

**Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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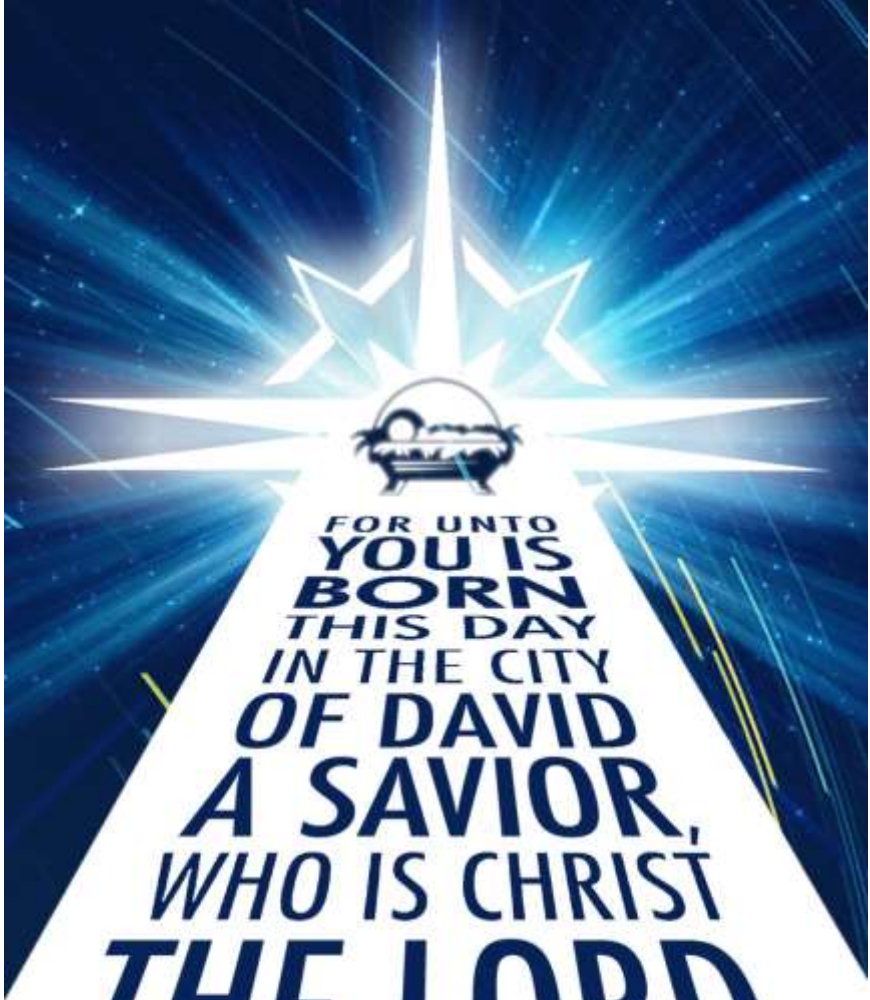
**For pastoral care needs during non-office hours, listen to the office voicemail greeting at 620-345-8320.**

***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.*

**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](mailto: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*



**FOR UNTO  
YOU IS  
BORN  
THIS DAY  
IN THE CITY  
OF DAVID  
A SAVIOR,  
WHO IS CHRIST  
THE LORD.**

**LUKE 2:11, ESV**

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

Derek King, Lead Pastor

Dianne Schmidt, Associate Pastor

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**Christmas Day**

**Prelude**

Karen Kaufman

**Welcome**

Gary & Bonita Howard

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Behold, I give you good tidings of great joy;  
Christ the Lord is born today.

**People: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those  
who bring good news.**

Leader: Break forth together into singing for the Lord has comforted his  
people, the Lord has redeemed Jerusalem.

**People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has the light shined.**

Leader: The prophets' promises are made flesh before the eyes of all  
the nations; all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of  
our God.

**ALL: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace and  
goodwill among all.**

**Invocation**

**\*Hymn HWB 212**

*O come, all ye faithful*

**\*Greet One Another**

**Candle Lighting**

STS 10

Jeff & Becky Koller

*Come! Walk in the light*

**Psalm of Praise**

Psalm 98

Gary & Bonita Howard

**\*Hymn HWB 213** (vs 1-3)

*Let all together praise our God*

**Time with Children**

Judy Goering

**Worship Music**

*How Far Is It To Bethlehem* by Parker/Shaw  
Cindy Bartell, Shirley Delk, Becky Setser, Candy Unrau

**Prophetic Reading**

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Linda Goering

### **Eden This Week**

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
- Monday** Eden Church Office Closed for Christmas

### **Looking Ahead**

- 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
- 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. ELT Retreat

### **Last Sunday, Dec 18, 2016**

#### **Third Sunday in Advent**

Worship Attendance: 156; Sunday school: 119  
Offering: \$4,942.57

### **Next Sunday, Jan 1, 2017 (Epiphany)**

#### **New Year's Day**

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12, Isaiah 60:1-6  
Children's Time: Cheri Kaufman  
Nursery: Cindy Bartell & Alan Thomas

***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](mailto: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](http://hesston.edu/avds). Registration discounts are available for members of sponsor congregations and groups of two or more from the same church or organization.

**In this season of Christmas, Mennonite Church USA invites you** to remember all those around the world working on behalf of the church for peace and justice to make the light and love of Jesus Christ real for all those seeking hope.

**The WDC Office and Conference Resource Library** are closed beginning Dec. 23 through Jan 2. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Centering Prayer will not meet Mon., Dec. 26, but resumes 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](mailto:2nathankoontz@gmail.com), or Melanie Zuercher, [mzuercher@bethelks.edu](mailto:mzuercher@bethelks.edu). (For help locating Agape Center in Richert House, see [www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/](http://www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/))

**\*Hymn HWB 197**

*Angels we have heard on high*

**Worship Music**

*Peace, Peace* by Powell

Cindy Bartell, Shirley Delk, Becky Setser, accompanied by Candy Unrau

**Gospel Reading**

John 1:1-14

Gary and Bonita Howard

**Hymn HWB 215**

*What child is this* with **STS 26** *Helpless and hungry*

**Meditation**

“The Word became flesh and lived among us”

Pastor Dianne

**Hymn HWB 206**

*Infant holy, infant lowly*

**New Testament reading**

Hebrews 1: 1-4

Bruce Stucky

**\*Hymn HWB 208**

*Love came down at Christmas*

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering/ Offertory**

*Josh Knight & Karen Kaufman*

**\*Sending Hymn HWB 201**

*Hark! The herald angels sing*

**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 Facebook page, or 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 to worship as we pray: “O holy Child of Bethlehem ...  
be born in us today.”**

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 Rashelle & Matt Schrag for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

### **Remember in Prayer**

**Marlene Krehbiel:** Dismissed from Mercy Hospital

**Alyssa Schrag:** Recovering from knee surgery

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

**Way to go, Eden Church members!** The wagons were overflowing with food for the Food Pantry. You will make a better Christmas for others in our community and be a witness to the real reason we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Thanks again for your generous support of the Wagon Train of food.

**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.

**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).

**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](mailto: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.

**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."