

Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why?" is a six-week online course, taught by Loren Johns, professor of New Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. The course is taught at a seminary level but for no credit. It is highly interactive, drawing on the wisdom among students. The course runs from Feb. 11–March 25, 2015. Learn more: www.ambs.edu/anabaptistshortcourses.

An online course, History of Christianity in Africa, will be offered by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary from Feb. 3 to May 20. It examines the history, missionary dynamics and current changing demographics of the African church. The instructor is James Krabill, PhD, Mennonite mission worker in Ivory Coast for almost two decades and senior executive for global ministries with Mennonite Mission Network since 1996. Anyone not enrolled in a theological program who is taking a first AMBS online course, gets a 50 percent tuition discount. To learn more and to register: www.ambs.edu/christianityin africa.

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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.





*Darkness into Light:
A Christmas
Musical Journey*

**Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
Website: www.edenmennonite.org**

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**Thy Symphony of Scripture
Year of the Bible Week 16**

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| Pre-Worship Music | Sondra Tolle |
| Welcome and Announcements | Pastor Lee |
| Call to Worship STS 128 | |
| Hymn STS 3 | <i>Come, Light of the World</i> (continue singing as Advent Candle is lit) |
| Lighting the Advent Candles | Alan Thomas, Cindy Bartell, Leona Kaufman |
| Time with Children | Jean Regier & Gentry Regier |
| Offering/ Offertory | |
| Thoughts on Judges | Pastor Derek |
| Prayer of Confession and Assurance | |
| *Hymn 172 HWB | <i>O come, O come, Immanuel</i> |



Darkness Into Light: A Christmas Musical Journey

By Mary McDonald

Becky Clark, director; Robin Schrag, accompanist

Narrators: Bruce & Pat Stucky

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| <i>Come to the Light</i> | Solo: Cindy Bartell |
| <i>Come, All Ye Faithful</i> | Congregation: See insert |
| <i>Sing We All Noel</i> | Solo: Lee Suderman |

Candlelight Christmas Canon

Come to the Light (Reprise)

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| <i>Hallelujah! Lord of Light</i> | Congregation: See insert |
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*Benediction

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 Eden Mennonite Church as we worship in the name of the One who was, who is and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Brenda and Jim Dalke for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

The deacons ask that everyone please return the church records 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. If you need these materials, please let one of the deacons (Don Kaufman, Wanda Knight, Bonita Howard, Carol Zerger, Brandon Kaufman) know. Thank you for your help in completing this process.

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.

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.

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 Youth Group (FEWZ) fundraiser meal Q & A on the budget/Affirmation of 2015 Budget & Leadership 6:30 p.m. Mentor/Mentee Caroling Party |
| Wednesday | 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program practice |
| Thursday | SCRT mtg. at church office. |

Looking Ahead

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| Dec 24 | Church office closed 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve program |
| Dec 25 | Christmas Day – Church office closed |
| Dec 31 | No Wednesday evening activities |
| Jan 1 | New Year's Day – Church office closed |
| Jan 7 | 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:45 p.m. Service Project Night 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Mixed Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus |
| Jan 8 | All items for <i>Eden Echoes</i> due in the church office |
| Jan 12 | 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg. at church office |
| Jan 14 | 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 |
| Jan 15 | All end of year reports due in the Eden Church Office |

Last Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014

Worship: 212, S.S.: 138

Offering: \$14,405.07

Next Sunday, December 21, 2014

Nursery: Tim Regehr

Music: Ladies Chorus

Children's Story: Amanda Harrison

Remember in Prayer

Judy Goering: Mercy Hospital

Michael Harris, half-brother to Tim and Terry Regehr, suffering from liver and kidney failure.

Western District Conference: Pray for God's guidance in the search for a new Western District Conference Minister led by the Executive Board appointed Search Committee.

Mentors and Mentees: Don't forget about the caroling party today, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. We'll meet at the Krehbiel Apartment Commons in Pine Village. After caroling we'll return to the commons for hot drinks, snacks, and fellowship. Mentors, please bring a plate of goodies to share.

If you are interested in doing a musical piece before the Christmas Eve Program please contact Josh and Emily Regier at 345-7499.

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

The painting beneath the cross is the first of a series of 4 offered to Eden as we celebrate The Year of the Bible. Rashell Kaufman, Britney Stos, Kathy Waltner and Jean Regier created this set of 4 paintings. Each of these paintings has a different spiritual interpretation for each of us. We encourage you to discover your personal significance of each painting as well. The paintings will be displayed in an unbalanced and incomplete manner until the end. When the final piece is in place the set will be complete just as our lives are not complete until the final piece, our relationship with God, is in place.

Our thanks to Galen Waltner and Gary Regier who did an awesome job of volunteering time, tools and expertise in hanging the mural in the sanctuary. Thanks for your willingness to help Eden visually celebrate the Year of the Bible.

The Anchorage Service Adventure unit is busy making things to sell to raise money for our year end trip in June. Alaska-made caramels, cookie mixes, coasters and mugs are just a few of the items that would make great Christmas gifts. We have an online store at: store6165092.ecwid.com that shows all our wares. Email eener_n@yahoo.com if you would like a paper form. Orders need to be received by **December 14th** in order to arrive at your home by Christmas. Shipping is included in the prices. Thanks so much for your support of us this year!

It's time to renew our group subscription to *The Mennonite*. If you would like to continue your group subscription, please contact the church office. If you would like to join the group subscription, please contact the church office by calling 620-345-8320, (leave a message if you call after hours), or email edenmc@mtelco.net.

If you are interested in serving as a Greeter or/and on the Potluck Committee at Eden for 2015, please contact Jill Zerger (316-217-2678).

Please take a few moments to wander the hallways outside the Junior Sunday School rooms and view class projects on display.

The Moundridge Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, December 23, 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

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.

Wanted: Peppernut Bakers: I would like to serve peppernuts to the participants at the Senior Center on Dec. 22. If any of you are willing to share some of your peppernuts with us, please contact me, Pat Krehbiel, at the Senior Center at 345-2729. This is a special treat for the group. I would appreciate your help. Thank you.

Offender/Victim Ministries is seeking applicants for the position of Director of Prison Ministries. This half-time position oversees the M-2 Prison Visitation and the Prison Arts programs at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Full position description available upon request. Interested candidates should submit resumes and cover letters to libby.ovm@sbcglobal.net.

Please help support the ministries of Offender/Victim Ministries by using Dillon's reloadable gift cards to make your purchases for groceries and prescriptions, and for fuel at the Kwik Shop. OVM receives 5% of each dollar that you spend. To purchase a reloadable Dillon's card to benefit OVM, contact the OVM office at [316-283-2038](tel:316-283-2038), or stop by the office Monday-Thursday between 8-5:00 p.m.

Visit Mennonite Church USA's Kansas City convention website:

www.mennoniteusa.org/convention. As planning continues, this website will be the one-stop-shop for the many details you'll need to know to start planning your participation in next year's convention. Please bookmark it, forward the link to others and check back often to see the promo videos and find out the unique things we are planning for Kansas City 2015.

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Families, we have available for you a set of Advent At-Home Devotionals so you can celebrate Advent at home this holiday season. Nurture your family's identity as Christ-followers with these daily scripture readings and activities. Research shows that the best way to pass faith to children is family worship in the home. These family devotions give you just the tools you need. They are available on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

"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.

Join us on January 7 at 6:45 p.m. to serve together by assembling Infant Care Kits for MCC. Please bring items and place in the fellowship hall.

Contents (NEW items only, size 3-9 months)

- 2 gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material)
- 2 undershirts/onesies (short or long sleeves)
- 4 cloth diapers (flat-fold preferred)
- 1 receiving blanket (lightweight fleece or flannel; minimum 36 in)
- 4 safety pins (2 in)
- 1 large bar mild soap (leave in wrapper)
- 1 pair of socks
- 1 cap

Mt. Hope Sanctuary has a list of needs for their Christmas Gift Program.

Please see the bulletin board in the fellowship for more information.