

**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.*

**Opportunity to Volunteer at Camp!** Camp Mennoscah is seeking volunteers to come to camp for the day on Tuesday, Dec 20 to assist with a number of projects, including the salvage and demolition of "The Whale" playground and the old boys' bathhouse. "The Whale" has reached the end of its lifetime. While we are disappointed to see it go, we are excitedly planning the new structure to come. We will also be working on a few other projects we wish to complete by the end of the year. Please contact camp by Wednesday December 14 at 320-297-3290 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) if you are interested in helping with these projects!

**Thurs., Dec. 15 – Third Thursday book discussion** on *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson, **6:30 p.m.**, Kauffman Museum on the Bethel College campus

**Bethel College is offering many of its classes for community audit.** You pay \$50 per credit hour (compared to the normal audit rate of \$85 per hour) OR, if you're age 62 and older, a flat rate of \$30. For more information, go to [www.bethelks.edu/audit](http://www.bethelks.edu/audit), where there are links for **interterm 2017 course schedule** (enrollment deadline **Jan. 4**) and **spring 2017 course schedule** (enrollment deadline **Feb 13**).

**Kauffman Museum at Bethel College seeks artifacts**, letters, photos and documents that tell the story of conscientious objectors during World War I. To learn more, or if you have an item for donation or long-term loan, please contact museum director Annette LeZotte at [alezotte@bethelks.edu](mailto:alezotte@bethelks.edu) or [316-283-1612](tel:316-283-1612).



my soul  
**MAGNIFIES**  
the Lord



Luke 1:46

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

Derek King, Lead Pastor

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

**Prelude**

Robin Schrag

**Welcome and Opportunities for Discipleship**

Pastor Dianne

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord.

**People: Let our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things for us; Holy is God's name.

**People: God's mercy extends to those who honor him from generation to generation.**

Leader: God has brought down powerful rulers and lifted the humble.

**People: God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.**

**All: Let us magnify the Lord and rejoice in God our Savior.**

**\*Opening Song HWB 184**

*Hark! The glad sound!*

**Worship Music**

*Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*

Men's Chorus

Becky Clark, director; Bonita Howard, accompanist

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 146:5-10 and Luke 1:46-55

Ryan & Alyssa Goering

**Candle Lighting**

Cheri Kaufman

**Song STS 3**

*Come, light of the world*

**Children's Story**

Kristeen Thompson

**Confession and Assurance**

Leader: God of healing,

**People: we yearn to walk in your way but often choose our own path.**

**Save us, Lord, from the pride and foolishness of choosing our own course, that we may humbly and confidently follow your lead through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Leader: Throughout the tumult of life, God holds you close in love.

Rejoice, because God's wisdom is your guide,

God's compassion is your strength.

God's love is your redemption.

## **Eden This Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday School Noon meal followed by congregational meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 p.m. FEWZ meets at First Mennonite Church 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Men's Chorus
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m. ELT mtg. at church

## **Looking Ahead**

<b>Dec 18:</b>	Christmas Cantata during worship service
<b>Dec 21:</b>	6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program rehearsal
<b>Dec 24:</b>	7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve program
<b>Dec 25:</b>	Christmas Day 9:30 a.m. Worship Service No Sunday school
<b>Dec 26:</b>	Eden Church Office Closed for Christmas Day
<b>Jan 2:</b>	Church Office Closed for New Year's Day
<b>Jan 8:</b>	Deadline for all commission/committee reports

## **Last Sunday, Dec 4, 2016**

### **Second Sunday in Advent**

Worship Attendance: 195; Sunday school: 173  
Offering: \$33,992.00

## **Next Sunday, Dec 18, 2016**

### **Third Sunday in Advent**

Music: Christmas Cantata  
Children's Time: Bruce & Pat Stucky  
Nursery: JoLene Kaufman & Tim Regehr

## **Budget Update as of Dec 7**

Revenue: \$399,549  
Expenses: \$409,053  
Difference: \$-9,504  
Budget: \$423,549

**You're invited to the MCC Christmas Soiree!** Please join MCC for a delicious and fun holiday celebration on Thursday, December 15 from 5pm-7pm at the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th). At 6pm we will hear from MCC International Volunteer Exchange Participants about the work they are doing in Kansas and to hear about Christmas traditions from their home countries of Laos and Egypt. Good food, live music and great fellowship - everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

**A revised version of the Israel-Palestine resolution** first brought to delegates at the Mennonite Church USA assembly in 2015 is now available for review. Visit [www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-peace-israel-palestine](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-peace-israel-palestine) to view the document and provide feedback by Dec. 20.

***Bethlehem Today* is a simple Advent resource** related to Israel/Palestine, sent by Jonathan Brenneman, Coordinator, Israel/Palestine Partners in Peacemaking, Mennonite Church USA. Pick up a flier on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

**Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged.** Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go... Start now at [salt.mcc.org](http://salt.mcc.org), find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and apply! Contact [sharonnelson@mcc.org](mailto:sharonnelson@mcc.org) for more information.

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

**The Tabor Mennonite Youth, Newton, will share their annual living nativity,** Night in the Barn, on Dec 17 and 18 from 6-8 pm The come-and-go event includes Christmas carols around a bonfire, hot drinks and snacks. Admission is free and donations to the youth group will be accepted. Directions to Night in the Barn: From Goessel: 3 miles north on Hwy 15, 4 miles east on 150th,  $\frac{3}{4}$  north on Falcon. From McPherson, Hwy 56 to Hwy 15 south, 5 miles on Hwy 15 to 150th, 4 miles east on 150th and  $\frac{3}{4}$  north on Falcon. (Follow these directions and not GPS) For more information, call 620-386-0709.

**All: Come, let us walk in the way of God's heart!**

**Worship Music**

*Still, Still, Still* by Norman Luboff

Men's Chorus

**Sermon**

"To be healed and to heal"

Pastor Derek

**Anointing and Prayer**

(HWB #372 , HWB #377, STS #50)

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering/ Offertory**

**\*Sending Song STS 189**

*To us a Child of hope is born*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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!** In the words of the apostle Paul: "To all God's beloved ... who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7, NRSV).

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 Britney & DaWayne Stos for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

**Remember in Prayer**

**Family of Arlo Flickner** grieving after his death on Dec 7.

**Leonard Graber:** Transferred to Pine Village health care

**Marlene Krehbiel:** Mercy Hospital

**Mark Rupp:** Dismissed from Newton Medical Center

**Anne Schrag:** Dismissed from Mercy Hospital

**WDC:** Pray for the WDC Resource Commission as they meet this week to support congregations in witness, mission and faith formation.

**Arlo Flickner (92) passed away** at Pine Village on Wednesday, Dec 7 at Pine Village. Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec 12 with a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. We extend our sympathy to Dennis, Rollin, and Greg and their families.

**Food for the Holidays!** On behalf of the Peace/Witness Commission, we're asking for food donations through Dec 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?

**"Choose God's Light" is the theme of our Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m.,** Dec. 24. Plan now to attend and invite your family and friends. The Junior Sunday school department will be presenting the program. We will sing hymns, hear scripture, consider the Birth Narrative all the way from A to Z, collect an offering for Mennonite Mission Network, and share a candlelighting service as we sit in the pews. Rehearsals for all kids and youth are at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14 and 21 including the children in the youngest class—the 2s and 3s.

**Adult Sunday School classes nurture faith.** Consider joining a class during winter quarter, which begins today (after the budget presentation). SEEDS is doing a book study with class members leading discussion in room 127. All other classes are studying the Adult Bible Study Guide which can be picked up from the literature shelves near the library. (See Pat Stucky if you can't find one.)

Other classes and teachers include:

Cornerstone (room 130): Vance/Candy Unrau

CHB (Friendship room): Dennis Schmidt

Women's class (room 151): Marge Goering

Men's class (room 129): Keith Albrecht

**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.

**Attention all students attending Mennonite USA colleges or seminary:** Please stop by or email the church office to fill out a tuition scholarship form for the first semester of college as soon as possible. **All forms must be filled out and turned in by December 15.** Thanks!

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

**If you have any old road signs that could be used for a visual worship display** in January and February, please contact Jill Zerger (316-217-2678) or [jill.zerger@gmail.com](mailto:jill.zerger@gmail.com).

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

**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.

**Thank you to Brandon/Morgan Kaufman, Jacob & Katie Stucky, Cory/Amanda Harrison, and Kyle/Sarah Neufeld** for decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. Thank you to Jean Regier, Kathy Waltner, and Britney Stos for the Advent candle display.

**The Eden Leadership Team has affirmed a proposal** by the Trustee's to renovate the Church Office. We will take action on this proposal at the Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Congregational meeting.

**Today, 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.

**Those in the mentoring program and their families are invited** to go Christmas caroling on Dec 18 at 6:30. Please meet in Krehbiel apartments and bring a snack. For questions, ask Shanya Smith or Marla Gillmore.

**Pine Village is seeking a part-time van driver** to take residents to and from appointments. This position would require someone who enjoys driving, is capable of pushing wheelchairs, and enjoys people. This is a part-time position and would require some on call for weekends. For more information or to apply contact Ashley Rhodes, Director of Team Member Resources, at [620.345.2901](tel:620.345.2901) or [Ashley.rhodes@pinevillageks.org](mailto:Ashley.rhodes@pinevillageks.org).

**Paul Schrag of Hesston passed away on Thursday, Dec 08.** Visitation will be at Miller-Ott Funeral Home on Sunday from 5-8:30 on Sunday. A memorial service will be held at Whitestone at 11 a.m. on Monday.