

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.

Syrian Refugee Crisis: Over 4 million refugees have fled Syria over the course of the nation's civil war. Mennonite Church USA encourages three ways to help extend the love of Jesus to these sisters and brothers: 1. Pray for an end to the violence that creates refugees. Until that time, pray for refugees to be welcomed into places of safety, where they can live in peace. 2. Urge Congress and state officials to support and welcome Syrian refugees. MCC Washington has compiled contact information for national and state officials. See <http://mcc.org/get-involved/advocacy/alert/support-syrian-iraqi-refugees> and <http://washingtonmemo.org/portfolio/support-syrian-and-iraqi-refugees/> for more information. 3. Support organizations that assist with refugee resettlement, and consider how your congregation or community can participate. Church World Service (<http://cwsglobal.org/get-involved/welcome-a-refugee/>) and World Relief (<http://refugeecrisis.worldrelief.org/usa>) are two such organizations.

Third Sunday of Advent

Joy



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Advent 3
Theme: Joy

Prelude

Jill Zerger

Welcome

Pastor Derek

Opportunities for Discipleship

Call to Worship HWB 715 from the “Magnificat” Luke 1:46-55

***Song of Expectation STJ 31**

He came down

Lighting of Advent Candles: Kyle & Sarah Neufeld

Time with Children

Ruth Kaufman

Worship Music

Ladies' Choir

Becky Clark, director; Candy Unrau, accompanist

***Hymn of Preparation HWB 178**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Dorothy & Homer Goering

Message

“Mary, Mother Of Our Lord”

Pastor Lee

Reception of Jerry Lankford into our membership

Prayers of the People

Worship Through Giving/Offertory

“Mary, Did You Know?” arranged by Tim Doran

***Sending Song STS 15**

Hope is a candle

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Magnify the Lord” arranged by Tim Doran

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 to worship! You are invited, as the prophet invited Israel: "Sing aloud! Rejoice and exult with all your heart... The LORD has taken away the judgements against [us]" (Zephaniah 3:14-15, NRSV)

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 & Tim Regehr for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

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

Eden Mentors and Mentees and their families are invited to a caroling party this evening at Pine Village. We'll meet at the Krehbiel Apartment Commons at 6:30. Please bring a Christmas snack to share after caroling.

Eden Leadership Team (ELT) will be calling a Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary for **today, December 13th at 11:45 a.m.** following the Sunday school hour. The agenda for this meeting will be 1) To approve the 2016 Church budget; 2) elect new ELT and Commission members; and 3) adopt the current (trial) church structure. Copies of the ballot and proposed budget can be found on the literature table in the fellowship hall and information regarding the leadership structure is posted on the bulletin board along the east wall of the fellowship hall. At the meeting, the following recommendation will be brought for Congregational action: The ELT recommends to the Eden Congregation that we adopt the current leadership structure. Required constitution changes will be completed and brought to the congregation next year.

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.

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.

Eden This Week

Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday school 6:30 p.m. Mentor/Mentees caroling
Monday	7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg. 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission mtg.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir FEWZ Youth Group meets
Thursday	7:00 p.m. Eden Leadership Team meets at Eden

Looking Ahead

Dec 24:	Church Office Closed 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service
Dec 25:	Christmas Day – Church Office Closed
Jan 5:	Mary Martha all day meeting
Jan 6:	7:00 p.m. Ugandan Boys Choir at Eden
Jan 13:	Meals and Bible study resume

Last Sunday, Dec 6, 2015

Worship Attendance: 193; Sunday School: 138
Offering: \$31,145.53

Next Sunday, December 20, 2015

Nursery: Britney & DeWayne Stos
Children's Story: Jerry & Linda Schrag
Music: Chancel Choir

Remember in Prayer

Lorene Goering: Adjusting to her home at Pine Village Health Care

Nelson Goering: Dismissed from St. Francis Hospital

Maggie Rath: undergoing chemotherapy at St. Francis

WDC: Pray for joy and wisdom for Jennie Wintermote in her new role as WDC Resource Library Director, a ¼ time position that began December 1.

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

Eden has booked the Ugandan Kids Choir for Wednesday, Jan 6 at 7:00 p.m. Host homes are needed for Jan 5 & 6. Each host home will have a combination of children and one adult. One host home is needed for a single adult with no children. Please contact the church office (345-8320) for more information if you are willing to serve as a host home.

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.

Opportunities for Service: Please contact Jill Zerger ([316-217-2678](tel:316-217-2678) –text or call) if you would be willing to serve in one or more of the following ways for 2016: Sunday morning greeter, potluck committee, or children's story teller.

John McCabe-Juhnke, communications professor at Bethel College, will speak **today** 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.

If you, or someone you know are in need of Christmas gifts for children we are here to help. If you're interested we need your information by Wednesday Dec. 16th. This is for families in the Moundridge School District. If you would like to help one of these families there will be Angel Tree's located at Cradle to Crayons. We would like the Angel's all out by December 18th. Please have your wrapped gift with the Angel you chose attached to the gift returned to Cradle to Crayons by December 21st at 5 p.m. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Christina Graber at 345-2390 or by email at cradletocrayons@mtelco.net

Fellowship Hall Christmas Trees: Thank you to those who shared their festive Christmas trees and lights for both for the Christmas Tea last weekend and for our enjoyment throughout the Christmas season.

The Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship will share their annual living nativity, Night in the Barn, on December 19 and 20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The llama that gives kisses, the big cow with her little calf, the sheep wearing bells, and the donkeys that share their love of people—these are a few of the critters who will assemble in the barn of Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen between Goessel and Hillsboro. The come-and-go event will feature a program in the barn, Christmas carols around a bonfire, hot drinks and snacks. Admission is free and donations to the youth group will be accepted. Directions: From Goessel: 3 miles north on Hwy 15, 4 miles east on 150th, $\frac{3}{4}$ north on Falcon. From Hillsboro, 4 miles south on Indigo, 3 west on 150th, $\frac{3}{4}$ north on Falcon. From McPherson, Hwy 56 to Hwy 15 south, 5 miles on Hwy 15 to 150th, 4 miles east on 150th and $\frac{3}{4}$ north on Falcon. (Follow these directions and not GPS) For more information, call 620-386-0709.

You're invited to the MCC Christmas Open House – bring your friends, family and neighbors to our open house on Tuesday, December 15 from 4-6 p.m. The come-and-go event will feature live music, lots of delicious Christmas goodies and snacks and at 5 p.m. hear MCC alumni reflect on Christmas traditions in Bosnia Herzegovina, Bolivia and Cambodia. Please plan to drop by to enjoy some Christmas cheer! Questions? Call 316-283-2720.

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.

A "Come and See" Israel/Palestine Trip, co-sponsored by MCUSA, Western District and South Central Mennonite Conferences, is planned for April 2-13, 2016. Travel will follow roughly the path of Jesus' life, visiting people and sites in Bethlehem, Galilee and Jerusalem including significant time in both the occupied West Bank and Israel and an overnight home stay with a Palestinian Christian family. MCC Jerusalem staff will accompany and guide the group. \$1000 scholarships will be given to each participant from a "Come and See" fund. **A \$600 deposit is needed by December 15 to reserve a spot.** Airfare is the responsibility of each participant and the only remaining expense. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or you may contact Bill Zuercher (316-772-1224 or billz@sccmenno.org).

Just a short bath house break--We're taking this opportunity to let you know that work on the bath houses at Camp Mennoscah continues. This warm weather has been great for keeping the work going. The plan/hope/expectation is that the bath houses will be finished before the next camping season. Thank you to all the many people who have supported this project with prayers, gifts, and hard work!

World Fellowship Sunday (January 24, 2016) is a reminder that “we belong to each other as sisters and brothers in God’s household. We support each other, uphold those who are suffering and being persecuted, and learn from one another. Walking with God finds its total meaning in fellowship – in the breaking of bread, serving, and meeting the needs of others,” says César García, General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference. “It does not mean the absence of challenges, but recognizing we are assured of victory with and through God.” Information about World Fellowship Sunday, as well as worship resources for Jan 24, 2016, can be found at: <https://www.mwc-cmm.org/wfs>

Rural Ministry Discussion Group - AMBS-Kansas Center will host two options for a Rural Ministry Discussion Group (both in-person and online). This discussion group allows for pastors and church leaders to come together and discuss issues pertinent to their own rural setting, such as rural spirituality, decline in attendance, and systemic issues facing rural congregations. Discussion and case studies will seek to explore practical ways for rural congregations to engage in the unique mission opportunities within a rural context. Registration is limited, so please register as soon as possible to ensure participation. The in-person option begins Jan 12, 2016 and is facilitated by Dorothy Nickel Friesen. The online option begins Jan 14, 2016 and is facilitated by S. Roy Kaufman. For registration and more information, please see: <https://www.ambs.edu/academics/rural-ministry-discussion-group.cfm>

Centering Prayer continues to meet every Monday from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Please note our December schedule: We will meet Dec. 14 and Dec. 21; we will not meet Dec. 28. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly – all are welcome, with no previous experience required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu. (For help locating Agape Center in Richert House, see www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/)