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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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... and his name shall be called

**Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6,
ESV

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Thy Symphony of Scripture
Year of the Bible Week 17

Pre-Worship Music

Sing we now of Christmas

Robin Schrag

Kathy Ensz and Judy Goering

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Derek

Gift of Music

Candlelight Carol

Ladies Chorus

Becky Clark, director; Robin Schrag, accompanist

Hymn STS 3

Come, Light of the World

(continue singing as Advent Candle is lit)

Lighting the Advent Candles

Joe and Deb Lichti, Heath, Samantha, Preslie and Piper Doane

Time with Children

Amanda Harrison

***Hymn HWB 178**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

***Hymn 176**

Comfort, comfort

Scripture Reading HWB 927

Isaiah 9:2-7

Message

"Unwrapping the Greatest Gift"

Pastor Lee

Song of Response (Insert)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Gift of Music

Jesus, oh what a wonderful child

Ladies Chorus

Prayers of the People

Offering/ Offertory

The First Noel

Kathy Ensz & Judy Goering

***Benediction**

Sending Song HWB 189

To us a child

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! Show us how to receive you always with delight, Jesus, as Simeon and Anna received you in the temple (Luke 2:25-38)

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 Tim Regehr for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

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.

The funeral committee is looking to upgrade the pie bakers and workers list. If you wish to stay on, you do not have to respond and thank you for that. If you would like to be put on the list, notify JoLene Kaufman (620-241-5489) or Esther Schrag (620-241-2861).

Please bring your non-perishable grocery items and/or your cash donations 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.

Thank you to the Christmas decorating committee (Ian and Shayna Smith, Brandon and Morgan Kaufman, DaWayne and Britney Stos, Heath and Samantha Doane) and the worship commission (Jerry Schrag, Sondra Tolle, Joe Lichti, Linda Goering and Jill Zerger) and their artists and helpers for making our sanctuary a beautiful place to worship.

Miranda Snyder is with the Bethel College nursing program in Haiti. She plans to write a blog while there. If you want to keep up with what's going on in Haiti go to theshortsnyder.blogspot.com.

Would you be willing to care for the youngest members or our church family? A new nursery schedule is being prepared. If you would be willing to be added to that list please call Pat Stucky 345-8618. Your name will be left on the rotation unless you let Pat know you want to be removed.

Eden This Week

Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday school
Wednesday	Church office closed 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve program
Thursday	Christmas Day – Church office closed

Looking Ahead

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 Jan/Feb <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
Jan 21	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

Last Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014

Worship: 244, S.S.: 159

Offering: \$16,652.39

Next Sunday, December 28, 2014

Nursery: Samantha and Heath Doane

Music: Young Adults?

Children's Story: Larry Temple

Remember in Prayer

Judy Goering: Dismissed from Via Christi St. Francis

Anne Schrag: Mercy Hospital

Arlene Thiesen: Mercy Hospital

Western District Conference: Praise God for the outpouring of his love in the sending of his Son Jesus Christ. Pray that each of our churches will be open channels of sharing that love in their communities.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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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Although Mennonite Disaster Service work projects take a Christmas break, the work will still be there when volunteers arrive after the new year. Volunteers are still needed in these areas: High River, Alberta – Assistant Cook (Jan 5-30) and a Crew Leader (Jan 5-30); Far Rockaway, NY – Assistant Cook (Jan 7-30) and Crew Leader (Jan 7-30); Jamestown, CO – Crew Leader (Jan 3-30).



Merry Christmas!

From the Eden Pastors and Staff.



*Debra A. King
Lee Sutherland
Becky Koller
Becky Setser Clark*

*Ken Dunning
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Danell E. Schrag