

Church Office Hours

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Eden Mennonite Church Vision Statement

We strive to be God’s children, called together to be transformed and sent out to live and proclaim salvation and reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

Notes:

“strive”: Philippians 1:27b, 2:12b, 3:14

“God’s children”: John 1:12; Romans 8:14;

“called together”: Hebrews 10:24,25; Acts 2:42-47; Greek word for church, *ekklesia* = “called out ones”

“transformed”: Romans 12:2; *repent* = “turn around”

“sent out”: Matthew 28:19,20

“live”: Matthew 7:21

“proclaim”: Acts 2:38-40

“salvation”: John 3:16,17; Acts 4:12

“reconciliation”: 2 Corinthians 5:18,19



**We have seen him...and touched
Him with our own hands.**

1 John 1:1a

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Prelude

Mark & Gail Stucky

*Ar Hyd y Hos (All through the night)
Shall we gather at the river*

Welcome

Linda Goering

Opportunities for Discipleship

***Call to Worship STJ 130**

***Gathering Hymn STJ 99**

You walk along our shoreline

A Hymn of Peace & Justice HWB 405

Where cross the crowded ways

Time with Children

Keith Schrag

Worship Music

Led by Eden Worship Band

*Just a closer walk with thee, see insert for details
As I went down to the river, insert*

Scripture Reading

I John 1:1-4

Message

“Extending Our Reach Toward Others”

Pastor Lee

***Hymn of Response HWB 517**

Open my eyes that I may see

Prayers of the People

Offering/ Offertory

Ashokan Farewell

Gail Stucky

***Praise for God’s Bounty Toward Us**

Praise God from whom

***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, one and all! Faith, hope and love are gifts of God.
May you find them here.

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 Carina & Brent Knight for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) coin collection will be starting February 7 this year! Be saving your coins!

Please let the church office know if you would like a list of all of your contributions for 2015. They will not be printed unless you request them. You may call 345-8320 or email edenoffice@edenmennonite.org to request them.

The Peace/Witness "Bucket Challenge" for Syrian refugees: 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! On **Jan 10** bring 4 new bath towels; on **Jan 17**, 1 package sanitary pads, on **Jan 24**, 2 wide-tooth combs and 1 fingernail clipper, and on **Jan 31**, 1 plastic bottle shampoo and 4 large bars laundry soap.

Beginning Feb. 17, for our Wednesday night adult Bible studies, Dale R. Schrag (former Bethel College church relations director, now retired) will present six illustrated lectures on Anabaptist/Mennonite history, titled "From Whence Have We Come." Whether you have never even thought about our faith history or can quote Menno Simons, you will find Dale's talks worthwhile and engaging. "There is perhaps no faith group that has used its unique past as a source of renewal more often—or more successfully—than the Mennonites," Dale says. "Whether reading the newly-published Martyrs' Mirror in 17th century Holland or Harold S. Bender's "The Anabaptist Vision" in CPS camps during World War II, Mennonites have found meaning and purpose by learning about their history." Note these dates for Dale's 6:45-7:30 p.m. presentations in our sanctuary: Feb. 17, 24; March 2, 9, 30; and April 6. Invite and bring a carful of friends to join us for meal and Dale.

Eden This Week

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

Tuesday Mary Martha Circle meets

Wednesday 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

Thursday 5:00 p.m. SCRT mtg.
5:30 p.m. Deacons/Pastors mtg.

Looking Ahead

Feb 7: Noon Potluck meal followed by Year in Review

Feb 8: 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg.
Education/Discipleship Commission mtg.

Feb 10: Ash Wednesday
No meal served
6:00 p.m. FEWZ meets 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
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

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6:00 p.m. FEWZ meets
6:45 p.m. Bible study for all ages
6:45 p.m. Dale Schrag's presentations in sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Last Sunday, Jan 24, 2016

Worship Attendance: 192; Sunday School: 139
Offering: \$4,755.09

Next Sunday, February 7, 2016

Children's Story: Peace/Witness

Music: Men's Chorus

Nursery: Karen & Greg Stucky

Potluck meal followed by Year in Review Celebration

Remember in Prayer

Lorene Goering: Mercy Hospital

Lisa and Glen Goering grieving after the death of Lisa's mother Donna Rush.

WDC: As WDC's fiscal year concludes, give thanks for God's faithful provision for WDC throughout the past year.

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

Pastor Derek and the SEEDS class are on retreat at Rock Springs near Junction City, KS.

Verna P. Goering has moved to Asbury Park, 1212 S. Plum St., Newton. She would love to receive visits and calls. Her number is 316-804-7440.

Because God has done so much in and through Eden Mennonite Church in the past year, we are going to call our Congregational Meeting on February 7 a "Year in Review Celebration." Following the potluck meal will be a minimal agenda, including a few financial items and a celebration of all that God has done! Commissions, committees, and individuals are encouraged to share where they've seen God at work in our church family over the past year. Let's gather to proclaim our joy, sing, and give thanks! Eden Leadership Team

Sunday, February 7 Maynard Knepp from Mennonite Central Committee Central States will be sharing with the children during children's time. We will also have a blessing for the buckets. During the Sunday school hour Maynard will share about what MCC is doing in the Middle East refugee camps.

The Mennonite Men have voted to pay the rent of \$8,800.00 for the buildings for the MCC sale again this year. Like in the past our dues are \$100.00 to fund this project. If you feel led to pay more and are able please do so. Take your check to the Church Office or give it to Keith Albrecht.

A limited number of The Annual Report Books have been printed and have also posted on our website www.edenmennonite.org. Click on about then click on resources. If you pick one up, bring it with you on February 7, as no more books will be printed.

Mary Martha will host a salad luncheon at 12 noon on February 2. A program will follow by Mary Beth Goering.

The January/February Eden Echoes is available on the literature table.

Don't forget to sign up for the fellowship meal on Wednesday night. A signup sheet is on the literature table in the fellowship hall or call the office before noon on Tuesday.

PET Kansas and Hope Haven are planning another wheelchair distribution in Guatemala March 14-21, 2016. We will be doing some construction and providing food for the widows and widowers at a soup kitchen. If you would like to help with the expenses for those projects please make your check to PET Kansas with mission trip in the memo line.

Nationally known Christian speaker and author Shane Claiborne will be featured at the Hesston College Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship (AVDS) conference February 19-21. ***Not Just on Sunday*** will explore what it's like to live a vibrant 24/7 faith by discovering spiritual practices that bring transformation. To register use the printed brochures (found on the literature table in the fellowship hall) or go to www.hesston.edu/avds. For more information, call 620-327-8109 or toll free at 866-437-7866.

***Not just on Sunday* features a Saturday evening Celebration Concert** with Bluegrass music by Hesston College alumnus Dave Miller and The Book of Jebb 7 p.m. February 20 at Hesston Mennonite Church auditorium. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and available at the Hesston College Bookstore at 620-327-8104 or at the door. Conference registrants and youth of all ages are free.

Mennonite Agri-Urban has just finished another successful year and you are invited to help us celebrate. Anyone interested in learning about our organization and everyone who donated feed and worked with Agri-Urban cattle is invited to a fasma on Sunday, February 21 at Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge. Drop in between 3:30 and 5:00 pm. Information about the organization, a financial report and written reports from our beneficiaries will be available. A special thanks to all those who raised cattle and donated feed again this year. Proceeds from the cattle sales benefit Western District Conference, Mennonite Church USA and Bethel College.

Fri., Feb. 5, and Sat., Feb. 6 – Prison Theater Project, a Bethel College 2016 interterm class, presents *Inside Story*, directed by John McCabe-Juhnke, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and non-Bethel students (Bethel students are free Friday and pay \$1 Saturday). A dollar of every ticket sold goes to Offender Victim Ministries, Newton, to support its Prison Ministries that include arts projects and M-2. (Please note *Inside Story* is rated PG for language.)

Interested in mass incarceration? How about immigration? MCC has large scale, multi-panel displays available for your congregation to use on these topics. To help you engage in these topics, MCC will cover the cost of shipping the displays to your church. All you have to do is let us know when you'd like them! When a Parent is in Prison gives a glimpse of life for the two million children with a parent in prison. Ladder without Rungs explores metaphors of suffering and trauma from survivors of violent crime to express their experiences, and from life-sentenced prisoners to describe the sentences they are serving. People on the Move tells the human stories of migration. If your church would like to help with the cost of shipping, your donation would be accepted, but for 2016 it is not required. Call [316.283.2720](tel:316.283.2720) for more information and email exhibits@mcc.org to make your reservations today!

You're Invited to join the MCC Central States Board and Staff at our annual Community Engagement Event on Saturday, Feb. 27. Our event this year will be held in the chapel at Tabor College in Hillsboro from 8:30-10:45am focusing on Mass Incarceration. We will have a variety of speakers share with the group and time for questions and answers. Please call our office to let us know if you'll be attending at [316.283.2720](tel:316.283.2720). All our welcome to attend this informative event with opportunity to engage with MCC board and staff!

Could you use a few new friends? Like 300 new friends? Then the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus is for you. Yes, KMMC is about music and raising money for the global mission work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). But, KMMC also fosters wonderful relationships among the chorus members. You are invited to join us. If you can sing during the Sunday morning worship service, you can sing in KMMC. Join KMMC. It's good for your spirit! For registration information, see the KMMC posters in the foyer or contact Perry Krehbiel. Rehearsals begin February 28.

Larry and Karen Loganbill and Jennifer Kaufman will share pictures and information from their Israel/Palestine trip at West Zion in Moundridge, January 31, at 6:30 PM. All are welcome. Offering will be accepted for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and the Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) for their work in the Middle East. The sharing will be followed by a time of fellowship with cookies.

**A partial list of potential, future Service/Outreach projects/
ministries we could consider.**

While we recognize/respect the scope of ministries our people fulfill inside our congregation and in their own communities, this list may help us maintain the vitality and appeal for the Moundridge community as the place where our church is located, and from which still we seek to attract non-churched persons to our own congregation. Our home community of Jerusalem and Judea, then the more cross cultural challenges of touching our surrounding areas. Following are some ideas for starters from our classes.

Take a Sunday off to visit another church to appreciate each other's worship & report what we learned.

Take a Sunday off to go out and do service projects for others in our community as a witness of love.

Ramp up our availability for service to our local community—maintenance, clean up, driving for shopping, transportation to the doctor & even helping just listen during consultation if requested.

Set up a hot line at the office to provide information on such services and help arrange for the same.

A program of summer meals for kids similar to what Trinity Mennonite Church successfully did this summer in Hillsboro

Help Foster non-profit organizations in Hutchinson—see Katie Gilmore

Help Christina Graber raise scholarships for Cradle to Crayons families.

Serve/support the Mt Hope Sanctuary (for women) in McPherson

Partner more with Valley Hope?

Cooperative Youth Outreach with activities after games or other activities for them in the summer

Expand our range of involvements/ministries at Pine Village

Coffee Shop: set up someplace for Young Adults to congregate (similar to one in Valley Center and Inman)

More SS Options especially for College agers & “In betweeners”

Expand Becky King’s ministry in the Moundridge school system

A community sing along and/or an inspirational community event with special speaker, etc

Host a High School Prom or after prom event.

Perhaps survey the town to learn “who is our neighbor?” and establish appropriate ministries

Learn what neighboring communities/churches are doing to reach out to those who live there.

Read/listen to homebound and advocate (problem solve) for the needs of elderly & our youth.

Donate blood.

Help staff the polls on Election Day.

An emphasis on the Homeless Shelters

Increase our visibility on Black Kettle Days as a holistic, civic minded church that really cares

(More ideas?)

STJ 106: Just a Closer Walk With Thee:

Refrain

Vs. 1

Vs. 2

Instrumental Break

Vs. 3

Refrain

STJ 79: As I Went Down to the River

Refrain 1: Solo

Verse 1: Women

Oh Sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down

Oh Sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray

Refrain 2: All

As I went down to the river to pray

Studying about that good old way

And who shall wear the robe and crown

Good Lord show me the way

Verse 2: Men

Oh brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down

Oh brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray

Refrain 3: All

As I went down to the river to pray

Studying about that good old way

And who shall wear the starry crown

Good Lord show me the way

Verse 3: All

Oh fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down

Oh fathers, let's go down, down to the river to pray

Refrain 4: All

As I went down to the river to pray

Studying about that good old way

And who shall wear the robe and crown

Good Lord show me the way

Verse 4: All

**Oh mothers, let's go down, come on down, don't ya wanna go down
Come on mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray**

Refrain 5: All

**As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way**

Verse 5: All

**Oh sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down
Oh sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray**

Refrain 6: All

**As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord show me the way**