

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.*

63rd Anniversary Dinner, Prairie View, Inc. – March 28, 2017 - 6:30pm – 1901 E. First Newton, KS, Special Guests: Mark and Nanette Potter. Mr. and Mrs. Potter will present “Victory over Depression.” Mark Potter is entering his 19th year as the head coach of the Newman men's basketball program. Eleven years ago, Potter knew something wasn't right and he began a downward spiral into a world of darkness. Potter missed eight games and 25 practices due to severe depression. Since that time, he has been on a crusade to educate people about depression and encourage others suffering from mental illness to seek assistance. His passion is to share his story in hopes that people will pursue treatment and find a way to live productively with mental illness. Proceeds from ticket sales support the mission of Prairie View. Tickets - \$20. RSVP – Brandy Beer 316-284-6443

Mennonite Women USA is celebrating its 100th birthday in 2017. Our theme for the year is Fruit from the Vine, based on John 15.5. We are seeking submissions of stories, prayers, poems, songs and readings to add to our Centennial Celebration resources. If selected, they will be posted to our website at mwusa.org/centennial. Email Marlene Bogard with your submissions by April 1: marleneb@mwusa.org

Cradle to Crayons is hosting a walking taco/hot dog fundraiser on March 30th at West Zion Church from 5:30-7:30 pm. It's a free will donation. We will be purchasing new chairs for our infant room and new classroom learning toys.



“No one
can see the
KINGDOM OF GOD
without
BEING BORN
FROM ABOVE.”

JOHN 3:3, NRSV

**Lent 2: Restore us, O God!
We wonder.**

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Prelude Brenda Dalke

Welcome and Opportunities for Discipleship Pastor Derek

***Call to Worship**

Mindful that God, the great Mystery, has called us,

We gather to worship.

Curious about God's ways in the world,

We gather to worship.

Wondering in the face of uncertainty,

We gather for worship.

Receive our worship and our wonderings, O God, as we seek after you.

Opening Song (on screen) *God of wonders*

Kyle Neufeld, guitar; Becky King piano; Jacob Ewy, percussion

Time with Children Marcy Schrag

Worship Music *River In Judea*, arr. by John Leavitt Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading John 3:1-17 Josh Knight

Confession and words of assurance

***Theme Song STJ 29** *You are all we have*

Message "Invitation to New Birth" Pastor Dianne

***Song of Response STS 34** *You are holy*

Brenda Dalke, Piano; Kyle Neufeld, guitar; Jacob Ewy, percussion

Prayers of the People

Offering/ Offertory

Penny Collection for MCC Pass your coins to the children in the aisles

***Sending Song STJ 73** *The Lord lift you up*

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 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! Though we're in the midst of Lent, Sundays don't count as days of that season because they're always celebrations of the resurrection. Thanks be to God!

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 Sarah & Kyle Neufeld for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

If you would like to make your donations to Eden online it is now possible to do that through our website. A donate button has been added to the home page. Go to <http://www.edenmennonite.org>.

If you shared signs or posts for the January and February worship visuals, you may stop by Moundridge Lumber Company to get your items. Thank you!

Mennonite Men have committed to paying the fee for the buildings rental on the Kansas State Fairgrounds for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Please give your \$100, (or whatever you can) to Keith Albrecht or take it to the church office.

Church office remodeling continues! Volunteers are needed almost every day. If available please contact Larry Kaufman or any of the trustees for details.

Eden has the opportunity to assist a community member who is in a difficult place due to health and financial difficulties. This person could use a refrigerator and a mattress for his home. His home also is in need of roof repair. Another specific request he has is for financial counseling and for someone to help him fill out forms for various kinds of assistance. If you can offer any of these items or services please contact any of the Peace and Witness members, Pat Rupp, Jerri Kaufman, Kirby Goering, Mark Stucky, Jean Regier

Eden This Week

Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:40 a.m. Sunday school
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission mtg. 7:00 p.m. Edu/Disc Commission mtg. at church
Wednesday	7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Looking Ahead

Mar 22:	No Choir Rehearsal
Mar 23:	Noon- Items for the April <i>Eden Echoes</i> due in the church office
Mar 25:	Church workday
Mar 27:	7:00 p.m. ELT meets at Eden Mennonite Church
Mar 29:	7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Last Sunday, March 5, 2017

Worship: 217; SS: 192
Offering: \$6,880.00

Next Sunday, March 19, 2017

Children's Time: Becky King
Nursery: Brenda & Jim Dalke

Remember in Prayer

Mark Rupp: Showalter Villa Rehab

Eldon Zenger: Dismissed from Mercy Hospital to Pine Village health care

WDC: Pray for participants leaving this week on a Come and See learning tour of Israel/Palestine, including Byron and Hilda Pellecer and Sandra Martinez from WDC.

The trustees are planning a work day on March 25, this could possibly be a day at both the church and also the church office, please reserve this date, additional info will follow.

The Eden Echoes has been printed and is available on the literature table.

Would you be willing to help Pine Village residents get to church? There are residents at Pine Village who no longer drive and would love to attend church on Sunday morning. If you would be willing to give them a ride please call the church office 620-345-8320.

Who doesn't like mashed, sweetened beans in a sweet roll dough topped with sweet, cream sauce? It may sound gross, but yummy Bohne berrogie will be made on April 1 at Moundridge High for the MCC Sale. Volunteers are needed. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall. If you want to serve but can't that day, people are needed to provide snacks. Please wear a head covering. If you want to provide snacks or have questions, talk to Bret or Marla Gillmore.

Interested in worshipping with our wider church? The Mennonite Church USA Convention and Western District Conference Annual Assemblies are right around the corner! These events are a great way to connect with our brothers and sisters, stay up to date on information from around the world, and praise God for our many blessings. The MCUSA Convention is July 4-8 in Orlando, FL; and the WDC Annual Assembly is August 4-6 in Arlington, TX. In addition, our congregation is looking to fill a certain number of delegates for both events. For each delegate, ELT will pay for registration and a portion of travel expenses. To register for the event, visit the associated MCUSA or WDC website. If you are interested in attending as a delegate, please contact Kyle Neufeld for more information.

The 2017 Directory/Yearbook has been printed and is available beneath the literature table in the fellowship hall. You may drop your old directories in the recycle box next to them.

The new Camp Mennoscah brochures have arrived and may be picked up on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

Items for the Mennonite Relief Sale Buyers Guide are due March 13. If you have any of these items that you would like to display here at church we will be displaying them on Sunday March 12. If you have other items, craft items, etc. we would love to display those on April 2. Thank you to everyone for your commitment and hard work in making and donating these items and to all those who are volunteering or giving in any way to the Mennonite Relief Sale. You are a blessing to many! If you have any questions regarding display of any item please contact Greg and Karen Stucky at [620-747-0745](tel:620-747-0745).

Our Extended Church Family

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites applications to their annual Local Giving grant process. Local Giving grants are made available each spring by the Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors. Application forms may be downloaded at newtonetceterashop.com and must be submitted by e-mail to localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com by April 7, 2017. More than \$20,000 will be awarded to selected groups by June 2017, in amounts up to \$5,000. Applicants for the Local Giving grants must hold legal nonprofit status and operate out of and serve Newton, Hesston, Goessel, Moundridge, Whitewater, Elbing, Halstead or Walton. Applicants do not need to have a religious affiliation or mission, but they must function in a manner consistent with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and be guided by purposes consistent with MCC's.

A MCC Fellowship Meal will be held at West Zion on Sunday, April 2, following worship. The cost of the meal is \$20 per adult and \$6 per child. All of the proceeds go to MCC. **RSVP is required by March 13.** Please email or call Sharon Becker dsbecker@mtelco.net or 620-747-0924, or pick up a Guest Registration form from the literature table in the fellowship hall.

Save the date: All women in Western District and South Central Conferences are invited to attend the annual Mennonite Women Spring Supper on March 23 at 6 pm at Bethel College. Supper provided by Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA). Stories shared by Leah Mueller, Christine Schweitzer, Barbara Krehbiel Gehring and Mary Herr about "Living Faithfully in our Communities". Cost for meal: \$12 payable at the door for BCWA. Make your reservation by March 16 to: westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com or call 316-283-3342 (Marlene V. Faul). Offering will be received for a Mennonite Central Committee women's project (make checks payable to MCC).

Summer is around the bend! Sign up for Summer Youth Camp at Camp Mennoscah! Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) for assistance. It's an amazing time to find friends and meet God!

Kitchen helpers needed! We think kitchen helpers are some of the greatest people ever, giving a week (sometimes more or less) of their summer to laugh, cook meals, and be friends during our youth camps. Camp Mennoscah is looking for men and women to help peel potatoes, stir pots, and basically follow directions. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) for information. We can't wait to see all you great folks at camp!

Retirees Relaxation Retreat is ready for you! Retirees of all ages are invited to come to Camp Mennoscah on April 24-26 for a time of community, coffee breaks, conversation, and Bible study. Amanda Rempel will lead us in music, Stan and Marlene Smucker will share Bible study, and we'll hear stories of courage, faith, and journeys. Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) to register! Online registration also available at campmennoscah.org.

The Moundridge United Methodist Church will be holding classes for the Dave Ramsey course called Financial Peace University! We will hold the classes from April 5 through May 3 at 6 p.m. each Wednesday evening. This will be FREE to ALL attendees! It will also include a light meal as well as babysitting. We would ask that you preregister so we can plan for the meals and babysitting. Please respond to [620-345-2124](tel:620-345-2124) with a message. We can email you a form or mail it to you.

Spring cleaning? Please bring your clean, gently-used clothing to the Newton Et Cetera Shop! We welcome all styles and sizes of clothing, but could especially use children's clothing. Your donated clothing (and other goods) get a second life in a new home, stay out of the landfill, and help us support those in need--nearby through our Local Giving grants, and around the world through Mennonite Central Committee. Every donation helps us keep the store fresh and fun! Thank you for your support!

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Western District Conference will host a reception today, Sunday, March 12 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. to honor the ministry of the AMBS-Kansas Center. The reception will be held at the Western District Offices, 2517 N. Main Street, North Newton, Kansas. Words of gratitude and blessing will be offered at 4:00 p.m. The center provided numerous continuing education events for congregational and pastoral leaders over the last three years.

Pine Village will host its 13th Annual Anchor's Banquet on Saturday, March 18 at 6 p.m. in the Wellness Center. Featured entertainment is info-tainer Kevin Honeycutt. Kevin brings humor and energy as he talks about embracing the technology of the 21st century. He has an uncanny ability to take the intimidation out of technology and relate it to people of all ages. See insert for details.