

**Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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**For pastoral care needs during non-office hours, listen to the office voicemail greeting at 620-345-8320.**



*Many waters  
cannot quench love;  
neither can floods  
drown it.*



*Solomon 8:7*

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

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Derek King, Associate Pastor

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**Thy Symphony of Scripture**  
**Year of the Bible Week 14**

**Pre-Worship Music**

Karen Kaufman

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Derek

**Call to Worship STJ 121**

**\*Hymn STS 3**

*Come, Light of the World*

(continue singing as Advent Candle is lit)

**Lighting the Advent Candle**

Ken and Marilyn Preheim

**Time with Children**

Rashelle Schrag and Emily Regier

**\*Singing**

**HWB 12**

*Come let us all unite to sing*

**HWB 522**

*My Jesus, I love thee*

**Scripture Reading**

Song of Songs 2:8-16a

Jeff and Becky Koller

**Message**

"The Best of Songs"

Pastor Lee

**Song of Response STJ 44** (A capella)

*The love of God*

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering/ Offertory – *Simplicity* (overhead)**

Derek and Becky King

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Song HWB 420**

*Heart with loving heart united*

**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. "O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things" (Psalm 98:1, NRSV). We gather to sing to the Lord and celebrate his work in our 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 Carol and Larry Temple for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

**Thank you to all of our wonderful Jr. Sunday School teachers,** past and present. We need an individual to work with our 2 & 3 year olds as well as teachers for our 5th - 8th grade class. Can we sign you up? See Katie Gillmore or a member of the Education/Discipleship Commission.

**Church records update materials have been distributed** by the deacons including a *Year in Review* letter from Pastor Derek and a response form to be completed and returned. If you need these materials, please let one of the deacons (Don Kaufman, Wanda Knight, Bonita Howard, Carol Zerger, Brandon Kaufman) know. The deacons ask that everyone please return the response form by **December 15** even if the information remains the same. You may use the return envelope, place in the labeled box at church or bring to the church office. Thank you for your help in completing this process.

**Eden's Student Grant program,** which provides \$1,500 per year to students attending Mennonite Church USA colleges, is alive and well. We are supporting students attending Hesston, Bethel, Bluffton and Goshen Colleges. There will only be one fundraiser for the Student Grant this school year, with a date yet to be determined. However, if you would like to contribute to the fund this calendar year, you certainly can. Make out checks to "Eden Mennonite Church" and write "Student Grant" in the subject line. Please take/mail your checks to the church office or give them to Gail Stucky or Dick Zerger.

**Memorial Bibles given in Crystal Kaufman's name** are located in the fellowship hall for use during worship services.

**The Sunday School Supply Room** is undergoing a slow, but steady overhaul. Please remove or label any items that may belong to you or your things might end up at Et Cetera Shop. Please see Susan Goering or a member of the Education/Discipleship Commission with any questions.

### **Eden This Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday school
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:30 p.m. Mary Martha meets at Krehbiel Apts. Commons 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission mtg.
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program practice 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Mixed Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m. Christmas Tea

### **Looking Ahead**

<b>Dec 7</b>	Proposed budget and ballot to congregation Robert Wall & Eric Litwiller from Everence speak during S.S.
<b>Dec 10</b>	6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program practice 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Mixed Chancel Choir
<b>Dec 13</b>	9:00 a.m. ELT meets at church office
<b>Dec 14</b>	Q & A time on the budget & Youth Group (FEWZ) fundraiser meal 6:30 p.m. Mentor/Mentee Caroling Party
<b>Dec 17</b>	6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program practice
<b>Dec 18</b>	SCRT mtg. at church office.
<b>Dec 24</b>	Church office closed 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve program
<b>Dec 25</b>	Christmas Day – Church office closed
<b>Dec 31</b>	No Wednesday evening activities
<b>Jan 1</b>	New Year's Day – Church office closed

### **Last Sunday, Nov 23, 2014**

Worship: 192, S.S.: 119

Offering: \$14,080.12

### **Next Sunday, December 7, 2014**

Nursery: Carina and Brent Knight

Music: Men's Chorus

Children's Story: Kylie Goering and Alyssa Goering

### Remember in Prayer

**Anne Schrag:** Wesley Medical Center, Wichita

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Dave Stevens who will be installed as pastor today at Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, KS.

**Dave and Carole Stevens have requested the transfer of their membership to Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita.**

**Alfred Stucky will be celebrating his 90th birthday on December 4.** His children invite you to help him celebrate this milestone by showering him with birthday cards. His address is: 1905 Tulip Vlg., Moundridge, KS 67107

**The Mary Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, Dec 2** at 2:30 in Krehbiel Apartments Commons. We will go caroling first. Chairpersons, remember your reports. Project is comforters and blankets.

**The church will be locked Thursday night and all day Friday this week.**

**The December *Eden Echoes* has been printed** and may be picked up from the literature table in the fellowship hall.

**Sisters in Spirit (SIS) have 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 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 today is the last day to RSVP for the Christmas Tea** on Dec 6 at 9:00 a.m. Our program will be "This is my Father's World" presented by Vada Snider, Karen Loucks and Duane Graham. Please RSVP by leaving a message at 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)). Let us know if you will need child care. Please share your favorite table service with us by setting a table for 8. If you are interested in setting a table, please contact Carla Shilts at 345-2579 ([clas@mtelco.net](mailto:clas@mtelco.net)). Join us in this celebration of the Christmas season with good food, good music, beautiful table decorations and place setting, Christian fellowship and an inspiring program.

**The Worship Commission is looking for the other wooden music stand.** If anyone knows its location, please contact Linda Goering.

**Mentors and mentees will have a caroling party on Dec. 14 at 6:30.** We'll meet in the Krehbiel Apartment Commons at Pine Village.

**Darlene Goering, Pine Village Wellness Center receptionist & event coordinator** will be retiring December 31st. We are searching for the right person to fill her position. Please contact Becki Yoder if you are interested or have any questions.

**First Mennonite Church in McPherson invites you** to a German dinner Dec 6 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The menu includes veronika with ham gravy, sausage, green beans, borscht, bohne berrogi with cream sauce, and cherry moos. All are invited; dinner will be a free will donation. Peppernuts and Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade items will be for sale. Come have a good meal and start your Christmas shopping!

**Questions about Finances?** Robert Wall and Eric Litwiller, financial advisors from Everence, will be speaking during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, Dec 7th. The Stewardship and Education/Discipleship Commissions encourage all adults to attend.

**All are invited to attend this year's winter Luminary Walk**, focusing on the theme "Joy to the WORLD: A Multicultural Celebration" at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The Luminary Walk will be from 5:30-8:00 p.m. on Dec 5 and 6. Admission to the event is \$5 for adults, \$4 for members, senior citizens and college students, and \$2 for children ages 3 to 15. Traditional outdoor highlights include the walking path lit up by hundreds of luminaries, a nativity scene and the reading of the Christmas story in multiple languages, and roasting marshmallows at the fire pits. Call 620-327-8127 or visit [www.dyckarboretum.org](http://www.dyckarboretum.org) for more information.

**Lighting of the Green at Bethel College**, Sun., Dec. 7, 8 p.m. on the Green; refreshments follow in the cafeteria

**Sing along to Christmas portions of Handel's Messiah**, Weds., Dec. 3, 11 a.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church, with Bethel College soloists, conductors and instrumentalists; scores provided, and all are welcome.

**Christmas Gala Jazz Concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I and II**, Fri., Dec. 5, 8 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium

**5 Places of Christmas**, Sat., Dec. 6, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., *Luyken Fine Arts Center and Kauffman Museum* on the Bethel College campus. FAC: Bethel College Women's Association presents a variety of Christmas collections (Santas, angels, stars, books, villages, trees and other symbols of the season) from 25 local contributors. KM: indoor scavenger hunt with a chance to win an entire crèche; museum director Annette LeZotte speaking on "Nuns and Nativity Cradles" at 11 a.m. Free admission to all "5 Places."

**Ten Thousand Villages will have a Festival Sale** in the back of the Prairie Harvest store in Newton, Kansas, with proceeds going to: Mennonite Central Committee. Dates of sale are: Dec. 4 (9 am - 8 pm); Friday, Dec. 5 (9 am - 6 pm); Saturday, Dec. 6 (9 am- 5 pm); Sunday, Dec. 7 (1 - 4 pm).

**You are invited to Mennonite Central Committee's Christmas Open House** on Tuesday, Dec 9 from 4-6pm at the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>). Join us to meet the new people in MCC Central States, visit with MCC alumni and at 4:30 pm hear a reflection from Carol Duerksen about her recent MCC Learning Tour to Palestine/Israel. We'll have lots of Christmas goodies for you to enjoy while you're here! Drop by MCC on the 9<sup>th</sup> to enjoy some Christmas cheer!

**"JOURNEY THROUGH TIME**, Bob Regier: a retrospective" will be on display at Carriage Factory Art Gallery, 128 E. Sixth St., Newton, through January 31, 2015. For more information, contact the gallery at 316-284-2749.

**For the next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series** on Sunday, Dec 7 at 4 p.m., we welcome back the Greencards to 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.

**Area Wide BRASS Advent Program** – Everyone is invited to enjoy your favorite Christmas carols and melodies. The McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews is performing at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Sunday, Dec. 7 at 5 pm. The Alexanderwohl Church is located one mile north of Goessel on K-15 hiway. Bring your friends for a festive Christmas Event.