

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.

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.*



WHEN THEY
SAW THE STAR,
THEY WERE
OVERJOYED.

MATTHEW 2:10, NIV

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
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Epiphany

God's day of radiance is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.

Prelude

Candy Unrau

Welcome and Opportunities for Discipleship

Pastor Derek

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Day has dawned! The light of Christ has come into the world.

People: **We see God's radiance in creation and in our lives.**

We rejoice in God's boundless riches given for all.

We worship and adore our Savior, Christ the Lord.

All: Come! Let us walk in the way of God's heart!

***Opening Hymn HWB 216**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

New Testament Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Wanda Knight

Time with Children

Cheri Kaufman

***Hymn HWB 199**

The first Noel

Congregational Commitment, HWB 793

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Perry Krehbiel

***Song STS 30**

Arise, your light is come!

Sermon

"Rejoice and Be Radiant!"

Pastor Dianne

***Song of Response STJ 46**

O breathe on me, O breath of God

Prayers of the People

Offering/ Offertory

***Sending Song STJ 78**

We will walk with God

Benediction

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 or our Facebook page, or YouTube channel.

Eden This Week

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:40 a.m. Sunday school
- Monday** Church Office Closed for New Year's Day

Looking Ahead

- Jan 8:** **Deadline for all commission/committee reports**
- Jan 9:** 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg. @ church office
- Jan 16:** 3:30 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg.
- Jan 18:** 6:00 p.m. Meal served in fellowship hall
6:45 p.m. Bible study for all ages
7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Jan 19:** 7:00 p.m. ELT meets at Eden
- Jan 25:** 6:00 p.m. Meal served in fellowship hall
6:45 p.m. Bible study for all ages
7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Jan 28:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Leadership Retreat

Last Sunday, Dec 25, 2016

Worship Attendance: 155; Sunday school: No SS
Offering: \$18,651.78

Next Sunday, Jan 8, 2017

Music: Ladies Chorus
Children's Time: Pastor Derek
Nursery: Kathy & Al Neufeld

The Bethel College Alumni Choir is looking for more singers interested in getting together for music, fun and fellowship. The next concert will be Sun., Feb. 5, 3 p.m. (you'll be out in time for football!), with one rehearsal, Sat., Feb. 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. If you're a Bethel choir alumnus and want to be involved, contact Andrew Voth, votha@usd411.org; see "Bethel College Alumni Choir" on Facebook for more information.

Tues., Jan 10 - Friends of the MLA presentation, 7 p.m., Ben Goossen, "Mennonites at War: Military Service, Ethnic Cleansing and Global Migrations During and After the First World War," *Kauffman Museum*

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 to worship in this new year of our Lord 2017!
Please greet one another in the spirit of Christ.**

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 Cindy Bartell & Alan Thomas for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

Wednesday night activities begin Jan. 18 and run through March 8. If you would like to fix/serve one or more meals, contact Morgan Kaufman. Education/Discipleship Commission will do the Jan. 18 meal.

The winter Sunday school offering is going to Renae Stucky and her voluntary service in the country of Rwanda in Africa. She is working with the MCC program SALT for one year, partnered with the Transformational Leadership Center which does many projects. She is currently at the Kigali Children's Peace Library where they lend books to promote reading, to improve English literacy skill, and to create a culture of peace. They also lead peer mediation trainings to help teach how to solve conflict peacefully. The money will be used to buy more books and materials such as paper, pencils, crayons, etc. Renae is very grateful for our support. Offerings will be taken in the children's classes each Sunday. Others wanting to contribute can give checks to Pat Stucky or the church office.

During worship in January and February we will be looking at the Signs of Jesus from the gospel of John that show the work of God's kingdom. God is at work in our world and in our community today. We would like to hear stories of how Jesus is at work in people's lives. We are looking for volunteers that would be willing to share stories that give testimony to God's kingdom work in your own lives or in the lives of people around you. Please talk with one of the worship commission members or one of the pastors if you are willing to share a story.

Remember in Prayer

WDC: Pray for all WDC congregations during this coming year, that God may empower us to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world.

Angel Tree Ornaments: If you purchased an angel ornament/bookmark in remembrance of a loved one, please remember to pick it up from the Angel Tree in the fellowship hall today.

We have decided to produce a new Church Pictorial Directory for our church family. We have selected Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Plus, every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and 8 x 10 portrait! You can sign up for your appointment at the church during fellowship time on Jan 8, 15 or 22 or sign up right now online at

<https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/edenmennonitechurch/index.php?page=10>

Photos will be taken at the following times: Wednesday-Saturday, January 25-28 at the Church; Monday-Thursday, January 30-February 2 at the Pine Village Wellness Center; Photography appointments are from 2 pm to 9 pm on weekdays and 10 am to 5 pm on Saturdays.

For your convenience, all photos and portrait viewing will take place at the Church or Pine Village. You will have a variety of poses taken, and Lifetouch never charges a sitting fee! One pose will be selected for the directory.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help call or text Bret Gillmore at 620-585-2525 or e-mail at bmg@lrmutual.com

Mary Martha Circle will be meeting Tuesday, Jan 3 for their all day meeting. There will be the annual business meeting of 2016, and the installation of officers for 2017. Lunch is covered dish. Project is wide tooth combs, (6-8 inches), nail clippers and band-aids of any size.

All Commissions and Committees are asked to meet ASAP to organize. Please let the church office know who will be in charge of signing vouchers, chairperson, etc. so changes can be made in the yearbook and the yearbooks/directories can be printed. Please call the church office at 620-345-8320, (leave a message on voicemail if after hours) or email www.edenmennonite.org with your information.

Centering Prayer will resume Jan. 2. Centering Prayer meets most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly – all are welcome, with no previous experience required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu. (For help locating Agape Center in Richert House, see www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/)

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Support for refugees in San Antonio: San Antonio Mennonite Church (SAMC), a member congregation of Western District Conference of Mennonite Church USA, requests support and prayers as they help to host hundreds of refugee women and children being released from immigration detention facilities in Texas. WDC is providing financial assistance to SAMC from conference funds, and also encourages congregations and individuals to support SAMC directly. See the SAMC website at <http://www.sanantoniomennonite.org> for more information, and to make online financial contributions for needed supplies and facilities. SAMC Pastor John Garland notes that scripture gives clear commands to care for foreigners, widows and orphans, and that whatever we do for "the least of these," we do for Christ. "Our church building is not our own but a gift of which we are stewards, in order to welcome and love," says Garland. "Our resources and networks of people and energies are not our own, but vessels of God's love."

***The Mennonite* magazine welcomes your original submissions** of feature articles, poems, original artwork and photos for our February 2017 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on the Mennonites, race, identity and faith. You can read the full details online at <https://themennonite.org/december-call-submissions-mennonites-race-identity/>. Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org by **January 5**.

Do you have your summer vacation plans set yet? Why not spend it in Orlando, Florida? You can attend the Mennonite Church USA convention as well as visit your favorite theme park. The convention takes place July 4-8 with the theme: "Love is a verb." Learn more at: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/> or find the convention on Facebook or Twitter.

Register now for Hesston College's 2017 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series conference, Feb. 17 to 19, with a bonus STAR-Lite training event on Monday, Feb. 20. The conference theme, When the Unthinkable Happens, will address a congregational and community response of dealing with trauma in its many forms. Register and see a full weekend schedule online at hesston.edu/avds. Registration discounts are available for members of sponsor congregations and groups of two or more from the same church or organization.

The Parkinson's Support Group will meet Tuesday, January 3, at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall at Kidron Bethel Village. The program will include time for sharing in small groups on topics related to Parkinson's Disease.