

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.

MCC Sale Updates

Sign-up sheets for MCC sake are on table in fellowship hall.

Verenika committee needs 4 new couples this year.

Quilt entry deadline to be pictured in sale book is March 7.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is hiring for an Office Manager/Bookkeeper. This position is available starting on April 1 at the MCC office in North Newton, Kansas. The Office Manager provides public relations, completes bill paying, bookkeeping and other financial tasks, assists volunteers and other departments as needed, maintains CS information in MCC databases and completes general office management tasks. The work schedule is 32 hours per week. The full job description is available at mcc.org/cs-office-manager. Please contact Heidi Huber at heidihuber@mcc.org for more information.

The next concert of the 2015-16 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring [Matt & Shannon Heaton](#), will be Sunday, March 6 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.

Living

Ink



Leaping off the Page

**Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
Website: www.edenmennonite.org**

Lee Suderman, Interim Lead Pastor

Derek King, Associate Pastor

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**Second Sunday in Lent
Living Words that Leap Off the Page**

Gathering

Prelude

Brenda Dalke & Luke Ratzlaff

Welcome

Pastor Derek

Opportunities for Discipleship

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 63)**

Pastor Lee

Ldr: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

All: We gather to praise you.

Ldr: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

All: We will bless you as long as we live

Ldr: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

All: We will lift up our heads and call on your name.

Opening Prayer

Confessing and Reconciling

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and gracious God, we confess that we don't give all of ourselves to you. We lack the vulnerability to fully invite you into our midst and we look for strength in places other than you. Like Adam and Eve, we try to hide our nakedness from you. Accept our confession, and break us free from the idols of strength we use to hide our vulnerabilities. Help us to live as vulnerable people who know ourselves to be embraced by your loving arms. Amen.

Words of Assurance

"When we commit ourselves to God, our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast."

***Hymn of Worship HWB 76**

Praise, I will praise you, Lord

Worship Music

Cole Street Singers

Hearing God's Story

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:15-24 (NLT)

Time with Children

Stories of Joy Bless Us

Pastor Derek & Marlene Krehbiel

Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:1-13 Pastor Lee
Message “The Ultimate Invitation” Pastor Lee

Responding to the Story

Offering/ Offertory/ MCC coin collection

(please give your coins for MCC to one of the children)

Morning Prayer

Benediction

***Sending Song HWB 427** You shall go out with joy

Postlude

Deacons will be available for prayer immediately following the service

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.

O God, we seek you; indeed, we thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. (Psalm 63:1 paraphrased). **Welcome to worship, where God quenches our spiritual thirst.**

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 Shayna & Ian Smith for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

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.**

The SEEDS Sunday school class will be serving a spud bar with an assortment of toppings on March 9 beginning at 6:00 pm. Please sign up on the literature table or call the church office if you plan to attend.

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
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

Looking Ahead

- Mar 3:** 7:00 p.m. Deacons/Pastors meeting
- Mar 7:** 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg.
- Mar 7-9:** MCC Comforter Blitz at Yoder
- Mar 9:** 6:00 p.m. meal served
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- Mar 15:** 7:00 p.m. ELT meeting at church
- Mar 16:** 7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg.
- Mar 17:** 6:00 p.m. Mennonite Women USA supper at Whitestone
- Mar 19:** Church work day
- Mar 20:** Palm Sunday
9:30 Worship at Eden
Noon Associated Churches lunch and prayer walk @ Mdge.
Senior Center
- Mar 22:** 7:00 p.m. Associated Churches Worship Service at PV

Last Sunday, February 21, 2016

Worship Attendance: 215; Sunday School: 168
Offering: \$5,860.00

Next Sunday, March 6, 2016

Nursery: Sarah & Kyle Neufeld

Music: Men's Chorus

Children's Story: Kyle Neufeld

Remember in Prayer

WDC: Pray for pastoral search committees in WDC congregations, and for potential pastoral candidates, as they discern God's guidance for the future.

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

Lorene Goering (94) passed away Wednesday at Pine Village. Services will be held at Eden on Monday, Feb 29. Graveside service will be at 10:00 a.m. with memorial service at 11:00. We extend our sympathy to Jay and Linda and all of Lorene's extended family.

Wednesday night activities for kids and Dale Schrag's presentations on Anabaptist/Mennonite history for adults continue on March 2, 9, 30 and April 6 at 6:45-7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. Invite friends. Meals will be served each of these evenings.

The meal at church on Wednesday evening, March 2 will be a potluck with each family bringing one dish. If you plan to attend, you do not need to sign up, but here are food assignments: People with last names beginning A to H - bring one salad or veggies; I to R - main dish or sandwiches; R to Z - fruit or dessert. Please have your food at church by 6:00. Education/Discipleship Commission will be serving but may need help with clean up.

The Eden Directory for 2016 is available at both the east and west main entrances.

Please notice that the 2016 directory membership list has been divided into two sections. The first section lists our full members and those who are active participants in our church family, regardless of their membership status. The back section lists our associate members. The goal is to use the directory as a more effective contact list for all. In addition, deacons will be reorganizing the church mailboxes in the next week. Mailboxes will be provided for those who pick up their mail at church. To help us with this transition, please remove everything from your mailboxes today, including your coffee cups. Please contact deacons with questions and thank you for your patience and cooperation .

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.

The worship commission has been discussing the care of the worship song books and the hymn books. We have noticed some of the song books have bent covers. Please replace the books back in the book holders or at the ends of the benches at the end of the service. Also, please take the bulletins along with you when you leave the sanctuary. It is important to have a neat and orderly worship area.

Mary Martha Circle will meet for their all day March meeting on Tuesday, March 1. Lunch is a Covered Dish. Project - 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" which we can provide if needed.

Living Ink: Lent at home 2016 for children is available on the literature table.

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.

The March *Eden Echoes* is available on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

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).

The trustees have scheduled Saturday, March 19th, as a church work day. Following is a list of priority work to be done. Please bring your own equipment that you will need to perform these tasks, i.e. paint brushes, rollers, rags, short ladders, step stools, shovels and wheelbarrows. If you cannot help with these priority tasks, general deep cleaning and window washing will be appreciated. We hope to see you there! 1) Fill in dirt around the graves in the cemetery 2) Paint hallways on the N and in the SW part of the Church, 3) Changing bulbs in the Sanctuary fixtures

PET Kansas and Hope Haven are planning another wheelchair distribution in Guatemala March 14-21. 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.

Pine Village will host its 5th Dementia Education Series beginning March 31. This is a four class series, with classes on March 31, April 14, April 21, & April 28 from 7-8 p.m. at the Wellness Center on the Pine Village campus. The series teaches the basics of dementia, including how it works, its stages and what resources are available to family and caregivers. The Series is taught by Pine Village team members Jenna Lehrman, Director of Nursing , and Shelby Shaw, Director of Marketing. The Series is open to the public and free to attend, but space is limited. If are interested in attending, please sign up by contacting Shelby at [620.345.2901](tel:620.345.2901) or shelby.shaw@pinevillageks.org.

The MCC Comforter Blitz will be March 7, 8, & 9 at Journey Mennonite Church at the Yoder campus. Monday's hours will be noon-5pm, Tues and Weds. 9am-5pm. A meal will be served Tues and Weds noon for a donation, or you can bring a sack lunch. Come and have a good time while helping others. For more information call Carol Peters (316-283-4232) or Lois Leinbach 620-327-4119. See the information table for little pink cards with all the information.

Camp Mennoscah has open weekends this summer for each of our facilities-- Retreat Center, Main Camp, and the Bluestem house. We'd love to share the camp experience with you! It's a great place to connect with friends, family, creation, and God. Contact us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) so we can tell you about the fun possibilities!

If you are a local history enthusiast, want to know more about the area, or just need a great way to fill a day, Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association can help. On Saturday, April 30, SMCHA is again sponsoring a bus tour throughout the area featuring more than 55 sites of interest. Included will be sites of interest to Mennonites, sites of general historical significance, and many human-interest items. For more information contact LaVern Stucky @ 620-983-2348 or lavern@powwwwer.net

Kansas lawmakers have a bill before them that would repeal the death penalty. House Bill 2515 was introduced by Representative Steven Becker, a member of Buhler Mennonite Church. But the bill has yet to receive a hearing. Contact your legislators and House Speaker Ray Merrick to express your support for death penalty repeal. Find their contact information at www.kslegislature.org. For more information, see www.ksabolition.org.

MDS will begin scheduling weekly volunteers for the months of April, May, and June on March 7. If you are interested in serving with us, please call. We would love to have you serve with us! All weekly short-term volunteers call Alicia, [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:(800)241-8111) or e-mail ahurst@mds.mennonite.net. U.S. long-term volunteers call Alicia, [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:(800)241-8111), or e-mail ahurst@mds.mennonite.net

Mennonite Women Spring Supper

Thursday, March 17, 2016

6:00 p.m. at

Whitestone Mennonite Church

629 Crescent Drive, Hesston, KS 67062

Making Connections: friendship, faith and women today

by

Marlene Bogard



Marlene Bogard serves as executive director of Mennonite Women USA. She works from her home office in Salem, OR, and daily walks her cute little doggie up a hill, over a creek and beside tall trees. She regularly cuddles and reads to grandson and is very grateful. But she still misses Kansas and all the wonderful Mennonite women who live there.

Music provided by Whitestone Women's Quartet

Full Meal provided by Whitestone Youth Group
(Ham, Potatoes and more - **\$10** payable at the door)

Please make your reservation with name(s) due March 10 to:

ksmennonitewomen@gmail.com or

620-327-8201 (Angie at Hesston College).

Sponsored by Mennonite Women organizations of South Central and Western District Conferences. Offering - WDC project: The International Women's Fund (IWF) scholarships help women around the world receive training and education for church leadership. Make check out to: **Mennonite Women USA** for WDC project. Or to **South Central Conference**

Quilted wall hangings are needed for Mennonite Disaster Service. When a home has been built or rehabbed after disaster, a dedication service is held. At the dedication a Bible, and a quilted wall hanging from Mennonite Women USA are given to the family. We especially need more masculine designs. See the information sheets on the literature table for details.

Tues., March 8 – Friends of the MLA presentation: Rachel Waltner Goossen, “Mennonite Women Challenge John Howard Yoder’s Sexual Abuse,” 7 p.m. Kauffman Museum auditorium

Volunteer opportunities at the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum in Goessel. The museum board is asking the community if there are individuals who would be willing to staff the gift shop on a rotation basis. This would also include at times, introducing visitors to the museum. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Steve Banman, Board President at [620-367-4610](tel:620-367-4610) or call the museum and speak with Benjamin at [620-367-8200](tel:620-367-8200). Thanks in advance!

Fri., March 11 and Sun., March 13 – Bethel College spring opera, Iphigenia in Tauris by Christoph Gluck (not Bizet’s Carmen). Friday performance, 7:30 p.m. (not 7 p.m. as appears on printed calendars); Sunday performance, 3 p.m. (not 2 p.m.). Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; tickets on sale at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center.