Church Office Hours
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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.

Thurs., April 6 – In observation of the centennial of U.S. entry into World War I, Kauffman Museum and the Bethel College history club, CLIO, will show the 1932 film A Farewell to Arms. A light meal will be provided (free; donations accepted) at 6 p.m.; film starts at 6:30 at Kauffman Museum.

Sun., April 9 – Bethel College’s Student Government Association and Kauffman Museum invite the community for lawn games, sidewalk chalk art (chalk provided), grilled hot dogs and more, 2:30-4:30 p.m. outside the museum, as part of Bethel’s 2nd Annual Pride and Inclusion Week.

Sun., April 9 – Bethel College Women’s Chorus spring concert, 5 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church

Mon., April 10 – Bethel College forensics nationals showcase (post-tournament this year), 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium; featuring Bethel’s nationals team: Heather Chaney, Akiyaa Hagen, Shekhinah Jones, Emily Kondziola, Jacob Miller and Clinton Unruh.
I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live...

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

Lent 5: Restore us, O God! We breathe.
Lent 4: Restore us, O God! We breathe.

Prelude
Robin Schrag

Welcome and Opportunities for Discipleship

*Call to Worship
Come. Bring your weary bones and your crushed souls. Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.
Come. Bring your dashed hopes and broken dreams. Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.
Come. Bring your heavy sorrow and lingering sadness. Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.
Bring all that you have and all that you are. The Spirit is here to breathe life into all that is lifeless.

*Opening Song HWB 26 Holy Spirit, come with Power

Time with Children Bruce and Pat Stucky
Worship Music Behold the Savior arr by Craig Curry Men’s Chorus
Becky Setser, director; Bonita Howard, accompanist

Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-14

Confession and Words of Assurance

Worship Music Wondrous Love arr by Paul Christiansen Men’s Chorus
Message Pastor Derek

*Song of Response STJ 29 You are all we have

Prayers of the People

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

*Sending Song HWB 356 Breathe on me breath of God

Benediction

Postlude
Welcome to worship, brothers and sisters in Christ! May our various voices joined in praise bless the name of the Lord.

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.

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.

The visual display at the front of the sanctuary is a way of helping us focus on our Lenten theme, “Restore Us, O God!” Each Sunday a cloth of a different color is added to the cross representing our call to be restored as we hunger, wonder, thirst, see, breathe, hope, and live. Lent is often referred to as a wilderness time represented by the rocky landscape on the table.

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.

Mobility Worldwide PET KS are planning another wheelchair distribution to Guatemala April 29-May 6, 2017. If anyone would like to help with special projects make checks to MW PET KS and memo distribution trip.

Mary Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, April 4 for our all day April meeting. Lunch is a covered dish. Project, Newborn Kits.

Hilda Schrag’s 100th Birthday is Sunday, April 9. She will be celebrating that day with family. If you would like to help her celebrate, cards may be sent to her at Pine Village, 86 22nd Ave., Moundridge, KS 67107.

Pies are needed from Eden for the Pine Village Pulled Pork/Baby Back Ribs fundraiser meal on April 22. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall if you are willing to donate.
Eden This Week

Sunday
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:40 a.m. Sunday school

Tuesday
Mary Martha all day meeting

Wednesday
7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men’s Chorus

Thursday
4:00-9:00 p.m. Relish Committee works in church kitchen
7:00 p.m. Worship Commission meeting at church office

Friday & Saturday Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

Looking Ahead

Apr 9 & 10: 7:00 p.m. Associated Churches Holy Week services at West Zion
Apr 12: 7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men’s Chorus
Apr 14: 6:30 p.m. Meal and Communion at Eden
Apr 16: Easter Sunday
6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service @ Russ Stucky’s pasture
Apr 17: 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission meeting at church office
Apr 19: 7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men’s Chorus
Apr 23: Peace Sunday at Eden
Noon potluck meal
Apr 24: 7:00 p.m. Eden Leadership Team meets at Eden

Last Sunday, March 26, 2017
Worship: 192; SS: 146
Offering: $3,388.00

Next Sunday, April 9, 2017
Music: Ladies Chorus
Children’s Time: Mark and Gail Stucky
Nursery: Britney and DaWayne Stos
Leonard Graber (84) passed away on Wednesday, March 29. Services will be held at Eden on Monday, April 3. We extend our sympathy to Juanita, Pat, Kerry, Darren, Tim and all of their extended family.

Please place non-perishable and monetary items for the Food Bank/Pantry in the containers provided in the library the first Sunday of the month. All items will be split between the McPherson County Food Bank and the Moundridge Food Pantry.

Share the Gift of Music: If you or someone you know is interested in sharing the gift of music during Sunday worship, please contact Cheri Kaufman at 620-345-8457 (home), 620-386-0583 (cell) or lcmrkauf@mtelco.net. Dates are available May 14 – Sept 3.

Eden Church has an antique Mosley-Bahmann Co. safe for sale. We are offering this safe to Eden members on a sealed bid type sale. If interested, please submit your bids at Eden Church Office. The bids will end and be opened on Monday, April 3 @ 8:00 a.m.

Moundridge Community Holy Week Services. All are invited to West Zion Mennonite Church, April 9 and 10, at 7:00PM for our Holy Week services sponsored by the Associated Churches of Moundridge. Kurt Horst, Lead Pastor of Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, will speak on the themes of “The Cross as Tragedy” and “The Cross as Healing.” Kurt will draw from the book of Lamentations and the Gospel of Luke to explore how the trauma and tragedy of Jesus’ death on the cross can bring peace and healing for us in our experiences of tragedy and trauma.

Interested in worshiping 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 MC USA Convention is July 4-8 in Orlando, FL; and the WDC Annual Assembly is August 4-6 in Arlington, TX. Our congregation is looking to fill a certain number of delegates for both events. ELT will pay for registration and a portion of travel expenses for delegates. 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 April *Eden Echoes* is available on the literature table.

**Our Extended Church Family**

Gather with Camp Mennoscah in community on Monday, April 3rd from 5:30 - 8:30 pm! We welcome all ages of camp folks to Mojo's Coffee Bar for an evening full of conversation and laughter, all while supporting local business. Let us know you are coming on Facebook or join us whenever you decide! We will be collecting name suggestions for the cabin throughout the evening and maybe singing some, too.

**Name the new cabin!** Camp Mennoscah is now taking suggestions for the name of the new boys' cabin. We would like to have names that connect with our other boys' cabins, which are Horseshoe, Waspnest, Sunrise, and Waldorf. Send your suggestions to office@campmennoscah.org or share them with us in person or at 620-297-3290!

**We are putting in the dam!** Come to Camp Mennoscah on Sunday, April 9th around 2:30 pm to help us prepare the river for the summer. Both spectators and helpers are welcome! Meet at the sports shack for instructions. The dam will go in regardless of the weather, unless it is unsafe to do so. We'll see you there!

**Camp Mennoscah is looking for kitchen staff** for our summer youth camps. Kitchen staff are people with big hearts, smiling faces, and the ability to follow directions. It’s not a big deal if you aren’t the world’s best cook. We have a head cook to lead you in making wonderful meals for our youth campers. Weeks available are June 11-17, June 25-29, and July 9-13 with only a smattering of spots for other weeks. Contact us at Olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

**SMCHA is offering scholarships** for students pursuing ministry or full time Christian service. See details on the bulletin board in fellowship hall.

**Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association is planning two trips.** The first is a May 6 day trip through parts of Marion, Harvey and McPherson Counties. We will be pointing out landmarks, trails, history, economic development and much more about the area. At this writing there is still room on this tour. The second trip is the “Goodwill Tour to Freeman”. This is a 3 day tour starting July 18. We will be busing to Freeman, learning about their culture and sites. We will be visiting a Hutterite Colony and having dinner there. We will view the site and learn about the events that led to five young boys freezing to death during the blizzard of 1888. We are working to make this an exciting tour. Currently there is room available. If you have an interest in either of these trips, contact LaVern Stucky, 620-983-2348 or lavern@powwwer.net.
Western District Women in Mission is pleased to announce a significant event they are bringing to central Kansas. Sister Care: Level 2 “Going Deeper” week-end retreat (a program of Mennonite Women USA) led by Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener will be offered May 5-7 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. The brochure and registration form (yellow) can be found on the literature table. Email it to Darlene at dpowers11@cox.net or send it to her at the address given on the form. Register soon as space is limited. The retreat will include new material while building on the core concepts from the original Sister Care seminar. (Prerequisite: Attend Sister Care Level 1 seminar or view Sister Care DVD and read manual.)

Aloha! Pine Village will be hosting their annual volunteer appreciation luncheon on Tuesday, April 18 in the Wellness Center/Goering Activity Center located on the Pine Village campus. We are having a Hawaiian Luau. The meal will begin at 12:00 noon followed by the program at 1:00 p.m. The program will feature the professional dance troupe from Wichita, Amira Dance Productions. They will be performing Hula and Polynesian style of dance. The luncheon will honor all volunteers who have contributed their time and talents to Pine Village during the past year. Each volunteer may bring one guest. Please call Becki or Connie at 345-2900 by April 13 to make your reservations. There is no charge for the volunteer or their guests.

Pine Village will host its 6th Dementia Education Series beginning Apr 4. This is a four class series, with classes on April 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Wellness Center on the Pine Village campus. The series teaches the basics of dementia, including how it works, its stages and what resources are available to family and caregivers. The series is taught by Pine Village team members Jenna Lehrman, Director of Nursing, and Shelby Shaw, Administrator. The series is open to the public and free to attend, but space is limited. If you are interested in attending, please contact Shelby 620-345-2901 or Shelby.shaw@pinevillage.org.

The Kidron Bethel Parkinson’s Support Group will meet Tuesday, April 4, at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Paul Unruh, retired social worker, will lead a discussion on the topic: “What It’s Like to Live With Parkinson’s Disease”. Caregivers and participants living with Parkinson’s will be invited to share their experiences.

The next concert of the 2016-17 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring folks and roots musician Old Man Luedecke, will be Sunday, April 9 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 to reserve your seats.
Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

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.

Anyone willing to help serve the relishes at the Kansas MCC Relief Sale, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall.

Invitation to sponsor MCC 5k Run and Walk for Relief on April 8 at Rice Park, Hutchinson, KS. Gregory, Elaine and Denise Krehbiel, Ron Schrag and Kristen Stucky plan to participate. Checks should be made to KMRS and labeled Run for Relief in the memo. Thank you for your support.

Have you considered purchasing MCC Bucks? MCC Bucks are good for your kids, grandkids, neighbors, co-workers, friends, enemies, or anyone. They come in books of 10 one dollar bills for $10 and spend like cash at the MCC sale on April 7 and 8, 2017 and can be used to purchase anything. There is one more chance to get MCC Bucks before sale day. If you are interested, contact your church MCC Sale Liaison and they can pick them up at this Thursday's meeting.

PIES and BREAD Thank you to everyone who volunteered to bake a pie or bread for the KMRS! If you have volunteered to bake a pie, please remember, no pumpkin or cream pies or any pie containing dairy. Also, please bag and label your pies indicating what kind of pie it is. Thank you!

The liaison committee will be transporting the pies and bread to the sale on Friday morning. Please have your pies or bread to the church by 8:00 A.M. on Friday April 7th.

CRAFTS Thanks to everyone who made craft items for the sale! You are invited to bring them for display on Sunday April 2. Please bring them before church and we will help you set them up. The liaison committee will also transport craft items to the sale on Friday. If you have displayed an item, we will keep it here and take it to the sale for you. If you have one that was not displayed, and would like us to take it to the sale for you, please have it to the church by 8:00 A.M. on Friday April 7th.

Again, thank you for all the ways each of you help to make the sale a success. If you have any questions please call Greg and Karen Stucky at 620-747-0745

Help is needed to fry New Year's Cookies at the relief sale. If interested in working a shift, please call Cedric or Becky Blough at crbloough@mtelco.net or 620-3445-3088.
Special Holy Week Services 2017

Community Worship at West Zion Mennonite Church

Join us for these worship services, planned by the Associated Churches pastors, offering time to reflect on the meaning of the cross in light of the tragedies of life. Kurt Horst, pastor at Whitestone Mennonite Church will offer the messages.

- **Sunday, April 9 at 7:00 pm**
  *The Cross as Tragedy*
- **Monday, April 10 at 7:00 pm**
  *The Cross as Healing*

**Eden Meal & Communion Service**

**Friday, April 14 at 6:30 pm**

Come for a soup and bread supper followed by communion around tables as we commemorate the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples. Following the meal there will be opportunity to participate in footwashing.

**Community Easter Sunrise Service**

**Sunday, April 16 at 6:45 am**

Gather at Russ Stucky’s pasture to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

(Russ Stucky’s pasture 1 mile east of Christian on Buckskin Rd.)