

**Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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***Our Vision:*** A people transformed by the Holy Spirit in worship and service, so that through us God's grace, love, and peace are made known to the world.

***Our Mission:*** To be a community that follows Jesus in all we say and do.



**THEY** WILL BEAT THEIR SWORDS  
INTO  
**AND PLOWSHARES**  
THEIR SPEARS INTO  
**PRUNING HOOKS**

ISAIAH 2:4

**Eden Mennonite Church**  
**Moundridge, Kansas**  
**Website: [www.edenmennonite.org](http://www.edenmennonite.org)**

Derek King, Lead Pastor

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**Advent 1**

**God's peace is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.**

**Prelude**

Bonita Howard

**Welcome and Opportunities for Discipleship**

Pastor Derek

**\* Call to Worship**

Leader: In the nighttime of despair, we are filled with doubt.

**People: We are overwhelmed with busyness and the compulsion to do.**

**We have lost our way.**

Leader: The night is almost over. We are emerging from our doubt.

**People: O God, show us the way of your heart.**

Leader: Come quickly, to show us.

**All: The dawn is nigh. Show us the way.**

**\* Opening Song HWB 172**

*O come, o come Immanuel*

**Candle Lighting**

**Sing STS 3**

*Come, light of the world*

**Psalm of Praise**

Psalm 122

Alexis Westfall, Tonya Westfall, & Elaine Krehbiel

**\* Song of Praise STJ 31**

*He came down*

**Children's Story**

Amanda Harrison

**Confession and Assurance** (on the screen)

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Dennis Graber

**Sermon**

"Come, let us walk"

Pastor Dianne

**\* Song of Response STS 16**

*Peace before us*

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering/ Offertory**

**\* Sending Song HWB 178**

*Come, thou long expected Jesus*

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

### **Eden This Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
<b>Friday</b>	Church locked for Christmas Tea Set-up
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m. Christmas tea at Eden

### **Looking Ahead**

<b>Dec 4:</b>	Stewardship Commission presents proposed budget
<b>Dec 5:</b>	3:30 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg. 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg.
<b>Dec 6:</b>	2:30 Mary Martha carols at Pine Village
<b>Dec 7:</b>	7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
<b>Dec 8:</b>	1-5:00 p.m. Study Club at Eden
<b>Dec 11:</b>	Noon meal followed by congregational meeting
<b>Dec 14:</b>	6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
<b>Dec 15:</b>	7:00 p.m. ELT mtg. at church
<b>Dec 18:</b>	Christmas Cantata
<b>Dec 21:</b>	6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

### **Last Sunday (Mission Sunday)**

**Nov 20, 2016**

Worship Attendance: 293; Sunday school: 121  
Offering: \$8,261.95

### **Next Sunday, Dec 4, 2016**

#### **Second Sunday in Advent**

Sermon: Pastor Derek  
Children's Time: Jean Regier, Gentry and Mason Regier  
Music: Ladies Choir

**The Bethel College Women's Association Council** needs your help in providing Christmas cookies, peppernuts, cinnamon rolls, candy, and other Christmas baked goods to sell at the 5 Places of Christmas, December 3. This year, we will be joining with the Kauffman Museum and the Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts. Please bring your goodies to the Kauffman Museum on Friday, December 2 during museum hours or Saturday morning 8-10.

**Fri.-Sun., Nov. 25-27 – “Kids Make Memories” post-Thanksgiving family activity, Kauffman Museum.** Come any time during regular museum hours (9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fri.; 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun.), and children can construct their own mixed-media memory installations. Regular museum admission charged.

**Wed., Nov. 30 – Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah*,** with Bethel College instrumentalists, soloists and student conductors, 11 a.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church; scores provided.

**Sun., Dec. 4 – Organ recital with David Cason, 4 p.m., Administration Building chapel at Bethel College (note change in date from some printed calendars)**

**Sun., Dec. 4 – 31st annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 p.m.**

**Fri., Dec. 2 – Christmas Gala jazz concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles 1&2, 8 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center**

**Sat., Dec. 3 – Five Places of Christmas: Bethel College Women's Association** will join with **Kauffman Museum** for this annual holiday event, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the museum.** Homemade candy (by the pound) and baked goods for sale, performances by Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts students, pictures with Mrs. Santa, **music on the historic Teschemacher-Deknatel-Van der Smissen parlor organ at 3 p.m.,** and free admission to the museum, including the special exhibit “Memory Matters: Works by Gesine Janzen.”

**Best Choice Labels for Camp Mennoscah!** Grocery stores in Harvey County and surrounding areas are beginning to carry Best Choice items. Collect the UPC code off Best Choice items, give them to Camp Mennoscah, and we will send them to Best Choice. We receive a \$30 check for every 1000 labels we send in. Contact us at [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290). More information at <http://campmennoscah.org/how-to-help/donate/>

STJ - *Sing the Journey* (green book)

HWB – *Hymnal a Worship Book* (blue book); STS - *Sing the Story* (purple book);

All sermons and Scripture can be viewed at [www.edenmennonite.org](http://www.edenmennonite.org) or our YouTube channel.

**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! "Taste and see that the LORD is good!" (Psalm 34:8). Let us feast on the Word of the Lord.

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 Jerri & Warren Kaufman for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

**December is Eden's month to deliver noon meals from the Senior Citizens' Center.** If you could help deliver meals, please sign up on the literature table.

**Want to give new meaning to Advent this year?** There are Advent At-Home devotionals on the literature table. These are perfect for families with small children. Pick one up or go to [www.anabaptistfaithformation.org](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org).

**Food for the Holidays!** On behalf of the Peace/Witness Commission, we're asking for food donations through December 16. We know some families in our community struggle with having enough food, especially now with the holidays coming. Help us fill the "wagon train" with non-perishable food items. These items will then be taken to the Moundridge Food Pantry. How many wagons can we fill?

**Karsyn Ann Kaufman** was born to Brandon and Morgan Kaufman on Monday, November 21. She is welcomed by her sister, Sawyer, her brother, Coy, paternal grandparents, Lynn and Karen Kaufman and great-grandmother, Vernell Kaufman. **Please remember the love offering** for our new arrival, Karsyn. The piggy bank is on the library table.

### Remember in Prayer

**Mark Rupp:** Wesley Medical Center

**WDC:** Pray for WDC pastors and congregations in the midst of transition, challenge and opportunity.

**The church will be locked all day on Friday, December 2, due to decorating for the Christmas Tea.**

**Sisters in Spirit has decorated a Christmas tree** in the fellowship hall to honor the memory of our loved ones that have died, you may purchase an angel for each of your loved ones for \$3.00 each. They will hang on the tree during the Christmas season. The forms and envelopes are available near the tree. Please place the completed form and payment in the basket.

**Please bring your non-perishable food and monetary donations** and place them in the containers provided in the fellowship hall. Donations will be split between the Moundridge Food Pantry and the McPherson County Food Bank.

**We would like to decorate the church Fellowship Hall for the Christmas season** with trees with clear lights. If you have an artificial tree(s) of any size that you are not using this Christmas season and would be willing to let it be used from November 21 through December, let Jill Zerger know 316-217-2678 or [jillzerger@gmail.com](mailto:jillzerger@gmail.com).

**Ladies, plans are being made for the Sisters in Spirit Christmas tea** at Eden on Saturday, Dec 3 at 9:00 a.m. at the church. The program will be a ladies quartet, Cousins Four. Come join us for beautiful table decorations, good food, Christian fellowship, and an uplifting Christmas message. Guests are welcome. Childcare will be available and volunteers are needed Sat morning to help pour water. Volunteers are needed to decorate tables and provide place settings for eight. If you want to volunteer to set a table or to **RSVP by November 27**, please contact Marla Gillmore at [bmg@lrmutual.com](mailto:bmg@lrmutual.com) or text/phone [620-921-0428](tel:620-921-0428).

**The Eden Leadership Team has affirmed a proposal** by the Trustee's to renovate the Church Office. The Trustee's will have a short informational meeting on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> after fellowship time to present this information to the Congregation. Please attend to hear about our vision of how we can use our office space in our Church Mission. We will take action on this proposal at the Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Congregational meeting.

**Proposed budgets for 2017 are available in the fellowship hall on the information table.**

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> will be our Congregational Business meeting.** Main business items will be affirming a slate of Church Officers, passing our annual budget and acting on the Church office renovation proposal.

**The Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2016, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center. *Note Time Change.* To schedule an appointment visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call [1-800-733-2767](tel:1-800-733-2767).

**The Mennonite Women USA Housewarming Project** continues to donate quilted wall hangings to Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to give to the homeowner when their home is completed and a dedication takes place. MDS is hard at work rebuilding after flooding in West Virginia, Detroit, Michigan, Lafayette, Louisiana, a typhoon in Saipan, and will soon begin rebuilding after wildfires in California. We are getting very low on quilted wall hangings. If quilting is your gift, please help out. Cards are on the literature table with guidelines for wall hangings or go to <https://mennonitewomenusa.org/housewarmer/>.

**The Newton Et Cetera Shop** is seeking new volunteers! We have a fabulous crew at work every day, but need a little extra help. If you (or your Sunday school class or your small group) have a Saturday a month to help at the store, please let us know! If you have a Monday morning to spare, you're welcome to join our volunteer rug crew working at Kidron-Bethel Village in North Newton. Our next "New Volunteer Orientation" is Tuesday, December 6, 6:30-7:30 at the store. Please call if you'd like to sign up: [316-283-9461](tel:316-283-9461). Thank you for 40 years of support for the Newton Et Cetera Shop and its mission!

**All are invited to attend this year's Winter Luminary Walk**, focusing on the theme "The Prairie Sleeps" at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. It will be from 5:30-8 p.m. on November 25 & 26, and December 2 & 3. Admission to the event is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3 to 15, or [advanced tickets](#) can be purchased at [dyckarboretum.org](http://dyckarboretum.org) or at the Arboretum office for \$5 for adult and \$2 for children. Traditional outdoor lights include the walking path lit up by hundreds of luminaries, a nativity scene in the leaf house, and roasting marshmallows at the fire pits. Performances by local groups will include the Bethel College Academy of Performing arts Dance Troupe on Friday, November 25, Dave Anderson on hammered dulcimer on Saturday, November 26, Sound of the Heartland Women's Ensemble at 7 p.m. Friday, December 2 and the Book of JEBB at 7 p.m. Saturday, December 3. Volunteers are also still needed! Call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) or visit [www.dyckarboretum.org](http://www.dyckarboretum.org) for more information.

**The Third annual Ten Thousand Village Fair Trade International Gift Festival** will be held Friday & Saturday, Dec 9-10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will be held in the Western District Conference Office Complex, 2500 N. Main, North Newton.

**The McPherson Community Brass Choir** under the direction of Jerry Toews will be giving a Christmas Brass Concert in the Historic Alexanderwohl Church Sun., Dec 11 at 7 pm. Alexanderwohl is located 1 mile north of Goessel on K-15 highway.