

**Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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Day off: Friday

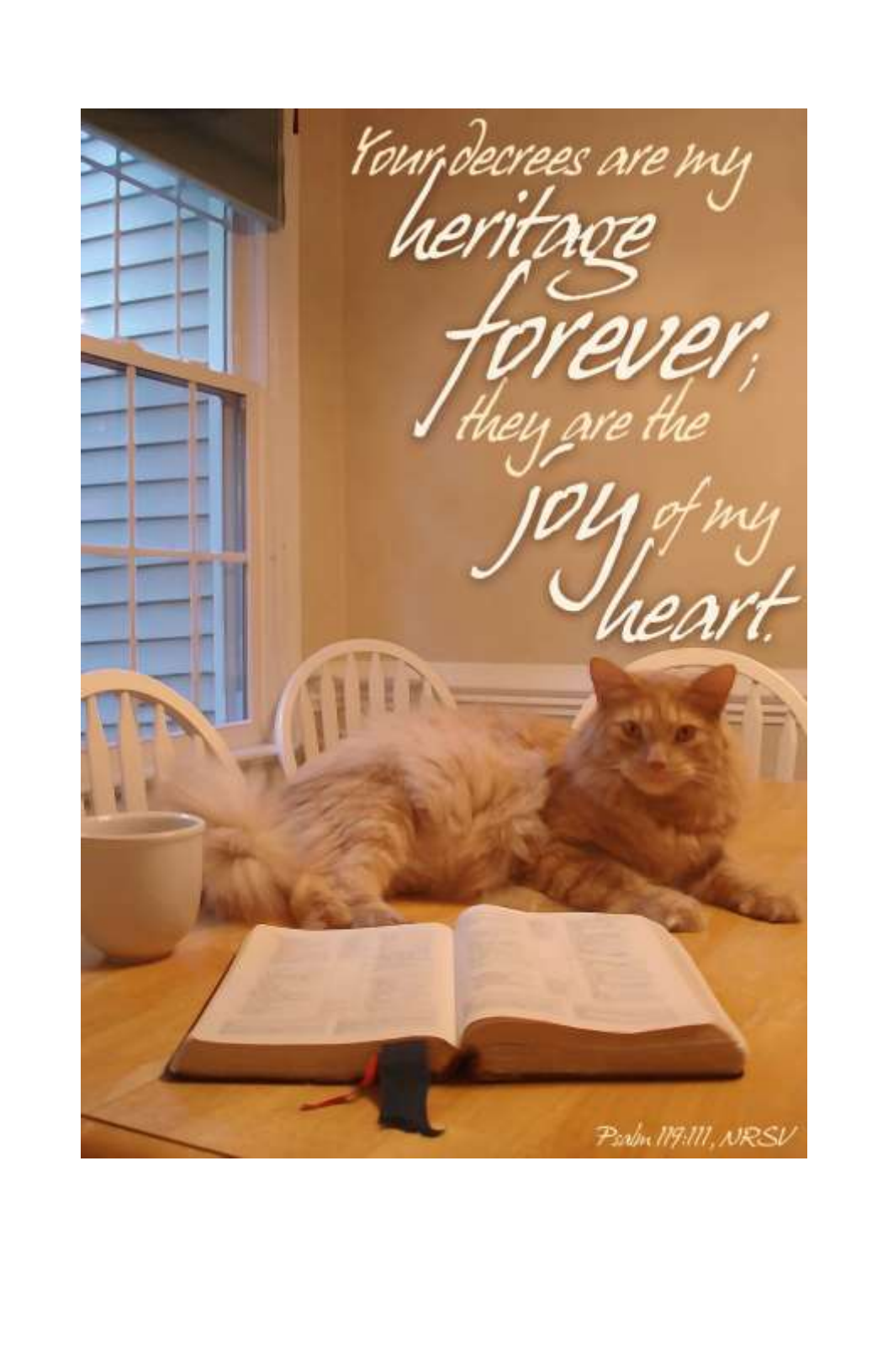
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Day off: Tuesday

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



A fluffy orange cat is lying on a wooden table. In front of the cat is an open Bible with a blue bookmark. To the left of the Bible is a white mug. The background shows a window with a view of a house with blue siding. The text is written in a white, cursive font on the wall behind the cat.

Your decrees are my  
heritage  
forever;  
they are the  
joy of my  
heart.

Psalm 119:111, NRSV

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

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**The Symphony of Scripture**  
**Year of the Bible Week 52**

**Prelude** Candy Unrau

Slideshow of YOTB playing on screen, by Jean Regier

**Welcome and Blessing** Pastor Lee

**Psalm 100** HWB 821

**\*Opening Song HWB 99** *We praise thee*

Children, please come up during the last verse

**Time with Children** Cindy Bartell and Shirley Delk

**Backpack Blessing** Pastor Derek

**Overview of the Great Story** Pastor Derek, Jay Goering, Shayna Smith

**Special Music** *O beautiful star of Bethlehem* Pastors' Quartet

**Reflections on Year of the Bible**

Vance Unrau

Ruth Kaufman

Kyle Schrag

Carol Zerger

**\*Congregational Song STJ 27** *God of the Bible*

Candy Unrau; piano; Jenny Schrag, guitar; Jacob Ewy, percussion

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering/ Offertory**

**Blessing for Jenny Schrag**

**\*Congregational Song STS 40** *We will follow Jesus*

**Opportunities for Discipleship**

**Bible Gifts**

**Sending Junior SS Teachers with Students**

**\*Benediction**

HWB – Hymnal a *Worship Book* (blue book); STS - *Sing the Story* (purple book);  
STJ - *Sing the Journey* (green book)  
\*Please stand if able.

All sermons and Scripture can be viewed at [www.edenmennonite.org](http://www.edenmennonite.org)



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.** As our fall schedule gears up, we invite you to join us again. May our unity as the body of Christ be an ongoing blessing to one another.

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 JoLene Kaufman and Tim Regehr for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

**Attention Eden Farmers:** The Eden Church ground is coming up for rent in early Fall. The church owns approximately 30 acres of tillable land and approximately 3 acres of grass land. The 30 acres of tillable land are in the middle of the half section where the Hopefield Church is located and the 3 acres of grass are just east of the lagoon and north of the our church building. The terms of the rent will be \$50.00 per acre for the tillable land and \$100.00 for the 3 acres of grass annually and due May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are a Eden Church member, a farmer and interested in farming either one or both of these plots, contact one of the Trustees, Keith Albrecht, Myron Goering, Lynn Kaufman, Gary Regier, or Bill Zerger. To make it fair for everyone who is interested, their names will be placed in a hat and a drawing will take place on Sept 1 for the right to farm each of these plots of land.

**School Kit Time:** Have you seen the empty school kit bags in the fellowship hall? Everyone is invited to take one or more, fill them with school supplies for Mennonite Central Committee and bring them back to church. Or you may just bring supplies and someone will fill the bags. Each kit needs the following items. 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (70 sheets), 8 unsharpened # 2 pencils, 1 ruler, (flexible plastic; indicating 30 cm and 12") ,12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large pencil eraser.

### **Eden This Week**

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship service  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship time  
10:40 a.m. Sunday school  
Backpack Blessing during worship  
S.S. Kick-off  
Year Of the Bible Celebration with potluck following S.S.
- Tuesday** Mary Martha all day meeting
- Wednesday** First Wednesday Evening Session for the Season  
6:00 p.m. meal served  
6:45 p.m. Bible study for all ages  
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus  
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir  
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

### **Looking Ahead**

- Sep 6:** SS elective on "Enhancing Mental Wellness in Our Church Communities begins (please sign up if interested)
- Sep 9, 16, 23, 30:** 6:00 p.m. meal served  
6:00 p.m. FEWZ meets at Eden  
6:45 p.m. Bible study for all ages  
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus  
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir  
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Sep 11 -13:** WDC Women & Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
- Sep 14:** 7:00 p.m. Eden Leadership Team meeting
- Sep 13, 20, 17, Oct 4:** KIPCOR workshop at Eden
- Sep 20:** Bike to church Sunday
- Sep 21:** 7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship meeting at church office
- Sep 24:** 7:00 p.m. Pastors/Deacon Commission mtg.

### **Last Sunday, Aug 23, 2015**

Worship Attendance:204  
Sunday School: 162  
Offering: \$4,009.00

### **Next Sunday, Sep 6, 2015**

Nursery: Rashelle & Matt Schrag  
Children's Story: Bruce & Pat Stucky  
Scripture: Rom 12:1, 2; 9-21; Gen 22:1-14; Psalm 25;  
Prov 20:22; Prov 24:29; Prov 25:21-28

### Remember in Prayer

**Patsy Klassen:** Via Christi St. Joseph, Wichita

**Pastoral Search Process:** Jerry Schrag, Samantha Doane, Cindy Bartell, Larry Temple, Jenny Schrag, Future Eden Pastor

**The Mary Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, September 1** for an all-day work meeting. Covered dish lunch. Project, school kits.

**Lost and Found:** There is a cart in the fellowship hall with lost and found items from the kitchen. Please check see if any items are yours. Items not claimed by August 30 will be taken to the Et Cetera Shop.

**Adults, sign up on the table in the fellowship hall today for the Sunday school** elective in September. Jason Byler, a social worker at Prairie View, will lead a healthy discussion on mental wellness, the Bible and the church. See the August *Eden Echoes* for more information, or contact June Krehbiel.

**Proposal regarding membership:** Full members who have not responded to the annual church records update letter after two years will be moved to associate membership. Please provide your feedback to this proposal no later than September 30, 2015. Responses may be shared with one of the deacons in person, by phone or by email: Bonita Howard - [crazyhows@hotmail.com](mailto:crazyhows@hotmail.com), 620-345-7154; Brandon Kaufman - 620-386-0986; Carol Zerger - 620-345-2943 [bczerger@mtelco.net](mailto:bczerger@mtelco.net); Laurie Schrag - [wlschrag@mtelco.net](mailto:wlschrag@mtelco.net), 620-345-8393  
Larry Temple - 620-241-7435

**Wednesday night activities for all ages are coming this fall** September 2 - November 18! Kids will enjoy *Power Up! Living in the Spirit* with Bible stories, crafting, music and more. Adult women will study *Spark: Igniting Your God-Given Creativity* to thoughtfully take us deep into the Bible and unpack stories of God's creative Spirit at work. Pastor Lee will lead a book study on *Under Construction: Reframing Men's Spirituality* written by Gareth Brandt. Books for both studies will be available for \$5 each. Wednesday night programming is a great opportunity for fellowship and learning, so be sure to make plans to attend.

**FEWZ (First, Eden, & West Zion H.S. youth)** will meet at Eden at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during the month of September.

**Besides activities for children and separate book studies for men and women,** plans for Wednesday night activities at Eden this fall include weekly meals at church. The Education Commission will serve the Sept. 2 meal. Can your group provide a meal one or more Wednesdays (Sept. 9 - Nov. 18)? Contact June Krehbiel (345-2360) if you are willing.

**Remember to let the church office know by September 4** if you will attend any or all of the KIPCOR sessions and information regarding child care needs including number of children and ages. You may also sign up on the literature in the fellowship hall through **September 6**. Sessions will be held 4 Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m.

September 13: "Who are you?" "Who am I?" "Who are we together?"

September 20: "What did you say?"

September 27: "What are we doing here?"

October 4: "How do we move forward together?"

**Don't forget to bring your non-perishable and/or monetary donations** next Sunday. Please place them in the containers in the library. All will be split between the Moundridge Food Pantry and the McPherson County Food Bank.

**Join us at West Zion for a discipleship workshop** with Marvin Lorenzana of Mennonite Mission Network on Sept. 12, 9:00-noon. Marvin will focus on how we grow as disciples of Jesus in the context of Missional Discipleship Groups, a form of small group. Lunch will be provided. Please register online at: <http://goo.gl/forms/rcF3DMOedy> (or on the West Zion church website).

**The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 19, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> North Newton. Informational brochures are available through the church office and the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. The brochure is also available on the MCC website, [mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride).

**Attention high school students!** Win \$1,000 by writing an essay for the MCC U.S. Washington Office annual public policy essay contest. Topics include the militarization of police, climate change, and prisoner re-entry. All students who are members of Anabaptist congregations are eligible to participate. Learn more at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/advocacy/washington/contest>.

**The FloraKansas Fall Plant Sale** will be held September 11-13, 2015, at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Kansas' largest native plant sale offering many species of wildflowers and grasses many of which are rare in cultivation. A large selection of adaptable perennials is also available. Memberships can be purchased on the day of the sale. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount at all arboretum plant sales and may participate in the members only pre-sale on Thursday, Sep 10 from 1 to 7 p.m. For more information, call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) or visit [www.dyckarboretum.org](http://www.dyckarboretum.org).

**Women & Girls!** Remember to register for the retreat at Camp Mennoscah Sept. 11-13. Registration forms are on the literature table in the fellowship hall. The registration forms are also available to download and send in from the Camp Mennoscah website at: <http://campmennoscah.org/camp-retreats/>.

**All are invited to the Heritage Lectures** at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church on Sep 12 at 9:00 a.m. Jim Juhnke will be the speaker. He is speaking on "Conscription and the Army Camps" and "The War Spirit at Home." This event is free and open to the public. For more info see the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

**Mennograss:** Everyone is invited to come enjoy a free dinner and bluegrass music at Tabor Mennonite Church's annual Mennograss concert. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and table service and join us for burgers and brats. Music will be provided by The Bethesda Band, Jammin' Biscuits, and Everyday Lights. This will be held at the Tabor Mennonite Church Park (891 N. Chisholm Trail, Newton) on Aug. 30 from 6-8:30 p.m.

**Camp Mennoscah is having a combo event on Sept. 20**--it's our annual meeting and the beginning of Work & Play Camp! Starting at 3pm, we'll be saying hi and checking in all the Work & Play folks and then at 3:30pm, all the pre-annual meeting activities will start. There will be disc golf (brand new course & baskets), new bath house tours (not quite completed), and a scavenger hunt. Next up is a brief business meeting plus a simple meal and gobs of chat time. Work & Play continues through Sept. 23 with projects, cleanup, and fun times. Call Camp Mennoscah for more information. No camp fees! (Meal donation of \$4/meal suggested.)

**Hesston College will welcome alumni and friends of the college to campus** Sept. 24 to 27 for Homecoming 2015: A campus transformation. The weekend will celebrate the completion of the Northlawn renovation project and construction of a new campus entrance. **Sept. 4**, early bird registration deadline. See a full weekend schedule online at [hesston.edu/homecoming](http://hesston.edu/homecoming).

**Sat., Sept. 5** – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk. Join experienced birder Gregg Friesen at 7:15 a.m. in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. (For help locating Kauffman Museum, see [www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/](http://www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/))

**Sun., Sept. 13** – KIPCOR Film Series 2015-16 begins with Slavery by Another Name, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. This PBS documentary deals with the re-enslavement of black Americans from the Civil War to World War II. Talk-back session with Dr. Galyn Vesey to follow.