

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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

**First
Sunday
of
Advent**



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Advent 1
Theme: Hope

Prelude		DeLonna Barnett
Welcome & Opportunities for Discipleship		Pastor Derek
Lighting of Advent Candle		Ernie and Judy Krehbiel
Advent Song of Response STJ 31	<i>He came down that we might have Hope</i>	
Call to Worship STS 125		
Song of Lament HWB 172	vs 1, 2,3	<i>O come, O come, Immanuel</i>
Old Testament Reading Malachi 3:13-16; 4:2-6		
*Song of Expectation HWB 174		<i>Bless'd be the God of Israel</i>
Time with Children		Pastor Derek
Offering & Offertory		
*Song of Hope	"Canticle of Hope" Candy Unrau, accompanist	Lee and Di Rempel Suderman
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:5-25	Homer & Dorothy Goering
Message	"Rebirth of Hope"	Lee & Di Rempel Suderman
Prayers of the People		
*Sending Song STS 9		<i>Like a pauper waits for plenty</i>
*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.

All sermons and Scripture can be viewed at 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. We light one candle today, God, and remember that darkness can never extinguish your light.

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 Brenda & Jim Dalke for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

Ladies, you are welcome to attend the annual Christmas Tea on Saturday, Dec 5 at the Eden Mennonite Church at 9:00 a.m. Kris Goertzen from Hutchinson will be the speaker and Just Friends, a local trio, will provide music. The tea will kick off the holiday season with good food, inspiring music, beautiful table decorations and place settings, and a spiritual Christmas message. Please RSVP to the church office at 345-8320 or edenoffice@edenmennonite.org or call Carla Shilts at 620-245-5716 by November 29. Please RSVP for childcare, if needed. Come join other women in the community to celebrate the Christmas season.

Attention all students attending Mennonite USA colleges or seminary: Please stop by or email the church office to fill out a tuition scholarship form for the first semester of college as soon as possible. All forms must be filled out by December 1.

December is Eden's month to deliver Senior Center Meals. Currently there are very few to deliver. It would take 30 minutes of your time. If you can help this holiday season, please sign your name on the sheet on the table in the fellowship hall.

The Eden Church Office email has changed. Please change your email address for the office to edenoffice@edenmennonite.org.

Mary Martha will meet Tuesday, December 1 at 2:30 at Pine Village Krehbiel Apartments commons for our annual business meeting and caroling. Committee chairpersons please bring your written reports. Refreshments will follow.

Eden This Week

Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday school
Tuesday	2:30 p.m. Mary Martha Caroling at Pine Village
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Men's Chorus 6:00 p.m. FEWZ meets
Friday	Church unlocked only from 4-8 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. Christmas Tea in fellowship hall

Looking Ahead

Dec 9:	No choir rehearsal 6:00 p.m. FEWZ Youth Group meets
Dec 10:	5:30 p.m. Deacon Commission mtg
Dec 13:	7:00 p.m. Mentor/Mentees caroling
Dec 14:	7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg.
Dec 16:	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir FEWZ Youth Group meets
Dec 17:	7:00 p.m. Eden Leadership Team meets at Eden
Dec 24:	7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service
Jan 6:	7:00 p.m. Ugandan Boys Choir at Eden
Jan 13:	Meals and Bible study resume

Last Sunday, Nov 22, 2015

Worship Attendance: 202; Sunday School: 139
Offering: \$6,488

Next Sunday, December 6, 2015

Nursery: Jerri & Warren Kaufman
Children's Story: Laurie Schrag & Alyssa Goering

Remember in Prayer

WDC: Pray for chaplains in WDC who provide pastoral care in retirement communities and hospitals, and for all through whom God's healing and hope flow to those who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

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

We would like to provide suppers for Brian Kaufman and Maggie Rath as she recovers from surgery and awaits details of further treatment. Please consider signing up through this

link: <http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/meals.php?t=CNAM8842>

Sisters in Spirit (SIS) has decorated a Christmas tree in the fellowship hall to honor the memory of our loved ones who have died. You may purchase an angel for each of your loved ones for \$3.00 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.

Just a reminder the church will be locked all day on Friday, December 4, due to the Christmas tea.

Christmas Eve Worship Service: Please join us for our Christmas Eve Worship Service, Thursday night, December 24, beginning at 7pm. We will be led in worship by children and adults through scripture and singing. Popcorn and hot drinks will be provided after worship. You are invited to bring cookies to share for the fellowship time as well.

John McCabe-Juhnke, communications professor at Bethel College, will speak Dec. 13 during the Sunday school hour. He spent last year teaching at a university in Lutsk, Ukraine, and his presentation will focus on this. CHB SS class invited him to speak to their class, and all adults are invited to attend. The group will meet in the sanctuary.

Thanks to all who prepared and served Wednesday night meals during the fall. Meals and Bible study activities will resume Jan. 13. If you would like to serve a meal, please contact June Krehbiel.

The ReUse It Center in McPherson will be closed through Nov 30 while they move to their new location at 120 S. Hwy 81 Bypass.

Does sexualized violence concern you? If so, Mennonite Central Committee U.S. invites you to participate in an online survey about this issue. Your answers to the open-ended questions will be used to guide MCC U.S. in its creation of trainings and resources for pastors and leaders in the faith community. Log on to mcc.org/wwso to complete the survey by the end of December.

All area churches are invited to attend this year's Winter Luminary Walk, focusing on the theme "Tis the Season for Giving" at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The Luminary Walk will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on November 27 and 28 and again on December 4 and 5. Admission to the event is \$5 for adults, \$4 for members, senior citizens and college students, and \$2 for children ages 3 to 15. Traditional outdoor highlights include the walking path lit up by hundreds of luminaries, a nativity scene in the leaf house, and roasting marshmallows at the fire pits. There will also be opportunity to give donations to several local Harvey County organizations, including the Hesston Resource Center, CASA a Voice for Children, Inc. and the Harvey County Safe House. Performances by local groups will include the Moundridge-based dance troupe Angel Feet, Dave Anderson on hammer dulcimer, the McPherson Brass Quintet and the Konza Ringers handbell ensemble. Call 620-327-8127 or visit www.dyckarboretum.org for more information.

The Nativities are back! As part of Five Places of Christmas, Sat., December 5, the Bethel College Women's Association will have a display of Nativity sets from around the world, set up "around the circle" in *Luyken Fine Arts Center* on the Bethel campus. At *Kauffman Museum*, director Annette LeZotte, an art historian, will speak on "Day or Night? Two Paintings of Christ's Nativity" at 11 a.m. Other places are *Warkentin House*, *Carriage Factory Gallery* and the *Harvey County Historical Museum*. All are open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; admission is free.

If you have ever been a summer staffer at Camp Mennoscah (anytime during the past 67 years), you are invited to a near-Christmas gathering on December 19 at 2:30 p.m. Meet in the dining hall at Camp Mennoscah to hang out, chat, play games, and tell stories with staffers across the years. We'll provide coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and some cookies. Feel free to bring a snacky thing to share. Spouses, significant others, and kids are all invited. Questions? Call us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290).

Fri., Dec. 4 – Christmas Gala Jazz, featuring Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I and II, 8 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

Wednesday., Dec. 2 - Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel's Messiah, with Bethel College orchestra and vocal soloists, 11 a.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church; scores provided.

Save the Date: The next Comforter Blitz will be March 7, 8 and 9, 2016 at Journey Mennonite in Yoder. Since it has been extended to 3 days, more comforter tops/backers will be needed. MCC's preferred size is 60" x 80". The backing should be 4" larger all the way around.

Sun., Dec. 6 - 30th annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 p.m., the Green in the center of campus; refreshments to follow in the cafeteria

A letter from Heidi Regier Kreider, WDC Conference Minister and Richard Gehring, Conference Moderator, explaining how the votes went at WDC Annual Assembly have been placed on the literature table in the fellowship hall. This information is also posted online at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/>.

Urgent Mennonite Disaster Service Needs: Short-term weekly volunteers are needed at all four MDS fall projects. To schedule, please contact Alicia by email at ahurst@mds.mennonite.net or by phone at (800) 241-8111. Pateros, Washington – Volunteers needed Nov. 23-Dec 12; Detroit, Michigan – volunteers needed Nov. 23-Dec. 4; Pilger, Nebraska – volunteers needed Dec 6-12, finishing construction skills needed. Bastrop, Texas – volunteers needed Nov 23 – Dec. 12. Scheduling a time to volunteer for winter projects, including RV projects may also be done at this time. To see pictures from each of the projects and learn more about each project, and an open staff position, go to <http://www.mds.mennonite.net/home/>.