

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.

*Prepare the way
for the
Lord,*

*make
straight
paths for him.*

Matthew 3:3

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Advent 2

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

Prelude

Jill Zerger

Welcome and Opportunities for Discipleship

Pastor Dianne

***Call to Worship**

Leader: A voice crying in the wilderness.

People: A word needing to be heard:

Leader: Prepare the way.

People: Get ready all hearts.

Leader: Create a quiet place to listen deeply.

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

***Opening Song HWB 182**

Oh, how shall I receive thee

Candle Lighting

Brent and Carina Knight

Song STS 3

Come, light of the world

Prophetic Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Berni Kaufman

Worship Music

Give Me Jesus by John Helgen

Ladies Choir

Becky Clark, director; Candy Unrau, accompanist

Children's Story

Jean Regier

Confession and Assurance (on the screen)

Worship Music

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child by Rollo Dilworth

Ladies Choir

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Jay Goering

Sermon

"The Times They are a-Changin'"

Pastor Derek

***Song of Response HWB 211**

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory

***Sending Song STS 124**

My soul cries out

***Benediction**

Postlude

Eden This Week

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| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday School Stewardship Commission presents proposed budget |
| Monday | 3:30 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg. 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg. |
| Tuesday | 2:30 Mary Martha carols at Pine Village |
| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. FEWZ meets at First Mennonite Church 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Men's Chorus |
| Thursday | 1-5:00 p.m. Study Club at Eden |

Looking Ahead

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| Dec 11: | Noon meal followed by congregational meeting |
| Dec 14: | 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 |
| Dec 15: | 7:00 p.m. ELT mtg. at church |
| Dec 18: | Christmas Cantata |
| Dec 21: | 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program rehearsal |
| Jan 8: | Deadline for all commission/committee reports |

Last Sunday, Nov 27, 2016

First Sunday in Advent

Worship Attendance: 190; Sunday school: 171
Offering: \$9,349.39

Next Sunday, Dec 11, 2016

Third Sunday in Advent

Sermon: Pastor Derek
Music: Men's Chorus
Children's Time: Kristeen Thompson
Nursery: Britney & DaWayne Stos

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!

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 or [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290). More information at <http://campmennoscah.org/how-to-help/donate/>

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 Brennehan, Coordinator, Israel/Palestine Partners in Peacemaking, Mennonite Church USA. Pick up a flier on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

The Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet Dec 6 at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Hannah McBeth, Director of Dining Services at Kidron Bethel, will share nutrition information as it relates to Parkinson's Disease.

The fourth concert of the 2016-17 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring classically-trained folk/newgrass trio, [Harpeth Rising](#), will be Sunday, December 4 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. [Purchase tickets online](#) or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

Join the #MennoLove fun! Participate in the "Love is a Verb" storytelling project by submitting a Love Your Selfie! Send us a photo of yourself practicing self-care and a brief explanation, and we will share it across the church online. Send emails to alysabs@mennoniteusa.org.

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! As Mary did on learning she would bear God's Son, may we magnify the Lord and rejoice in God our Savior (Luke 1:46-47).

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.

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?

"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.

Remember in Prayer

Leonard Graber: Mercy Hospital

Marlene Krehbiel: Mercy Hospital

Mark Rupp: Newton Medical Center

Anne Schrag: Mercy Hospital

WDC: Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission meeting this week, as they seek God's leading in supporting new and emerging congregations in WDC.

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

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.

Please remember the love offering for our new arrival, Karsyn Ann Kaufman, born to Brandon and Morgan Kaufman on Nov 21. The piggy bank is on the library table.

Let's celebrate the birth of Karsyn Ann Kaufman by taking Brandon and Morgan and their family a meal. Click on the link to sign up.

<http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=FOLS7246>

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, Zach/Kali Graber, 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.

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.

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

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 4th 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. 11th Congregational meeting.

Dec. 11th 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.

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.

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!

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.

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, find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and apply! Contact sharonnelson@mcc.org for more information.