

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.

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 judymarknord@verizon.net (301-9856-858) or International Guest House igh.dc.us@gmail.com (202-726-5808).

Living

Ink



The Dark Chapters

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

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Derek King, Associate Pastor

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Second Sunday in Lent
Living Ink: The Dark Chapters

Gathering

Prelude

Jill Zerger

Welcome

Katie Gillmore

Opportunities for Discipleship

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 27)**

Ldr: The Lord is our light and our salvation: whom shall we fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Ldr: One thing we ask of the Lord, one thing we seek;

All: We seek to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.

Gathering Song

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Chancel Choir

Becky Clark, director; Robin Schrag, accompanist

Confessing and Reconciling

Prayer (based on Psalm 27)

All: Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud. Be gracious to us and answer us. Do not turn your servants away in anger, you who have been our help. Do not cast us off. Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!

(Pause for silent confession)

All: Teach us your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path.

Ldr.: God invites us to believe that you shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Hearing God's Story

Time with Children

Pastor Derek & Shirley Delk

Worship Music

Give me Jesus

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Genesis 15:1-12

Message

"The Dark Chapters"

Pastor Derek

Responding to the Story

Responding in Prayer

STS 50

Come, bring your burdens to God

Offering/ Offertory/ MCC coin collection

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

Sending

*Sending Song HWB 585

In your sickness

*Benediction

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.

**Welcome! Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior,
Jesus the Christ. We also welcome the Moundridge FFA
worshipping with us this a.m.**

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 Teresa & Dennis Graber for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

The Camp Mennoscah brochures have arrived. They can be found on the literature table in the fellowship hall. You can also find a separate brochure on Retirees Relaxation Retreat April 25-27 at the same place.

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 Cornerstone SS class will be serving the meal on Feb 24. We will have pizza, salad, cookies and pop. Please sign up on the literature table if you plan to attend. Proceeds will go to MCC.

Eden This Week

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| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday school 3:30-5:00 p.m. Agri-Urban at Eden |
| Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. Eden Endowment Committee mtg. |
| 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

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| 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: | 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg. |
| Mar 7-9: | MCC Comforter Blitz at Yoder |
| Mar 9: | 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 19: | Church work day |

Last Sunday, February 14, 2016

Worship Attendance: 184; Sunday School: 144
Offering: \$4,350.00

Next Sunday, February 28, 2016

Music: Cole Street Singers
Nursery: Shayna & Ian Smith

Remember in Prayer

Wayne & Kathy Ensz grieving after the death of Wayne's brother Paul

Geneva Flickner: Dismissed from McPherson Hospital

Howard Knight: Dismissed from Fort Worth, TX hospital

WDC: Pray for Jenny Schrag, youth pastor for Buhler, Inman and Hoffnungsau Mennonite churches, as they join this Wednesday evening in a licensing service for Jenny's Credential for Specific Ministry.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 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

Anyone interested in learning about Agri-Urban and everyone who donated feed and worked with Agri-Urban cattle is invited to a faspas today, Feb 21 at Eden. 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.

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.

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).

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.

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!

Today (Sun., Feb. 21) – KIPCOR Film Series continues with Groundswell Rising, 3 p.m., about citizen opposition to fracking, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Talk-back session with a panel including filmmaker Renard Cohen, and a reception with music, to follow.

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.

Criminal Justice System, What Can We Do? You're invited to join the conversation as Mennonite Central Committee Central States dives into this broad topic. Speakers will share on various aspects and from a variety of viewpoints on the topic of the criminal justice system and our response to it. Join us in the Chapel in the H.W. Lohrenz Building on the Tabor College campus on Feb. 27 from 9am-noon. Speakers include Jill Schellenberg, Nathan Koontz, David King and Pam Nath.

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.

The Pine Village Annual Corporation Meeting will be Tue. Mar. 1 at the Wellness Center. Invites have been mailed out, so you should have received one in the mail. All corporation members are those who have donated \$200 or more in their lifetime to Pine Village or the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and catered by Knackie's. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. We also will honor a Volunteer of the Year, employee service awards and Employee of the Year. Please RSVP to Pine Village by February 23 to [620.345.2901](tel:620.345.2901) or shelby.shaw@pinevillageks.org.
February 17, 2016

Dear Members of Associated Churches,

For nearly 40 years, the Associated Churches of Moundridge have cooperated to support important ministries in the Moundridge community. The Board of Associated Churches functions as an umbrella non-profit under which ministries such as The Senior Center, Cradle to Crayons, The Moundridge Food Pantry, Vacation Bible School, Moundridge Youth Ministries, Angels Attic, and blood drives are able to operate. Associated Churches helps all these ministries by handling state and federal non-profit registration and reporting, payroll processing, land/building ownership, and insurance. This makes each ministry more efficient by letting them focus on their mission, and also gives the churches of Moundridge a way to work together towards the good we all want to do in our community.

Now, the Board of Associated Churches is struggling to find passion and leadership to carry it forward. Our current Chair, Diane Dickson, finishes her term in December 2016 and we have no qualified Vice-Chair ready to step into the role of Chair. Furthermore, the Board is currently lacking adequate participation of individuals with a strong understanding of finances and an ability to provide oversight and organizational leadership for the umbrella ministries of Associated Churches. Without strong commitment and leadership from members of our participating churches, we, the current Board, must question the long-term viability of the Associated Churches organization.

We would like to invite all concerned and interested persons to our next Board meeting, Monday, April 18, at 7:00p.m. at the Moundridge Senior Center to discuss the future of the Associated Churches.

In Christ,

The Board of Associated Churches
Diane Dickson (Chair – United Methodist)
Dwight Goering (First Mennonite)
Pastor Laura Goerzen (First Mennonite)
Jerri Kaufman (Eden)
Pastor Derek King (Eden)
Perry Krehbiel (Treasurer – Eden)
Pastor Brian Mills (United Methodist)
Pastor Brad Roth (West Zion)
Pastor Lee Suderman (Eden)
Geneva Wedel (West Zion)
February 17, 2016