

The Western District Conference Basketball Tournament is March 16-17 & 19-21. If you are interested in forming a team, please contact Brandon Kaufman.

The Annual Pine Village Corporation meeting will be Tuesday, March 3 with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. and the meetings at 6:30 p.m. If you are a corporation member (donated \$200 or more to Pine Village or the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation in your lifetime) you are invited to attend and vote on new board members as well as take part in recognition of a Volunteer of the Year and honor employees for their years of service. The meal will be catered by Knackie's. Please RSVP to Teresa at 345.2901 by Feb. 19.

Enjoy an evening of superb vocal music when Hesston College's Bel Canto Singers join the Doane College Choir (Crete, Neb.) and McPherson College Choir for a collaborative concert at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21 at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston. Admission is free.

The current members on the Worship Commission (Linda Goering, Jill Zerger, Sondra Tolle, Joe Lichti, Jerry Schrag) invite all WC committees to join them for a brief conversation on March 1 after SS in the sanctuary. WC committees include all greeters, ushers/emergency team, musicians (choirs, pianist, organists), children story tellers, church meal organizers, audio visual operators, and worship visuals/decorating committees. We are looking forward to meeting with you!

Fri., Feb. 20 – Internationally acclaimed New Testament scholar Bart Ehrman speaks in Bethel College convocation, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center. Ehrman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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**“Let us start
rebuilding.”**

Nehemiah 2:18



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Thy Symphony of Scripture
Year of the Bible Week 24

Pre-Worship Music Bonita Howard

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Lee

***Call to Worship HWB 671**

***Gathering Hymn HWB 25** *Jesus stand among us*

Time with Children Kylie, Alyssa, & Sean Goering

Offering/Offertory *Blessed are They* Mark and Gail Stucky
Please give your coins for the *My Coins Count* to one of the children

Special Music *He may not come when we want him* Eden Worship Band

Singing *I'll Fly Away/Do Lord* Led by Eden Worship Band

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2 Britney Stos

Message "Rebuilding and Renewing" Pastor Derek

***Song of Response** *Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)*

Prayers of the People Pastor Lee

Commissioning the Pastor Search Committee

***Benediction** Pastor Derek

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 as we gather for worship. God is our refuge and fortress. We take shelter in him so we can be strengthened to serve in the world.

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 Cindy Bartell & Alan Thomas for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

If you would like a printout of your giving for last year, please contact the church office 345-8320. Printouts will not be printed unless you request them.

If you are qualified and willing to help in case of a medical emergency at church, please contact Joe Lichti.

The 2014 Report Book has been printed and is available to be picked up from the literature table in the fellowship hall. **Remember:** Only a few were printed this year to save on costs and paper. A copy can be found on our website at www.edenmennonite.org. Click on **about** then click on **resources** and it will come up on the resources page.

In the event of inclement weather, ushers will be available at the west doors to park your cars.

For those interested in making or donating quilts for the MCC Quilt Auction, you will need to have those taken to the MCC Center by March 16th. The quilt forms can be printed from the Mennonite Relief Sale website. Please be sure to have the form filled out and attached to your quilt.

Plan to let the Student Grant Committee and Chuck Knight do the cooking for the noon meal today, Sunday, **Feb 15**. We will be raising money to help fund scholarships for Eden college students who are attending Mennonite Church USA colleges. The menu will include pulled pork sandwiches, beans, chips, and lots and lots of cakes. Hope to see you there for food, fellowship, and a chance to catch up with our busy college students.

The Mennonite Men have agreed to pay the rental of the buildings for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale again this year. Mennonite Men are asked to pay their \$100 membership to Keith Goering or to take them directly to the church office. Please make your checks to Eden with Mennonite Men in the memo line.

Eden This Week

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:40 a.m. Sunday school
Noon Student Grant Committee fundraiser meal
Congregational meeting following the meal
- Wednesday** 6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at Eden
Feb 20-28: Pastor Derek on vacation

Looking Ahead

- Feb 22:** Year of the Bible Food celebration during S.S.
No Jr. Department S.S.
- Feb 25:** 6:45 Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Mar 1:** Worship Commission & Committee meeting in sanctuary
- Mar 2:** 7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg.
- Mar 3:** Mary Martha all day meeting
- Mar 4:** 6:00 p.m. meal
6:45 Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Mar 8:** Daylight Saving Time begins
- Mar 11:** Last Wednesday Night Bible study
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Mar 12:** 7:00 p.m. ELT meeting at Eden

Last Sunday, Feb 8, 2015

Worship Attendance: 217; SS: 150
Offering: \$7,430.16

Next Sunday, Feb 22, 2015

Nursery: Kathy & Al Neufeld
Music: Ladies Chorus
Children's Story: Katie Gillmore

Remember in Prayer

Anne Schrag: Moved to Pine Village Health Care

Leonard & Juanita Graber, Val Graber: Grieving after the death of sister/sister-in-law, Arlene Schrag

Western District Conference: Pray for God's guidance for the Western District Conference Search Committee seeking a new Conference Minister.

Alfred Stucky (90) passed away on Thursday, February 12, at Wesley Hospital. Services will be held today, Sunday, February 15, with burial at 3:45 and memorial service at 4:30. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Ellen, sons Darrell, Harlan, Tim and all of Alfred's extended family.

Althea Pax Harrison was born Thursday, February 12, to Amanda and Cory Harrison and son, Rex.

No Sunday School for 2 year olds thru 8th grade on February 22 to allow time for teachers and families to enjoy the Year of the Bible celebration. High school class will meet and adult classes are encouraged to meet as desired.

The three PAINTINGS beneath the cross at the front of the sanctuary are part of a series of four offered to Eden by artists, Rashell Kaufman, Britney Stos, Kathy Waltner, and Jean Regier as we celebrate The Year of the Bible. Each of these paintings has a different spiritual interpretation for each of the artists. They encourage worshippers to also discover personal significance for each painting. The group of paintings has been displayed in an incomplete manner. 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.

The Year Of the Bible celebration will be Feb 22 during Sunday School. We will have Biblical soup and bread. We will also have Bible story jigsaw puzzles for the adults and activities for the children. Join the celebration of 25 weeks of reading and studying the Bible together.

Pine Village will host the 11th Annual Anchor's Banquet on Saturday, March 21 and the 2nd Annual Pulled Pork & Baby Back Rib Dinner will be April 25. More information will be coming soon on both events!

PET Kansas and Hope Haven are planning another PET distribution. If anyone would like to help with expenses to fund special projects like medical supplies, food for the children or widows, or food for the families receiving the PETs make checks to PET Kansas, memo mission trip. Thanks. Kirby and Chris Goering.

Service doesn't have to wait. Join Youth Venture this summer to serve and learn with Mennonite youth from Japan, Lithuania, Ecuador, France and Philadelphia! Apply by April 1 for international locations or by June 1 for Philadelphia. Ages 14-22 can apply at MennoniteMission.net/Serve. (Must be at least 16 for international locations.)

Sun., Feb. 22 – Bethel College Alumni Choir concert, 3 p.m., Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Newton

Learn with MCC! Everyone is invited to this special Mennonite Central Committee event on Saturday, Feb 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the Luyken Fine Arts Center on the Bethel College Campus in North Newton. MCC Central States program staff is teaming up with MCC U.S. staff to provide resources and a time of mutual learning on the topics of: Immigration, sexualized and gender based violence, Doctrine of Discovery and Indigenous people and militarization within the U.S. Lunch at Mojo's Coffee Shop (also on the Bethel campus) will follow the seminars. Mark your calendars to join us. If you plan to attend, please email tinaschrag@mcc.org or call 316-283-2720.

Registration forms for Camp Mennoscah's Scrapbooking Retreats are now available. These retreats are for scrapbookers of any skill level and are a real hoot! Get out those pictures from last year (or 10 years ago) and spend some time putting those memories down on the page. Go to www.campmennoscah.org or by request at office@campmennoscah.org.

On Monday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will continue its 2015 Winter Lecture Series with Iralea Barnard speaking about "[Grasses of Kansas](#)". The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion, with a soup supper preceding it at 6:00 p.m. in the Visitor's Center. The cost of the lecture is \$2 per person, or supper and the lecture is \$7. Interested persons should call 620-327-8127 by 5 p.m. on Friday before the Monday lecture for supper reservations.

On Saturday, March 7, 2015, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will host its annual spring educational symposium on the theme of water. Participants will become more informed about the state of Kansas water, what conservation solutions are available for our agricultural systems, municipalities, and landscapes, and how important water is to our state's natural history and eco-tourism. Admission: \$40 for arboretum members or \$50 for non-members (includes a full day of presentations, breakfast, and lunch).

Tues., Feb. 24 – Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I KMEA preview concert, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Litany for Commissioning the Pastoral Search Committee

A Word to the Congregation

The Bible reminds us that there are different gifts but it is the same Spirit who gives them. Each one is given a gift by the Spirit to be used for the common good. It is upon this promise that we now commission our new Search Committee during this worship service.

Address to the Committee Members:

Sisters and Brothers, you have committed yourselves to a significant leadership task on behalf of the entire congregation. In recognition of the importance of your work, we pause to express our gratitude and to remind ourselves that you do not undertake this task alone. You will be guided by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, the prayerful support of the members of this church, and the assistance of the Western District Conference of the Mennonite Church USA.

Covenant

Committee Members: We, who are serving on the Search Committee for the Eden Mennonite Church, promise to perform faithfully the vital task of searching for a new pastor. We pledge, with God's guidance and your prayers, to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in all we do, say, and decide.

We will endeavor:

- to establish a harmonious working relationship within our committee;
- to maintain consistent attendance at our Search Committee meetings;
- to be open and patient listeners to each other and to the congregation; to listen carefully to your hopes and dreams as we consult with you, the members, in the development of a description of our church community and the style of pastoral leadership we seek;
- to maintain strict confidentiality in all we read, say, and hear—protecting both the privacy of each other and of potential candidates;
- to review all profiles with open minds and hearts, treating all candidates fairly and justly;
- to seek decisions not made by majority rule, but by the coming together of minds, hearts, and souls in a consensus that will build a firm foundation for the effective future mission and ministry of this church.

Congregational Response: We pledge, as a gathered community of faith, to be patient with you and to respect your need to be confidential in your task. We recognize that the work of our Search Committee is a difficult assignment and will take much effort. We pray for you and offer our support and words of encouragement throughout this time.

These things we promise in the hope and belief that you will be obedient to the guidance of the Spirit as you seek a new pastor to minister with us.