

Church Office Hours

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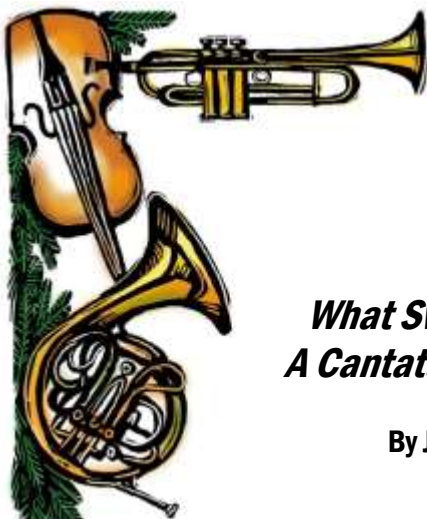
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For pastoral care needs during non-office hours, listen to the office voicemail greeting at 620-345-8320.

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.



***What Sweeter Music:
A Cantata for Christmas***

By John Leavitt

**Sunday, December 18, 2016
Eden Mennonite Church**



Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
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Advent 4

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

Prelude

Brenda Dalke

Welcome and Opportunities for Discipleship

Pastor Derek

Call to Worship STS 127

Lighting the Advent Candles

Jacob Ewy

Song STS 3

Come, light of the world

Congregational Song *Hallelujah* (Christmas) Worship Band (words on screen)

Prayers of the People

Offering/ Offertory

Congregation Hymn (Insert)

Once in Royal David's City

What Sweeter Music: A Cantata for Christ

By John Leavitt

Becky Setser, director; , accompanist

1st Reading: A Child is Born

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Pam Schrag

Veni, Veni Emmanuel (O, Come, O Come Emmanuel)

2nd Reading: The Glory of Zion

Isaiah 60:1-6, 19

Cameron Clark

People, Look East

3rd Reading: Jesus' Birth Foretold

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Jerry Lankford

The Angel Gabriel

4th Reading: Jesus' Birth

Luke 2:1-7

Tonya Westfall

He is Born, the Divine Christ Child

5th Reading: The Angels Proclaim the Good News Luke 2: 15-16 Alan Thomas

Resonet in laudibus, Soloist: Shirley Delk

6th Reading: The Shepherds Travel to Bethlehem Luke 2:15-16 Alexis Westfall

What Sweeter Music, Soloist, Debi Lichti

7th Reading: The Shepherds Share the Good News Luke 2: 17-20 Sean Goering

Eden This Week

Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
Wednesday	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
Saturday	7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve program

Looking Ahead

Dec 25:	Christmas Day 9:30 a.m. Worship Service No Sunday school
Dec 26:	Eden Church Office Closed for Christmas Day
Jan 2:	Church Office Closed for New Year's Day
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

Last Sunday, Dec 11, 2016

Third Sunday in Advent

Worship Attendance: 176; Sunday school: 145
Offering: \$14,614.29

Next Sunday, Dec 25, 2016

Christmas Day

No Sunday School

Scripture: Psalm 98, Isaiah 52:7-10, John 1:1-14
Children's Time: Judy Goering
Nursery: Rashelle & Matt Schrag

Budget Update

Revenue: \$420,684
Expenses: \$437,441
Difference: \$16,756
Budget: \$429,687

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 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.

The Tabor Mennonite Youth, Newton, will share their annual living nativity, Night in the Barn, on Dec 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, ¾ north on Falcon. From McPherson, Hwy 56 to Hwy 15 south, 5 miles on Hwy 15 to 150th, 4 miles east on 150th and ¾ north on Falcon. (Follow these directions and not GPS) For more information, call 620-386-0709.

Know someone who's hard to shop for? Celebrate Christmas by donating a book in their honor to the WDC Resource Library. A registry list of Resource Library wishes can be found on Amazon at <http://a.co/jasaOal> (or call the library). Order straight from Amazon and have it shipped to the library, or buy local and mark the book on the Amazon site as "buying this gift elsewhere." Also welcome are any Spanish language or bi-lingual resources. We would love new, or like new/excellent condition books. All Christmas gifts will be acknowledged with a special bookplate inside the book, just let us know who to honor.

***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.

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

8th Reading: The Visit of the Magi

Matthew 2:1-11

Kylie Goering

We Three Kings of Orient Are

9th Reading: The Word Became Flesh

John 1:1-14

Dennis Schmidt

Sing Noel, Alleluia!

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn HWB 318**

Joy to the World

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 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 JoLene Kaufman & Tim Regehr for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

There is no Sunday school on Christmas Day, but there will be Sunday school on New Year's Day.

Remember in Prayer

Marlene Krehbiel: Dismissed from Mercy Hospital

San Antonio Mennonite Church as they host hundreds of refugees.

WDC: Pray for WDC pastors and chaplains as they lead worship and offer pastoral care during the holiday season.

“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.

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.

Rejoice with Homer and Dorothy Goering as they celebrate 60 years of marriage. The couple was married at First Mennonite Church in Hillsboro on December 20, 1956, and will celebrate with their family later this month.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 620.245.2901 Ashley.rhodes@pinevillageks.org.

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 Newton First Mennonite Church and area community members will present selections from Handel's Messiah on Sunday, Dec 18, at 7 pm (429 East 1st Street). Soloists are Soyoun Lim Chun, Bethany Amstutz Schrag, Matthew Schloneger, Chris Kliever. Karen Schlabaugh is harpsichordist; Amanda Rempel, organist; Nancy Johnson, concertmaster; Kay Schroeder, conductor. An offering will be taken for the Harvey County Homeless Shelter and to cover expenses. All are invited to come celebrate the Christ Child, the Savior of the world and the Redeemer through this worshipful presentation.

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, 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 or [316-283-1612](tel:316-283-1612).