p.m., Sunday, March 30, and will feature Bethel’s director of jazz studies, Joel Linscheid, on solo saxophone. **Both events take place in Memorial Hall.** For a complete Spring into the Arts schedule, see www.newtonarts.org.

Urgent Need for Pencils: The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Material Resources Center in North Newton, currently has an urgent need for pencils for school kits. Based on feedback from kit recipients, MCC increased the number of pencils in school kits from four to eight. Your gift of pencils or your donation of funds designated for “Central States Kits” will help us complete hundreds of incomplete kits and send them to countries including Jordan, Afghanistan and Kenya. Pencils should be sent to MCC Central States PO Box 235 North Newton, KS 67117, checks should be sent to MCC U.S. PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. Questions? Call 316-283-2720 or visit mcc.org/kits.

Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is April 4-6. Come whenever you want over those three days, but meals will only be provided from Saturday supper through Sunday lunch. Peter Goerzen will be our speaker for the weekend. No pre-registration is necessary. You'll be able to sleep in the staff houses or cabins, or bring your own tent or RV. It's a great weekend to fellowship, go fishing, or just hang out and do nothing. We're still looking for church groups or individuals to help with meal preparation. If you have any questions, or if you want to help with meals, call Kevin Neufeld at [316-284-0450](tel:316-284-0450).

Camp Mennoscah's Retirees' Relaxation Retreat is April 21-23 on the theme of Little Drops of Water, Little Grains of Sand. Retirees of all ages and busyness are invited to spend a few days with us both relaxing and learning. Information is in the Camp Mennoscah catalog or give us a call at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290).

Dr. J. Denny Weaver will be in central Kansas to discuss his latest book, "The Nonviolent God". The public is invited to a lecture and discussion on Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, Newton. Books are for sale at the Great Plains office for \$20 (cash or check). Call [316-283-7098](tel:316-283-7098) for information.

Hesston College students, faculty and staff invite you to campus for a fun Friday night and to support a great cause at 7 p.m., April 11 in the Northlawn Studio Theatre. The Hesston Idol talent show event will raise funds for GiGi's Playhouse Achievement Center for children with down's syndrome and their families. An offering will be collected at the show. Contact Amber Davis with questions at 319-461-4607.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Announcements

Denise and Elaine Krehbiel, and Ron Schrag are participating in the MCC 5K Run and Walk on Apr 12. They welcome sponsors with donations for MCC.

If you have or are making items to sell for the MCC Sale, display tables will be set up in the Fellowship Hall April 6th. Please bring your items that morning. If you would like us to take those to the sale, let us know after church- April 6. (Committee members: Jerry and Linda Schrag; Ryan and Kylie Goering; Gary and Jean Regier.)

Vereniki has been a longstanding tradition in many of our families and a longstanding tradition with the Kansas Mennonite relief sale. This year, vereniki has been a challenge, but rest assured, vereniki will be available at the Feeding the Multitude on Friday evening and Saturday lunch along with in the Domestic Arts Building at the sale. The KMRS board and sale contact liaisons worked diligently to replace the Vereniki Making committee after all of the former committee members resigned. The sale board determined it was vital that vereniki be a part of the sale—raising annually around \$30,000 for MCC. Therefore, the board entered into a one year agreement with The Breadbasket, in Newton, to make the vereniki for the relief sale this year.

The KMRS board would like to bring back the rich tradition of making vereniki as a volunteer effort. Aside from simply making vereniki, the vereniki making process has historically brought many volunteers together for a rewarding social time while serving MCC in the name of Christ. With that in mind, we would like to ask each of you to consider how you might participate in this process next year. The vereniki making committee is made up of 6-8 people and is responsible for coordinating the vereniki making day at the Marion County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro prior to the sale. This would include items such as making sure the building is reserved, supplies are purchased, church contact sheets are passed out, the equipment is ready to make the vereniki, as well as oversight over the actual production. Again, your consideration regarding this volunteer opportunity is appreciated. If you have questions contact your local church contact or Matthew Voth at 620-747-2245 or info@kansas.mccsale.org.

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Eden Mennonite Church March 30, 2014

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