

**Hesston College will host Homecoming 2014**, Each Other's Light: A Multicultural Celebration, Sept. 25 to 28. Alumni and friends are invited to take part in the weekend featuring alumni from diverse multicultural backgrounds giving presentations and performances focused on their "Go Everywhere" life and career experiences. Also included are class reunions, athletic events, tapas style picnic and festival, entertainment stage, and music and drama shows. Go to [hesston.edu/homecoming](http://hesston.edu/homecoming) for schedule and registration information.

**Bethel College golf tournament.** Alumni and friends of Bethel are invited to play in the Fall Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, Sept. 13, in Newton. For details, follow the Events and Golf links at [www.bethelks.edu/alumni/](http://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/), call 316-284-5251 or e-mail [wnugent@bethelks.edu](mailto:wnugent@bethelks.edu). Early registration discount deadline Sept. 2.

**Mennonite Central Committee U.S. and the Peace and Justice Support Network** of Mennonite Church USA invites you to "Conversations for Peace in Palestine and Israel," at Journey Mennonite Church on Friday, Sept 5, 7-9 p.m. and Hesston Mennonite Church on Saturday, Sept 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. J. Daryl Byler, a former MCC representative in the Middle East and current executive director for Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacemaking will share from his experience and facilitate the conversation.

**Help needed at Newton Et Cetera Shop:** Serve Mennonite Central Committee and your local community by clerking at Et Cetera Shop! Clerks are needed for morning, afternoon, and evening shifts. Call 283-9461 or email [manager@newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:manager@newtonetceterashop.com).

**Church Office Hours**

Monday – 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)

Friend us on Facebook

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Day off: Tuesday





# YEAR OF THE BIBLE

*The Symphony of  
Scripture*



Year of the Bible

READ IT STUDY IT PRAY IT LIVE IT

Eden Mennonite Church  
September 2014-August 2015

**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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**The Symphony of Scripture**  
**Year of the Bible Week 1**

**Meditation before worship:** *“The central discipline of Anabaptist spiritual life—the discipline on which all the others depended—was becoming thoroughly immersed in the words of Scripture, remembering them, internalizing them, pondering them, all with a view to living in obedience to God’s will as expressed in Scripture” (C. Arnold Snyder, following in the Footsteps of Christ. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis [2004], 116).*

**Pre-Worship Music**

Brenda Dalke

**Welcome and Announcements**

Kylie Goering

**Gift of Music**

Kay Burgan and Patsy Klassen

**God’s Living Word**

Leader: This word, which God commands us today, is not too difficult for us; nor is it distant.

**All: It is not in heaven that someone could ask, “Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us and communicate it to us so that we can do it?”**

Leader: It is not across the sea that someone could ask, “Who will cross over for us to the other side of the sea and get it for us and communicate it to us so that we can do it?”

**All: No! God’s word is very close to us; it is in our mouths and in our hearts so that we can do it.**

(Based on Deut. 30:11-14)

**\*STJ 27**

*God of the Bible*

**Time with Children**

Mark and Gail Stucky

**Gift of Bibles**

Education Commission

Katie Gillmore, Jenny Schrag, Shayna Smith, Dennis Wedel, Pat Stucky

**God’s Grand Story—a brisk telling**

by Brad Roth

Ben Schrag, Josh Knight, Jaeden Dalke, Larry Temple

**\*HWB 338 (Verses 1, 2, 3)**

*I know not why God’s wondrous*

**Message** "Let me tell you a story..." Pastor Derek  
**Song of Response (insert)** *Wonderful words of life*  
**Prayers of God's People** Wanda Knight  
**Offering/ Offertory** Kay Burgan & Patsy Klassen  
**Backpack Blessing**  
**\*Blessing**  
**\*Sending Song HWB 544** *When we walk with the Lord*  
**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. "This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it!" (Psalm 118:24 NRSV).

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 Carina and Brent Knight for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

**Do you enjoy visiting with your friends and neighbors?** If so, the Deacons encourage you to prayerfully consider the following opportunity to serve. We are in need of individuals or couples who would be willing to assist Pastors and Deacons by visiting those in our midst who may be in need of a friendly face and a visit from someone at Eden. The only job requirements are a smile on your face, a listening ear, concern for your congregation and available time. There are no official time limits to your commitment and your brothers and sisters in Christ will be edified by your participation. Please contact one of the Deacons or Pastors if you're willing to assist in this way.

**Did you enjoy Bike to Church Sunday last year?** We are looking for someone to organize the fun and festivities. Get in touch with Katie Gillmore.

## Eden This Week

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship service  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship time  
10:40 a.m. Sunday school  
Backpack blessing during worship
- Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. Mary Martha all day meeting  
8:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship mtg.

## Looking Ahead

- Sep 7** 8:00 a.m. Mentor/Mentee breakfast and fellowship  
Child dedication during the worship service
- Sep 10** Wednesday night activities begin  
6:00 p.m. Supper  
6:45 p.m. Bible Study for all ages  
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus  
8:00 p.m. Mixed Chancel Choir  
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Sep 13** 9:00 a.m. Eden Leadership Team
- Sep 17** 6:45 p.m. Bible Study for all ages  
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus  
8:00 p.m. Mixed Chancel Choir  
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Sep 18** Staff Congregation Relations Team mtg.  
Items for *Eden Echoes* due in church office
- Sep 22** 7:00 p.m. Deacons/Pastors mtg.
- Sep 24** 6:45 p.m. Bible Study for all ages  
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus  
8:00 p.m. Mixed Chancel Choir  
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Sep 30** 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission mtg. at church office

## Last Sunday, Aug 24, 2014

Worship: 224, S.S.: 150

Offering: \$6,919.88

## Next Sunday, Sep 7, 2014

Children's Story: Kylie, Alyssa, Sean Goering

Nursery: Brenda and Jim Dalke

Music: Men's Chorus

### Remember in Prayer

**Vic Goering:** Transferred to Schowalter Villa

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the new Church Planting Commission as they receive orientation to the theology, principles, and practices of developing new churches.

**Elda Kaufman, (99)** passed away on Friday, August 22 at Newton Medical Center. Services were held at Eden on Monday, August 25. We extend our sympathy to all of Elda's extended family.

**Mentors and Mentees, come to church extra early on Sunday, Sept. 7,** for breakfast and fellowship. We'll be meeting in the fellowship hall at 8:00 a.m. Mentors, please let Marcy Schrag know if you and your mentee will be attending. (345-2134 or [schragm@yahoo.com](mailto:schragm@yahoo.com)).

**College Students:** We don't want to lose track of you. Please get your email and snail mail address to us ASAP. You can email us at [edenmc@mtelco.net](mailto:edenmc@mtelco.net) or call 620-345-8320 and leave a message if it's after office hours.

**Join us for our first Wednesday evening meal and Service Night! When:** Wednesday, Sept. 10 6p.m. **Where:** Eden Fellowship Hall; **Who:** Everyone! **What:** We will be putting together kits for children who are waiting for immigration hearings, with little but the clothes on their backs. Let's show Christ's love with our hospitality.

**IT'S A KIT BLITZ!!** By next Sunday, (or Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> at the latest) we need 100 each of the following items: Box of 24 or less crayons, pencils, blank drawing pads, coloring books, and a small stuffed animal or matchbox car. We may also need some gallon Ziploc bags.

**We are in need of shuttle bus drivers for the State Fair.** The date we are responsible for is Friday, September 12. A free parking and admission ticket will be furnished for each driver. The driving shifts are for three hours and there are four different time slots. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. This service will help pay some of the expenses for the MCC sale.

**It's time for Mary Martha Circle to start our workdays.** We will meet on Tuesday, September 2. We meet from about 9:00 until 3:30. We will be packing school kits, embroidering, making greeting cards, quilting, tying blankets. Lunch is a covered dish. Project – school kits. Guests are always welcome – come when you can, stay as long as you can.

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

**Teachers are still needed for our Junior department!** Please help us show how much we value the children in our congregation by stepping up and teaching. We have a delightful group of children who are eager to learn. Signup sheets are in the fellowship hall, or talk to Katie Gillmore for more details.

**Please bring your nonperishable and monetary** donations for the food bank/pantry the first Sunday of the month and place them in the containers provided in the library. All will be split between the Moundridge Food Pantry and the McPherson County Food Bank.

**Many thanks to all who participated** in the information meeting for the Western District Conference Survey last Sunday.

**It's almost time for the choirs to begin their 2014-2015 season.** All ages and all skill levels are welcome with open arms! Come experience the joy of low-pressure. It's fun. It's satisfying. Beginning Wednesday Sep 3: 7:30 p.m. – Ladies Chorus; 8:00 p.m.: Mixed Chancel Choir; 8:45 p.m.: Men's Chorus. Choose to join one or more choir and bring your friends!

**The Pine Village Garage Sale will be Sep 26-27, 2014.** Donations will be accepted again this year. We encourage you to begin cleaning out your store rooms and garages of those items you no longer use and donate them to this benefit Garage Sale. The only items that will not be accepted are adult clothes. All proceeds will go toward the remodeling of the extremely outdated bathing rooms in The Neighborhoods. As we approach closer to the date more information will be available, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Pine Village at 620.345.2901.

**Join the Volunteers! Camp Mennoscah's annual Work & Play Camp** is Sep 14-17 and everyone of all ages is invited. We'll spend a few days doing a variety of tasks from sewing to painting to sorting to singing to having coffee breaks--all in the name of fellowship and reviving the camp grounds after a long summer. There is no cost for this retreat, but please let us know that you are attending. Contact us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) for more information.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop has a job opening** for a half-time back door receiver and general maintenance person. Key qualifications: available 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, good with people, ability to lift and carry heavy items, dependable, values in line with Mennonite Central Committee. Spanish language skills a plus. To apply, call 283-9461 by Sep 15.

**Mennonite Central Committee would like to invite you** on a Learning Tour to Kenya. On February 7-17, 2015 you will discover, first-hand, Sand Dams at work and see other MCC supported programs in the areas of health, education and peace. The estimate cost for this learning tour is \$1110 per person, which includes food, lodging, and in-country transportation. Airfare needs to be purchased separately. Space is very limited. For more information contact Anna Yoder by Monday **Sept 22**, 2014 at [annayoder@mcc.org](mailto:annayoder@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720.

**Harvest Giving** - An opportunity to share the fruits of your labor with others around the world through Mennonite Central Committee. Harvest Giving envelopes can be found on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

**We want to make sure if money raised through CROP** is intended for MCC that all checks be written to "MCC CROP" and sent to MCC U.S. PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. If you have questions please contact Maynard Knepp at [maynardknepp@mcc.org](mailto:maynardknepp@mcc.org) or Anna Yoder at [annayoder@mcc.org](mailto:annayoder@mcc.org).

**Free informational seminars for women:** Women and money is a series of lunchtime presentations (noon to 1 p.m.) coordinated by Everence, scheduled for four Wednesdays – Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24 – at Hesston Public Library. Topics are "Taking the lead – women in the modern-day workplace," "Living generously – within your means," "Leaving something – for those you leave behind" and "Investing in your future – avoid the bag lady blues." Light lunch will be served. To reserve a spot, contact Darlene Buller of Everence at (620) 327-4043 or [darlene.buller@everence.com](mailto:darlene.buller@everence.com).

**The [FloraKansas Fall Plant Sale](#)** will be held September 5-7, 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, Sep 4, 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](tel:620-327-8127) or visit [www.dyckarboretum.org](http://www.dyckarboretum.org).

**Creative ways to boost your giving:** Find out how you can support causes you believe in. Join Everence for an informational seminar, Creative tools for maximizing your charitable giving, from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Old Mill conference room, 301 N. Main St., Newton. Learn about charitable giving, minimizing your taxes, and wills and trusts from an Everence advisor and local attorney. Please RSVP by **Sept. 10** by contacting Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043 or [darlene.buller@everence.com](mailto:darlene.buller@everence.com).