

Spend your summer at Camp Mennoscah! We're looking for summer staff for our summer youth camps. Buff up your resume with a job that helps you develop as a leader, communicate with others, learn group management, and totally have a blast! Contact us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) or find the application form online at www.campmennoscah.org in Resources. We're hoping to have positions filled by **March 15**, so send those forms in as soon as possible!

Freezing temperatures and snow are adding another layer of deprivation to Syrians and Iraqis who have been forced from their homes to escape violence from the Islamic State group and battling armies in Syria. Mennonite Central Committee is calling for financial donations as it provides heating fuel and blankets this winter and continues to address basic needs of food, shelter and education throughout the year. In addition, MCC welcomes contributions of blankets and comforters to replenish the more than 18,500 that were sent to Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria for the winter months. You can donate to the Syria and Iraq crisis response and learn how to contribute blankets at mcc.org.

You are invited to attend the Hesston College Performing Arts Department annual concert on Thursday, March 19th, 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main St. The free evening program will feature the Bel Canto Singers, Chorale, and Chamber Orchestra. A reception will follow.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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Check out our website at 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.





*To whom will you compare me---who has
weighed the mountains on the scales
and the hills in a balance?*

Isaiah 40:12 & 22 NIV

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
Website: 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 27

Pre-Worship Music

Jill Zerger

Welcome and Invocation

Katie Gillmore

Announcements

***Congregational Call to Worship STS 162**

***Hymn HWB 26**

Holy Spirit, come with power

Gift of Music

Open Lord My Inward Ear

Chancel Choir

Becky Clark, director; Robin Schrag, accompanist, Larry Temple, soloist

Time with Children

Kathy Neufeld

Offering/ Offertory

Please give your coins for the *My Coins Count* to one of the children

***Gift of Music**

Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends

Chancel Choir

Responsive Scripture Reading HWB 828

Isaiah 6:40:1-11

Message

"The Turning Point"

Pastor Lee

***Hymn of Response STS 58**

O God, how we have wandered

Prayers of the People

***Sending Song HWB 584**

They that wait upon the Lord

***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, guests and members, to worship and Christian fellowship!

Thank you for being here, adding your voice to the others in prayer and praise. We also welcome the Pine Village Residents who are joining us via telephone hookup.

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 & Larry Temple for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

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

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

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.

If you are considering membership or just interested in finding out more about membership in the Eden Mennonite Church, you are encouraged by our Deacons to attend a Membership Inquiry Discussion shortly after Easter. We'll review Eden's history, practices, beliefs and participation in this congregation as a member. You are free to attend the discussion without obligation to join the church. We hope to make official membership available sometime in Spring. Please let me know of your interest in person or call the church office. I'd like to schedule this 2-3 hour time together at the most convenient time and place for all as soon as possible. Look forward to hearing from you. Pastor Lee Suderman

Help is needed for bohne beroggie bake day for the MCC sale. Bake day will be April 11 at Moundridge High School. Signup sheets are on the table in the fellowship hall. Please wear a head covering or hat and second shift should bring a sack lunch. Four people are needed to help mash the beans on Friday April 10 in the afternoon and four people are needed on April 16 to make sauce in the afternoon. Please contact Marla Gillmore at bmg@lrmutual.com or 620-921-0428.

Eden This Week

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:40 a.m. Sunday school
Daylight Saving Time begins
- Tuesday** 7:00 p.m. Visitation training at church office
- Wednesday** 6:00 p.m. meal
6:45 Service Project Night
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Looking Ahead

- 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
- Mar 17:** 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission meeting at church office
- Mar 18:** 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Mar 25:** 6:30 p.m. Visitation training at the church
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Mar 26:** 7:00 p.m. Deacons/Pastors mtg.
- Mar 28:** Church Workday (watch the bulletin for details)
- Mar 29:** Palm Sunday
7:00 p.m. Community Holy Week services @ First Mennonite
- Mar 30:** 7:00 p.m. Community Holy Week services @ First Mennonite
- Apr 5:** Easter

Last Sunday, Mar 1, 2015

Worship Attendance: 148; SS: 128

Offering: \$4,926.00

Next Sunday, Mar 15, 2015

Nursery: Carina & Brent Knight

Music: Eden Worship Band

Children's story: Lee Suderman

Remember in Prayer

Lloyd Goering: Undergoing surgery on March 13

Maggie Rath Cutright: Diagnosed with lymphoma, undergoing treatment at St. Francis

Richard Regier: Family Health and Rehabilitation Center, Wichita

Florene Wedel: Hutchinson Hospital

Pastoral Search Committee: Jerry Schrag, Bob Tolle, Samantha Doane, Cindy Bartell, Larry Temple, Jenny Schrag

Western District Conference: Pray for wise discernment for the Search Committee and Chair Sondra Bandy Koontz as they seek a new Executive Conference Minister for Western District Conference.

Brett Schrag has requested the transfer of his membership to Grace Crossing.

Anne Schrag will celebrate her 90th birthday on March 24. Her family would like to bless her with a card shower. Cards may be sent to 86 22nd Ave., Apt. 107, Pine Village, Moundridge, KS, 67107.

Jean Regier will be available today and next Sunday, if you are in need of someone to snap your picture for the church directory photo display in the Fellowship Hall. It is helpful to have current photos with names attached as we get to know everyone in our Eden church family better. Find Jean with her camera and share a smile!

The Education/Discipleship Commission has purchased a portable projector for church use, especially for Sunday School teachers. There will be a brief time of instruction for checking out and using the projector on March 15 immediately following Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.

Favorite Hymn Sunday - March 22 will be favorite hymn Sunday. If you would like to let us know what your favorite hymn is and be willing to say a word to the congregation about why it is your favorite, please contact Jerry Schrag at ph. 345-2115. We will need to know by next Sunday, March 15. We are looking for 4 volunteers with their favorite hymns.

Adult SS Classes: Now is the time to decide if you plan to use the Adult Bible Study Guide during summer quarter. By Feb. 22, please let June Krehbiel know your plans for summer and how many copies your class will need.

Woohoo!! The 2015 Eden Directory has been printed and is available at both main east and west entrances. Old directories may be brought to the church office or placed in the church mailbox at church to be recycled.

Eden Leadership Team is looking for one more member for the Gifts Discernment Team. This is a 2-year commitment and would involve finding members to serve on the various commissions/committees at Eden. For more information please contact Bret Gillmore at 620-585-2525 or bmg@lrmutual.com.

The Trustee Commission is planning a work day for Eden on Saturday, March 28 from 8:00 a.m. until ?? Our main objectives are to fill in numerous graves in the cemetery and also the cleaning out and re-organizing of contents in the storage shed. We are asking any committee or organization that has items in the storage shed and wishes to keep them, let us know, otherwise they may be discarded. We have placed a signup sheet on the informational table in the fellowship hall for anyone who might have a skid-steer type tractor and would be willing to assist in the cemetery project. Any questions, please direct to the Trustee Commission: Keith Albrecht, Gary Regier, Lynn Kaufman, Myron Goering, Bill Zerger.

The Eden Endowment Fund Committee is extending the time it will be accepting grant applications. We will accept applications through, Sunday March 22 instead of the previously announced date of March 8. Grant application forms and Endowment Policies and Procedures documents can be found on table in fellowship hall.

Please pray for the Hope Mission School! We have an emergency situation. There has been a propane leak, resulting in the loss of about 1,000 gallons of fuel. The school has been shut down temporarily until the leak can be repaired, for safety reasons. This happens at a very bad time, being winter in the high country, with temperatures often in the teens. The costs to repair the leak and replace the lost fuel, which is necessary for the kitchen and to provide heat for the school is going to top five thousand dollars. Donations are needed immediately to help through this crisis. A basket has been placed in the fellowship hall for this purpose. **Please make your check to Eden with Hope Mission School in the memo line.**

Puzzles: You are invited to lend a hand in putting together the Biblical jigsaw puzzles set up in the church Fellowship Hall. These puzzles will be set up during the coming weeks to allow for their completion. Gather a group of your friends or your family and head over to the church to put together puzzles, visit, or meditate. Feel free to use the blank puzzles to create your own puzzles (both children and adults). One idea might be to include a favorite Bible verse, Biblical symbols, or a scene from a Bible story. Take your creations with you or leave them for others to enjoy putting together.

The final painting at the front of the church is now in place and the set is complete. Each worshipper is encouraged to find personal significance in the paintings, just as each of the artists has different interpretations. Thank you to Eden artists (Rashell Kaufman, Britney Stos, Kathy Waltner, and Jean Regier) for sharing these visual images of worship as we celebrate The Year of the Bible.

The March *Eden Echoes* is available on the literature table.

The Eden Leadership Team has openings for 2-3 more delegates to the MCUSA conference in Kansas City. If you would like more information please contact Bret Gillmore at 620-585-2525 or bmg@lrmutual.com

The Historical/Archival Committee has placed video and audio cassettes from 2007 services on a table in Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to take those that interest you. The remaining tapes will be discarded.

The 11th Annual Pine Village Anchor's Banquet will be Saturday, March 21 at 6 p.m. in the Wellness Center. Entertainment will be The Flatland String Band and catering will be handled by Knackie's. Tickets are \$100 and all proceeds go toward the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation for the benefit of the elders served at Pine Village. Tickets can be purchased until Friday, **March 13** by contacting Pine Village at 620.345.2901 or stopping by the main office at 86 22nd Ave.

PET Kansas and Hope Haven are planning another PET distribution on April 7. 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.

Join us for community Holy Week services at 1st Mennonite, March 29 and 30 at 7:00 PM. Kent Rogers, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Wichita, will be our speaker.

"Reflections from the Past" will be the theme of the March 8 Annual Meeting at 2:00 p.m. of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association. It will be held at the Kingman Mennonite Church. Members of this church, one of the earliest Swiss Volhynian churches in Kansas, will share a presentation showing their history over the last 100 years. Refreshments following the meeting. No reservations required. All are welcome. See the March Eden Echoes for more details about the program.

Opportunities for witness in our local community. The deacons are aware of several needs within the Moundridge area. If you or someone you are aware of could help with these needs, please contact Bonita Howard (620-345-7154).

1) loaner vehicle or low cost vehicle to purchase or

2) rides to and from work with a stop along the way at a babysitter, all within the Moundridge city limits.

Newton Et Cetera Shop needs your donations! Bring your clean, gently used clothing, household items, bikes, and furniture to the back door between 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday and between 9:30 and 5:00 p.m. Saturday. Thank you for supporting Mennonite Central Committee and our local community with your donations.

Women, reserve Thursday, Mar 26, for an evening of fellowship and inspiration at Hesston (KS) Mennonite Church. The annual SPRING SUPPER, for women of all ages of Western District Conference and South Central Conference and their guests, will feature Carolene Jackson. A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$6.00 per person. The program will include music by the talented McKinney Sisters from Moundridge. An offering for Mennonite Women USA will be received. Reservations are required by Mar 16. Contact Amanda Rempel, secretary of WDWM, directly: [316-284-0470](tel:316-284-0470) or carempel@sbcglobal.net.

Mennonite Disaster Service volunteer needs in nearby states: Jamestown, Colorado needs crew leaders March 29-May 1 or longer. Pilger, Nebraska Needs a Project Director and an Office Manager Apr 23-May 29; Crew Leaders Apr 5 to May 1 or longer; Crew Leaders May 4- May 29. For information about needs in other states go to their website at <http://www.mds.mennonite.net/home/>. For information about week-long volunteer opportunities, call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail lebersole@mds.mennonite.net. For volunteers who wish to serve long-term (one month or longer), call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail bschraq@mds.mennonite.net.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is hiring for a regional Human Resources Coordinator. This position is available starting on April 1st. Location can be flexible and some travel is expected. Check out the job description at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/human-resources-coordinator-central-states> or contact Melissa Waltner at MelissaWaltner@mcc.org for more information.

MCC Action alert! We need your help to support Mennonite Pastor, Max Villatoro, of Iowa City who was detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and is facing deportation. ICE arrived unannounced at Max's home at 6:30 a.m. yesterday and didn't even give him a chance to say goodbye to his wife and children. Max has four U.S. citizen children, Anthony, Etna, Angela, and Aileen, and his wife, Gloria, who love him dearly and depend on him as a pillar for their family. Please take time to call the ICE Field Office at 888-351-4024 (choose option 2) and tell them to grant Max Villatoro a stay of removal, and explain how separating families breaks our community. Tell them that Max might be eligible for DAPA (Deferred Action for Parents of Americans), and he should be granted enough time to stay to apply once it is available. Explain to them why keeping families together is important to you, and to stop Max's deportation immediately. Max's A# is 094-338-085. You may be directed to call another number and make the case for Max to a different agent. Please call them too! The more people who hear about Max and our support of him, the better!

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Alumni are the best and we want to stay in touch with you! Make sure we have your current email and mailing address by visiting mcc.org/alumni.

Today (Sun., March 8) – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, William Byrd Suite and Kleine Dreigroschenmusik, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center

Fri.-Sat., March 13-14 – Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra with vocalists, “Scenes from the Mozart Operas,” 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center

Thurs., March 19 – Rev. James Atwood will speak on “America's Fascination with Violence,” 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). The retired Presbyterian pastor is a gun owner, deer hunter and NRA member who became involved in gun violence prevention after a member of his congregation was shot and killed by a robber with a “Saturday night special.” He received the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship National Committee's 2014 Peaceseeker Award.