

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.

Volunteer position in Washington, DC - Volunteer staff are needed at The International Guest House in Washington, D.C. (3 months or full year) for the ministry of Christian hospitality. The Guest House (a ministry of Allegheny Conference) serves both international and US travelers. Volunteers are provided full room and board in the Guest House. Monthly stipend of \$140. Health insurance paid for full year volunteers if needed. Hospitality duties include welcoming guests, hosting breakfast and tea, cleaning, laundry, maintenance, baking. Great location for sightseeing and exploring the many facets of the National City. For information and an application contact: Judy Nord judyknord@verizon.net (301-9856-858) or International Guest House igh.dc.us@gmail.com (202-726-5808).

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Moundridge, Kansas
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First Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Prelude

Karen Kaufman

Welcome

Pastor Derek

Opportunities for Discipleship

***Call to Worship and Opening Prayer**

Ldr: As we gather in this place, let us be drawn into the safety of the love of God. With the Psalmist we proclaim:

All: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say unto the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust."

***Gathering Hymn STJ 33** *Come, Holy Spirit, descend* Led by Ladies Choir

Confessing and Reconciling

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Provider God, we confess that we often forget that all we are and all we have comes from you. We forget that we can trust in you and rely on you in times of trial and temptation. Forgive our weakness and forgetfulness. Help us to lean on your life-giving Word and to believe in your promise of reconciliation and eternal love. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, Amen.

God's Word of Assurance from Ps 91:14-16

Hearing God's Story

Time with Children "How Our People Bless Us" Pastor Derek & Jay Goering

Worship Music

The Gift of Love arr. Hal Hopson Ladies Chorus
Becky Clark, director; Candy Unrau, accompanist

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Worship Music

Written in Red arr. Joseph Linn Ladies Chorus

Message

"Letting Go of the Pen" Pastor Lee

Responding to the Story

Personal Reflections on "How each of us acknowledge God as Author of our Story"

Offering/Offertory/MCC coin collection

Prayers of the People

***Sending Hymn HWB 502**

Benediction
Spirit of God! Descend

Sending Blessing

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.

We extend our welcome and Christ's love to all who gather for worship today. We're glad you're 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 Samantha & Heath Doane for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

If you would like to be a part of the deacons care visitation team please contact one of the deacons: Brandon Kaufman, Carol Zerger, Laurie Schrag, Larry Temple, Glen Goering.

Dale R. Schrag's Wednesday evening presentations on Anabaptist/Mennonite history, "From Whence Have We Come," begin Feb. 17, and whether you like history or not, you will love his style and thoughts. Plan now to attend all six lectures: Feb. 17, 24; March 2, 9, 30; April 6 at 6:45-7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. Invite friends. Meals will be served each of these Wednesday evenings. "Whosoever boasts that he is a Christian, the same must walk as Christ walked." —Menno Simons, 1539

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. **All male members of Eden are a part of Mennonite Men.**

Eden This Week

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:40 a.m. Sunday school
- Wednesday** 6:00 p.m. meal served
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
- Thursday** Noon – Deadline for items for the March *Eden Echoes*

Looking Ahead

- Feb 21:** 3:30-5:00 p.m. Agri-Urban at Eden
- Feb 23:** 7:00 p.m. Eden Endowment Committee mtg
- Feb 24:** 6:00 p.m. meal served
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
- Mar 1:** Mary Martha Circle meets
- Mar 2:** 6:00 p.m. meal served
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
- Mar 3:** 7:00 p.m. Deacons/Pastors meeting
- Mar 7:** Worship Commission mtg.
- Mar 7-9:** MCC Comforter Blitz at Yoder

Last Sunday, February 7, 2016

Worship Attendance: 197; Sunday School: 142
Offering: \$6,774.00

Next Sunday, February 21, 2016

Children's Story: Shirley Delk
Music: Chancel Choir
Nursery: Teresa & Dennis Graber

Remember in Prayer

Geneva Flickner: McPherson Hospital

Lorene Goering: Dismissed from Mercy Hospital

Howard Knight: Dismissed from Mercy Hospital

WDC: Pray for Byron Pellecer as he prepares for a transition to a new role as Associate Conference Minister in Texas beginning in May.

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

Nancy Krehbiel has requested the transfer of her membership to First Mennonite in McPherson.

Tree Visual in Fellowship Hall: Thank you to Jean Regier, Brittney Stos, and Kathy Waltner for sharing their artistic talents in the creation of the tree on the north wall of Fellowship Hall. This tree was created for the purposes of bringing joy and beauty through color to this space in our church and providing opportunities for displaying children's artwork, photos . . . Be watching for the addition of another tree in the future.

The Historical/Archival Committee has placed video and audio cassettes from 2008 services on a table in Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to take those that interest you. The remaining tapes will be discarded.

Proposed Vision Statement Feedback: The pastors would like to provide opportunities for all to respond to the Proposed Vision Statement. We will give a worksheet for each Sunday School Class, to be completed by Feb. 21st. If you are not part of a Sunday School Class, please fill one out on your own, or join the table discussions offered on the 14th and 21st during the SS hour in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Cradle to Crayons is having their annual spaghetti supper on February 18th at the Senior Center from 5:30-7:30 p.m. All proceeds from this dinner will be given to Annie (Graber) and TJ Wyssmann. If you have any questions feel free to call Cradle to Crayons at 345-2390.

Join us for Associated Churches Holy Week services:

March 20 (Palm Sunday), 12:00/noon meal at the Senior Center followed by a prayer walk at **12:45** (meal is a fundraiser for the ministries of the Associated Churches).

March 22 (Tuesday), 7:00-8:00 PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center, Candlelit service in the Taize style (a service of singing and meditating on Scripture).

Moundridge Community Blood Drive: Pine Village Wellness Center, 86 22nd Ave., Monday Feb. 22 1:30-6:00. You are encouraged to visit call 1-800-Red Cross ([800-733-2767](tel:800-733-2767)) or redcrossblood.org to schedule apt. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to pre-register on the day of the drive.

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.

Have you always wanted to experience another culture while growing professionally, spiritually, and personally? Then MCC's SALT program is for you! We have upwards of 120 diverse assignments in over 35 countries waiting for the perfect applicants to fill them. Deadline to apply is Feb. 15. Make 2016 the year you will step out in faith and do it. Apply today at mcc.org/salt!

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 are welcome to attend this informative event with opportunity to engage with MCC board and staff!

Bethel College:

Today, Feb.14, Christopher Shaw Organ Recital, 3 p.m, Ad Building Chapel.

Thursday, Feb. 18, Artist reception for Stan Reimer and "50 years of Photography", 6-8 p.m. Luyken Fine Arts Center. Exhibit through Feb. 19. Hours 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. weekdays, 2-4 p.m. Sundays.

Sunday, Feb. 21—KIPCOR Film Series continues with *Groundswell Rising*, 3 p.m., about citizen opposition to fracking, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Talk-back session with a panel including filmmaker Renard Cohen, and a reception with music, to follow. Saturday, Feb. 20, there will be a reception with music for Renard Cohen, along with clips of the film, at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita, 3 p.m.

First Mennonite Church of Halstead invites you to their Verenike Supper from 5-7:00 p.m. at 427 W. 4th St. Halstead on February 20. All funds will go to missions. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

The sixth concert of the 2015-16 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring [Lindsay Lou & The Flatbellys](#), will be Sunday, February 21 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

On Tuesday, Feb 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Hesston, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will continue its 2016 Winter Lecture Series with Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame. Historians speaking about "Western Cattle Trail (1874-1897)". The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion, with a soup supper preceding it at 6 p.m. in the Visitor's Center. The cost of the lecture is \$2 per person, or supper and the lecture is \$7. Interested persons should call 620-327-8127 by 5 p.m. on Friday before the Tuesday lecture for supper reservations.

How do you acknowledge God as Author of your story?

Invitation to Share 2016

January: Wide tooth combs 6 to 8 inches, nail clippers and band-aids of any size.

February: NEW bath & hand towels (medium weight, dark or bright colored).

March: Health Kits:

- 1 toothbrush, (adult size; leave in wrapper)
- 1 large bar bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 hand towel (larger than fingertip, dark color).

Place contents in a fabric double drawstring bag, 11" x 16".

April: Newborn Kits:

- 2 gowns/sleepers, (flannel or similar warm, soft fabric)
- 2 undershirts/onesies, (short or long sleeves)
- 4 cloth diapers, (flat-fold preferred)
- 1 receiving blanket (light weight fleece or flannel; 36")
- 4 safety pins (2")
- 1 bar DOVE soap, (leave in wrapper)
- 1 pair of socks
- 1 cap

May: Sewing Kits:

- 1 metric fabric tape measure
- 2 spools white thread/2 spools black thread (300 yards each)
- 1 thimble (medium size)
- 1 dressmaker's scissors, (good quality)
- 1 pkg. needles, (approx. 25)
- 1 pkg. straight pins, (approx. 100)
- 1 pkg. hooks and eyes, (approx. 12)
- 1 pkg. sew on snaps, (approx. 20-25)
- 10 assorted safety pins.

Place contents in 11" x 16" double drawstring bag.

June: Shampoo, any kind 13-24 oz., adult tooth brushes in wrapper.

July: NEW bars of soap (all sizes and kinds of soap, w/wrappers).

August-September: School Kits:

- 4 spirals or perforated notebooks (70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler, (flat, flexible plastic; indicating 30 cm and 12")
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

Place contents in a 11" x 16" fabric double drawstring bag.

October: Offering for PET-Kansas (Personal Energy Transportation)

November: Cash Offering

December: Comforters and blankets (60" x 80" or 82" x 90"). Comforters specifications. NEW or nearly new material. Single/twin preferred. Winter weight preferred. Please use quilt batting. Knotting with crochet cotton (4" - 8" apart).