

**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](http://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](http://www.ambs.edu/christianityin africa).

**Sun., Dec. 21 – Lisa Weaver, author of the new book Swords to Plowshares:** The Creation of John P. Klassen's Mennonite Central Committee Medallion, will present a program, including slides of Klassen's artwork, a historical framework for the story and her process of creating this picture book for all ages, 3:30 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium. The book is for sale in the museum shop and Lisa will also be signing copies that afternoon. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

**Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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

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





Not one of all the  
Lord's good promises  
to Israel had failed:  
every one came  
to pass.

Joshua 21:45

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

Lee Suderman, Interim Lead Pastor

Derek King, Associate Pastor

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**Thy Symphony of Scripture**  
**Year of the Bible Week 15**

**Pre-Worship Music**

Jill Zerger

**Welcome and Announcements**

Berni Kaufman

**Call to Worship STS 125**

**\*Hymn STS 3**

*Come, Light of the World*

(continue singing as Advent Candle is lit)

**Lighting the Advent Candles**

Jeff and Kim Snyder

**Special Music**

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Men's Chorus

Becky Clark, director; Bonita Howard, accompanist

**Time with Children**

Kylie and Alyssa Goering

**\*Hymn STS 9**

*As the pauper waits for plenty*

**Scripture Reading**

Joshua 1:1-9

**Message**

"We're There!"

Pastor Derek

**Special Music**

*We've got good news to tell*

Men's Chorus

Larry Temple, soloist

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering/ Offertory**

**Sending Song HWB 174**

*Bless'd be the God of Israel*

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Lee

**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 on this second Sunday of Advent.  
We gather to anticipate the joy of God's coming—at Bethlehem,  
in our hearts and at the end of days.

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.

**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.

**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.

**Mentors and Mentees:** Don't forget about the caroling party on Sunday, 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.

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

### **Eden This Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday school Proposed budget and ballot to congregation Robert Wall & Eric Litwiller from Everence speak during S.S.
<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 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 30, 2014**

Worship: 191, S.S.: 159

Offering: \$13,686.00

### **Next Sunday, December 14, 2014**

Nursery: Brenda & Jim Dalke

Music: Chancel Choir

Children's Story: Jean Regier & Gentry Regier

### Remember in Prayer

**Anne Schrag:** Dismissed from Mercy Hospital

**Western District Conference:** Pray God's blessing on the Western District Church Planters Retreat on Dec. 12 and the Church Planting Dreamers Advance on Dec 13.

**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.

**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).

**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](http://store6165092.ecwid.com) that shows all our wares. Email [eener\\_n@yahoo.com](mailto: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!

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

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

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

**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.

**Everyone is invited to a retirement reception for Pastor James Dunn** on Sunday, Dec 7, from 2-4 pm at the Burrton Mennonite Church, Burrton, KS.

**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. Date of sale is: 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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.

**Church Planting Dreamers workshop:** Saturday, Dec. 13 at Cross Wind Conference Center. The featured speaker will be Chet Miller-Eshleman. To register and Pay go to [www.mennowdc.org/church-planting-advance/](http://www.mennowdc.org/church-planting-advance/) or call (316) 283-6300. \$10 fee to cover food costs.

**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.

**Today (Sun., Dec. 7) – The Bethel College Alumni Choir will give its inaugural concert, a selection of secular and seasonal songs; 3 p.m., Trinity Heights United Methodist Church.**

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) needs volunteers** in the following areas: High River, Alberta: Assistant Cook, (Jan 3-30); Crew Leader (Jan 3-30); Far Rockaway, NY: Assistant Cook, (Jan 7-30), Crew Leader, (Jan 7-30); Crisfield, MD: Crew leader (Jan 3-30); Jamestown, CO, Crew Leader, (Jan 3-30). For information about volunteer opportunities, call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail [ahurst@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:ahurst@mds.mennonite.net).



**Thanks be to God for Willing Leaders  
Leadership 2015**

**I affirm all** \_\_\_\_\_

**Executive Committee:**

**Moderator Elect**

Kyle Neufeld \_\_\_\_\_

**At Large**

Marcella Schrag \_\_\_\_\_

**Deacon Commission**

Larry Temple \_\_\_\_\_

Laurie Schrag \_\_\_\_\_

**Trustee Commission**

Bill Zerger \_\_\_\_\_

**Education/Discipleship  
Commission**

Shayna Smith \_\_\_\_\_

June Krehbiel \_\_\_\_\_

**Peace/Witness Commission**

Pat Rupp \_\_\_\_\_

Jean Regier \_\_\_\_\_

**Stewardship Commission**

Keith Goering \_\_\_\_\_

Carina Knight \_\_\_\_\_

**Worship Commission**

Jerry Schrag \_\_\_\_\_

Sondra Tolle \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer**

Jay Goering \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift Discernment**

To be determined by Eden  
Leadership Team

**Staff Relations**

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Leadership Team