

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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Christ Is Born!



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Prelude Karen Kaufman

Welcome Di Rempel Suderman

Opportunities for Discipleship

*** Song of Expectation STH 31** *He came down*

Lighting of Advent Candles: Ernie and Judy Krehbiel

Call to Worship:

L: As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold.

P: As with joy they hailed it's light, leading onward beaming bright.

All: So, most gracious Lord, may we ever more be led to Thee.

L: As with joyful steps they sped Savior to thy lowly bed,

P: There to bend the knee before Thee whom earth and heaven adore;

All: So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

*** Gathering Hymn HWB 212** (vss 1, 3, 4) *O come, all ye faithful*

Children, please come forward during the last verse

Time with Children Derek & Becky King

*** Christmas Carol HWB 201** *Hark, the herald angels sing*

Prayers of the People

Offering/ Offertory

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 1-20 Chelsey Knight

Message "Not Exactly What I was Planning" Pastor Suderman

Song of Response HWB 318 *Joy to the World*

An "Afterward" "The Story Still Isn't Over" Pastor Lee

Sing a different song STS 27

*** Sending Song (Insert)** *Go tell it on the mountain*

*** Benediction**

Postlude *Joy To the World* with "Psalm 19" arr by Linda McKecchnie

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 Eden on this first Sunday after Christmas.

Please greet those worshiping near you.

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 Rashelle & Matt Schrag 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.

Additional Memorial Angels: The following were memorials that came in after the publication that was in the bulletin last Sunday.

Jim Morrison

remembered by Amber Hancock

Myron (Jim) Graber

remembered by Valeria Graber

Ronald & Florene Wedel

remembered by Duane Wedel Family

Frieda Kaufman

remembered by Duane Wedel Family

Lillie Wedel

remembered by Duane Wedel Family

Mason Wedel

remembered by Duane Wedel Family

Milton Huebert

remembered by Duane Wedel Family

Ron Huebert

remembered by Duane Wedel Family

Christmas Decorations: Thank you to Jean Regier, Britney Stos, and Kathy Waltner for creating the Advent Candle and Nativity arrangements. Thank you to Kyle/Sarah Neufeld, Brandon/Morgan Kaufman, Steve/Linda Graber, and Cory/Amanda Harrison for providing the additional visual Christmas decorations. We appreciate the joyful atmosphere in the sanctuary as we worship and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior!

Eden This Week

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:40 a.m. Sunday school

Friday Church Office Closed

Looking Ahead

Jan 5: Mary Martha all day meeting
Jan 6: 7:00 p.m. Ugandan Kids Choir at Eden
Jan 11: 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission
Jan 12: 7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission
Jan 13: 6:00 p.m. meal served
6:00 p.m. FEWZ meets
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
Jan 19: 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission
Jan 20: 6:00 p.m. meal served
6:00 p.m. FEWZ meets
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
Jan 21: 7:00 p.m. ELT at Eden
Jan 28: 4:00 p.m. Eden leads worship at Pine Village

Last Sunday, Dec 20, 2015

Worship Attendance: 235; Sunday School: 167
Offering: \$8,046.00

Next Sunday, January 3, 2016

Nursery: Cindy Bartell & Alan Thomas
Children's Story: Brandon Kaufman & Josh Knight

Remember in Prayer

Meroe Graber: Wesley Medical Center, Wichita

Maggie Rath: Via Christi St. Francis, Wichita

WDC: Give thanks for the gift of Christ's birth, and for WDC congregations embodying the presence of Christ in their local communities.

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

All End of the Year Commission and Committee reports are due in the office by noon on Friday, January 8. You are welcome to email them to edenoffice@edenmennonite.org.

Dear Congregation: Thank you for your patience during this search process. We are happy to announce that we are looking at several potential candidates, and are actively working toward our goal. 'Searching' involves work on the part of the Conference Minister, and the transition between Clarence Rempel and Heidi Regier-Kreider, as well as Heidi's thorough and careful discernment, caused some delay. We appreciate your prayers as we continue to seek God's guidance in securing pastoral leadership for our congregation.

Search Committee - Larry Temple, Cindy Bartel, Sami Doane, Jenny Schrag, and Jerry Schrag

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

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.

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.

A volunteer is needed to serve on the Et Cetera Shop board. The board meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Please contact the church office 345-8320, or edenoffice@edenmennonite.org if you are willing to serve in this role.

Thank you for your support of the angel tree. If you purchased an angel, please pick it up by January 3.

It's time for Mary Martha Circle to start their New Year. We will meet Tuesday, Jan. 3. Guests are always welcome! We will be starting to quilt a new quilt that Mary Beth Goering pieced for us for the 2017 MCC Relief Sale. Some ladies will also be embroidering tea towels, making greeting cards, tying comforters. January projects are nail clippers, wide tooth combs – 6 or 8 inches wide, band aids – any size. Lunch is a covered dish.

Join our Eden MC USA college students on Sunday, January 3! They will be participating in our worship service that morning, and they'll also be available for conversation and sharing during fellowship time. The Student Grant Fund Committee and parents will be providing rolls and muffins as well. Donations to the Grant can be made during fellowship time or taken directly to the church office. Thank you for your continuing support of these young people!

The Peace/Witness "Bucket Challenge" for Syrian refugees will begin January 10 and continue until February 7. Help us collect the following items to fill MCC buckets and send to Middle East refugee camps: 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13-24 oz; place in resealable plastic bag); 4 large bars laundry soap (some stores carry Fels Naptha, Sunlight, or Zote brands); 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors); 2 wide-tooth combs (6-8 ins.); 1 fingernail clipper (good quality); and 1 package sanitary pads (18-24 count thin maxi). Include these items in your Christmas shopping and we will start the New Year with the gift of giving!

Mennonite Women USA has been providing Sister Care weekends the last few years. We are excited to announce that the program is now going onto College campuses, one being held on Bethel College Campus on Feb. 6, 2016. We feel this is an important venture to help young adult women manage their own concerns, while also developing skills and ideas that they can use in supporting each other. This is also an investment to the future leadership of Mennonite Women locally and beyond. Marlene Bogard, Exec. Director of MWUSA, will be the main presenter, along with some local women. Obviously college students do not have extra funds available for an opportunity like this, so we are asking whether your Women's Group, Church or individual can give towards a student's registration. Please make your check payable to Mennonite Women USA and send to Berni Kaufman, 718 N. Main Street, Newton, KS 67114. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Denise Nickel, Board Member at this email or oreo@mtelco.net.

The Camp Mennoscah Board of directors has accepted the resignation of John Stoesz, executive director. John will be available to continue assisting Camp with marketing and advancement initiatives until the next executive director is hired. If you are interested in the Executive Director position at Camp Mennoscah, please contact David Weaver, recruiting consultant at Career 1 Source at [620-327-0371](tel:620-327-0371) or DavidWeaver@career1source.com. Please keep Camp in your prayers as we search for a new Executive Director to focus on advancement and marketing.

It's for the Youth! Camp Mennoscah is offering a Youth Volunteer Weekend for youth in grades 7-12 on March 11-12, 2016. Counselors and camp staff will lead the group in various tasks and activities. Patrick Loganbill and Rachel Miller will lead in activities and worship. Limited space. Online registration now available at www.campmennoscah.org.

Rural Ministry Discussion Group: Price Reduced - The registration cost for AMBS-Kansas Center's Rural Ministry Discussion Group (both in-person and online) has been reduced to the low price of \$75 if you register before January 3. Registration is limited, so please register as soon as possible to ensure participation. The in-person discussion group begins January 12, 2016 and is facilitated by Dorothy Nickel Friesen. The online discussion group begins January 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>

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.