

**Newton Et Cetera Shop needs your donations!** Bring gently-used clothing, household goods, bikes, and furniture to the alley door Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thanks for supporting Mennonite Central Committee and local community efforts by donating to Et Cetera Shop.

**The FloraKansas Great Plains Native Plant Bazaar** will be held April 25-28, 2014, at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Kansas' largest native plant sale offering many species of wildflowers and grasses many of which are rare in cultivation. A large selection of adaptable perennials is also available. Memberships can be purchased on the day of the sale and participate in the members only sale on Thursday, April 24, 1 to 7 p.m. Current Dyck Arboretum members receive a 10% discount at all arboretum plant sales. For more information, call 620-327-8127 or visit [www.dyckarboretum.org](http://www.dyckarboretum.org).

**The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center will lead a *Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches*** workshop at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, Missouri, on Saturday, May 10. This is one-day training, which is useful for clergy and lay leaders interested in advancing their knowledge and skills for dealing with conflict in more healthy ways. A brochure with full information about the training and a registration form can be found at <http://lmpeacecenter.org/events/cts/cts-brochure.html>.

**Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) announces its Annual Gathering 2014**, June 13-15, 2014 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania. The theme for 2014 is "Faith at Work: Practicing Our Profession." This event is open to all Mennonite-related healthcare workers and their families. More information is at [www.mennohealth.org/gathering](http://www.mennohealth.org/gathering), or feel free to contact [info@mennohealth.org](mailto:info@mennohealth.org) or [1-888-406-3643](tel:1-888-406-3643).

**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](mailto:edenmc@mtelco.net);

Check out our website at [www.edenmennonite.org](http://www.edenmennonite.org)

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**Lead Pastor, Dave Stevens**

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Day off: Friday

**Associate Pastor, Derek King**

Cell Phone: 717-201-1147; [dking@edenmennonite.org](mailto:dking@edenmennonite.org)

Day off: Tuesday

... he has given us a new birth  
into a

**LIVING HOPE**

through the

**RESURRECTION**

of **JESUS CHRIST**

from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV

**Eden Mennonite Church**  
**Moundridge, Kansas**  
**Website: [www.edenmennonite.org](http://www.edenmennonite.org)**

Dave Stevens, Lead Pastor

Derek King, Associate Pastor

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**Pre-service Music**

Robin Schrag

Please enjoy photos on the screen from the MCC Relief Sale courtesy of Jean Regier

**Welcome and Announcements**

Bonita Howard

**\*HWB 275**

*Lift your glad voices*

**Mission with Mennonite Disaster Service**

**HWB 307** (Verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

*Will you let me be your servant*

Led by Cindy Bartell, Shirley Delk, & Candy Unrau

**Children's time**

Ben Schrag and Bruce Stucky

**Offering/ Offertory**

**\*Ancient Words** (on screen)

accompanied by Candy Unrau

**Scripture**

1 Peter 1:3-9

**Message**

"The Pings of Easter"

Pastor Derek

**HWB 267** (Verses 1, 4, 5, 6)

*Christ has arisen*

Dave Stevens, djembe

**Prayers of God's People**

**Invitation to Anointing**

(see details on opposite page)

**\*STS 50**

*Come bring your burdens to God*

**Please sing softly, following the organist as people come forward for anointing**

HWB 377 *Healer of our every ill*

HWB 352 *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us*

HWB 356 *Breathe on me, breath of God*

HWB 349 *Spirit of the Living God*

HWB 502 *Spirit of God, descent upon my heart*

HWB 515 *Jesus, Rock of Ages*

**\*Blessing**

**\*STJ 49**

*Rain down*

**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 to worship as an Easter people—the family of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

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 Rashelle and Matt Schrag for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

**Anointing is open to anyone of any age.** There will be three stations in the sanctuary with a pastor and deacon, two in the front and two in the back. You can go to any of those. You will receive a very small amount of oil on the forehead or the back of your hand as you wish. The anointing is a symbol of giving our lives into God's hands as we face health concerns, relationship challenges, decisions about the future, and many other things. You may share with the pastor or deacon the reason your are coming forward for anointing but you don't have to.

**If you are a graduate, or you have a graduate in your family,** please contact the church office and let us know at 620-345-8320, (leave a message on voicemail after hours), or email info to [edenmc@mtelco.net](mailto:edenmc@mtelco.net). No graduates' names will be printed without notification from you.

**Mark your calendars for *Weird Animals VBS*,** May 27-30, 2014. 6:00 PM-8:10 PM at West Zion. **If you're interested in volunteering or sending your child to the Moundridge Associated Churches VBS this year** to help or contact Kristen Koller at 345-2263 or take a look at the link below to register your child, or sign up online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSNVqWP1cB4>. The VBS finale will be on Friday at 7:15 p.m. at West Zion.

**The library is taking suggestions for how to be a better resource for you.** A box and suggestions slips are on the table in the library.

**The Education Commission has recently subscribed to two new magazines.** They are *Christianity Today* and *Relevant*. Please take a look.

## Eden This Week

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time Congregational Meeting following a noon sandwich meal 7:00 p.m. Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus singing in Wichita
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m. all choirs rehearse for Choir Finale
<b>Saturday</b>	PET leaves for Guatemala

## Looking Ahead

<b>May 3</b>	10:00 a.m. Intentional listening and sharing time at Pine Vlg.
<b>May 4</b>	Music Celebration Sunday Intentional listening and sharing during Sunday school time 7:00 p.m. Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at Mem. Hall
<b>May 5</b>	7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg. 8:00 p.m. Education Commission mtg.
<b>May 6</b>	Mary Martha all day meeting
<b>May 7</b>	7:00 p.m. Intentional listening and sharing time in fellowship hall
<b>May 10</b>	9:00 a.m. Eden Leadership Team mtg.
<b>May 11</b>	Mother's Day
<b>May 15</b>	5:00 p.m. Staff Congregation Relation Team mtg.
<b>May 26</b>	Memorial Day – Eden Church Office Closed
<b>May 27</b>	Eden Church Office begins summer hours (mornings only)
<b>May 27-30</b>	6:00- 8:00 p.m. Associated Churches VBS at West Zion
<b>May 30</b>	7:15 p.m. Associated Churches VBS finale at West Zion
<b>June 1</b>	Children's Day, playground dedication

### Last Sunday, Apr 20, 2014

Worship: 287; Sunday School: 132  
Offering: \$4,952.37

### Next Sunday, May 4, 2014

Music: All Choirs  
Children's Story: Jenny Schrag  
Nursery: Kathy and Al Neufeld

### **Remember in Prayer**

**Richard Regier:** Medical procedure done on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Those delivering PETs in Guatemala:** Kirby & Christine Goering, Neil and Thomas Donoghue, Dave & Marge Goering, Rod Huebert, Russ Stucky, Lloyd Hanna, Jeff Koller, Keith & Connie Schrag, Donna Ralston, Dwayne Stevens

**Western District Conference:** Pray for our church planters: Byron Pellecer in Wichita, KS, Moises Romero in Liberal, KS and Karen and Steve Mascho in Gladewater, TX. Pray for the gathering of Mennonites at the national church planting event Exponential in Orlando, FL, April 28-May 1. Clarence Rempel, Conference Minister, will be attending.

**The Worship Commission has moved most of the music books** into the racks on the back of the pews. The spiral bound book works best placed behind the hard back hymnal. With two or three spiral bound books together it works best to alternate the spirals. Thanks for helping care for our music books and our sanctuary so that it is a place of worship.

**EYF is having a Progressive Supper on May 10th.** We are looking for hosts who could prepare one course of a meal for 12-14 people in their home. Please contact Pastor Derek if you are willing to host.

**Becky Koller has asked to work at half-time.** She wants the freedom of schedule to travel with Jeff and is willing to cut back on hours. She will do her work off-site, which can be done via computer, and will not hold any regular office hours.

The Staff Congregation Relations Team wants to honor Becky's request. She is a valuable asset to the office and the church. It is important to maintain the continuity she provides in this time of structural, pastoral and constitutional changes. Therefore, the SCRT will be looking for someone to job share with Becky, primarily receptionist duties half-time providing week day morning office hours. The Team is working on job descriptions for each position.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in a half-time office position, contact one of the Team, Pam Schrag, Eugene Goering or Berni Kaufman.

**Mark your calendars!** Children's Day will be Sunday, June 1 with the playground dedication. More details to follow!

**Mary Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, May 6** for our all day work meeting. Lunch is a covered dish. Project: Sewing Kits.

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

**Sunday school classes with Mission Partners:** please take an offering for your mission partner the next two Sundays and turn it in to the church office.

**The choir season will soon be coming to a close** and the Choral Society will be looking for volunteers to provide special music for Sunday morning worship. Openings will be available beginning on Sunday, May 11, 2014. If you would like to participate in this special music ministry here at Eden, please contact Debi Lichti as soon as possible. Please notify either by phone at 620-345-6554, or e-mail at [dlichti@tmagrain.com](mailto:dlichti@tmagrain.com) or [debralichti@gmail.com](mailto:debralichti@gmail.com).

**Don't forget your non-perishable food items or your monetary donation for the Food Bank/Pantry, the first Sunday of the month.** Please place them in the containers provided in the library.

**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

**The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be singing** at Central Community Church, 6100 W. Central in Wichita at 7:00 p.m. this evening. Other concert dates are May 4 at Memorial Hall at Bethel College, at 7:00 p.m. and June 8 at Presser Hall at Bethany College in Lindsborg at 4:00 p.m.

**Pine Village is adding a new event to their Benefit Day Season** – Pulled Pork and Baby Back Ribs Dinner! The Dinner will be May 31 from 5-7 p.m. at the Wellness Center. It will be by free will donation. But you can place take-home orders of ribs and pulled pork by the pound early. Pre-Order forms are available on the literature table in the fellowship hall or Pine Village. Pre-Orders must be turned into Pine Village by **May 16**.

**Kitchen volunteers are still needed at Camp Mennoscah** for June 8-14, June 15-19, June 22-28, and our dashing senior high camp, July 27-August 1. Call us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290). Parents can receive a camper discount plus a free camp tee shirt!

**Summer youth camps are just around the corner, folks!** Find your Camp Mennoscah registration form online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) and then make your payment online, too! (Forms still need to be sent in the mail, but how much easier without having to mess with a check!) Scholarships are available. Contact Camp Mennoscah at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290).

**Every Creature Singing is an adult Christian education curriculum** prepared by Mennonite Creation Care Network. One unique feature of this curriculum is a series of “circle questions” designed to help congregations ecologically explore the area within a given radius of their meeting place. The curriculum will be available online at no charge in time for the summer quarter. Visit: <http://www.mennocreationcare.org>. Questions? Email [mccn@goshen.edu](mailto:mccn@goshen.edu).

**The Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies** at Tabor College is sponsoring two events Sat. May 3. A Local Mennonite History Tour and lunch, 12:15-5:15, begins at Tabor’s Historic Church and circles through Marion County, (cost \$28). The CMBS Annual Spring Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tabor’s Wohlgemuth Lobby (cost\$14) features “*Buggies, Bonnets, and Boundaries. The Amish in a Modern World*” by John Sharp of Hesston College. RSVP to Peggy Goertzen, CMBS 620-947-3121 ext. 1211/1212 or [peggyg@tabor.edu](mailto:peggyg@tabor.edu) by April 28.

**Prayers for Mennonite Church USA at AMBS-Great Plains.** On Fridays, beginning April 25 through May 30, from 12:00-12:30 pm, all are invited to prayers for Mennonite Church USA and church leaders. Meet at the AMBS-Great Plains Classroom at the 2500 Place building in North Newton. The prayer time, led by Peter Goertzen, will follow the guide developed by AMBS professor David Miller, with praise, confession, and intercession based on Scripture.

**Watch AMBS lecture by Lois Barrett, PhD.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary invites you to watch live-streaming of a special lecture by Lois Barrett, professor and director of AMBS-Great Plains for 11 years. The lecture will honor Dr. Barrett on advancement to full professor at AMBS and give her an opportunity to share recent scholarly study. In “Beyond beliefs and practices” she will examine the ways of discerning and knowing that help the church define itself. Join in by watching on Friday, May 2, beginning at 10:45 a.m. (Central time): [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Llwchux5dMM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Llwchux5dMM)

**DOOR San Antonio is again investing in local youth and young adults** in San Antonio through our Discern program. With this program we hire youth and young adults for the summer to help lead the week-long service/learning teams that come to San Antonio through the DOOR program. These individuals are able to develop leadership skills by guiding groups to different non-profit agencies around the city, communicating the strengths of their city, and leading reflection and devotional times. It costs around \$2,000 to hire a Discern participant for the summer. Would you as an individual or as a congregation be willing to help make it possible to invest in local youth and young adults in San Antonio? Please contact Danielle Miller, DOOR San Antonio city director, at [210-534-2064](tel:210-534-2064) or via email at [Danielle@DoorNetwork.org](mailto:Danielle@DoorNetwork.org) for additional information.



## NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF THE EDEN CONGREGATION

In January 2013, our congregation began another step in its journey. The leadership team, which included the pastors, deacons, and representative(s) from the Executive Council and the trustees began meeting with Planning Coach Dorothy Nickel Friesen. The goal for these special planning meetings was to “empower leadership, both pastoral and lay, to enable the congregation to become a more spiritually healthy congregation. The focus was on the areas of service, relationship building, conflict, and grief/loss”. These four areas come out of the congregational conversations that occurred in the summer of 2012. The purpose was focused movement on the journey ahead. The leadership team spent many hours journeying together in discernment and work towards this goal.

**Discernment is a ministry of the church**, taking time to listen and honor each other allowing God's Spirit to work. It is countercultural and **encourages being communal instead of individualistic**. Because change is constant, discernment is ongoing. This needs assessment is one way to listen and honor each other as Eden moves towards becoming “a more spiritually healthy congregation”. The assessment is a tool to help us discover Eden's needs in this place at this time.

**During the Sunday school hour on May 4, we will set aside time to listen and share allowing God's Spirit to work. Conversations will be held in each adult Sunday school class. Round table conversations will also be available in the fellowship hall during that time. Other opportunities to listen and share will be offered Saturday morning, May 3, 10 a.m., at the Pine Village Wellness Center and Wednesday evening, May 7, 7 p.m., at the church. EYF will listen and share together Wednesday evening, April 30.**

Below are questions that will be used to begin conversation. You may want to reflect on these questions prior to the scheduled listening times.

**What are present unmet needs at Eden and therefore, areas that need attention?**

**What can I do to be a part of a spiritually healthy congregation?**

Thank you for your commitment to being Christ's church within Eden Mennonite Church. You are a blessing to our congregation. If you have questions about this needs assessment, you may contact Pam Schrag, Eugene Goering, Marcy Schrag, Linda Goering, Wanda Knight, Bonita Howard.

*See the May Eden Echoes for a more detailed version of this assessment.*