

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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Searching for an exciting way to serve? Mennonite Central Committee is urgently searching for a Canner Operator, with CDL truck driving experience, to travel with the mobile cannery before the season begins in October. Canner Operators travel to 30 different locations in the United States and Canada, canning meat, which is then sent around the world to hungry people. Come serve in this exciting way! Meet new people, and take advantage of experiences you'll never forget. For more information please contact John Hillegass at johnhillegass@mcc.org or [\(717\) 859-1151](tel:(717)859-1151).



Blessed are you
who are poor,
for yours is the
Kingdom of God

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
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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.

Prelude

Pine Village Chimes Choir

Holy, Holy, Holy by John Dykes, arr by Frances Callahan

Angelus by Charles Gounod, arr by Martha Thompson

Praise to the Lord arr by Martha Thompson

Theme from the Ninth Symphony by Beethoven, arr by Frances Callahan

Welcome and Opportunities for Discipleship

Pastor Derek

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us seek rest at the altar of God,

**People: Where even the infant can find comfort and protection;
where even the weak can find justice and peace.**

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in God's presence,

**People: Where even the lily may grow in glory,
where even the grass may be clothed with life.**

*All: Blessed are those who trust in you, O Lord,
our Home and our Provider!*

Congregational Song

What is this place

Worship Music

Fanfare of Praise by Louise Frier

Chimes Choir

Children's Story

Jacob & Katie Stucky

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12

Message

"Know God's Blessing"

Pastor Dianne

Song of Response

Blest are they

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory

Sending Song

Heart with Loving Heart United

Benediction

Postlude

All sermons and Scripture can be viewed at www.edenmennonite.org and our Facebook page, or YouTube channel.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, we welcome you to worship. May you find blessing and strength as you participate here this morning.

The word "Stewardship" makes us think of money and budgets. But we have been made caretakers of so much more. As stewards, we regularly receive God's gifts and respond with our whole being. So, the Stewardship Commission organized a worship series on Stewardship to explore three of God's gifts for which we are responsible: Time and Creation were the topics for August 6 and 13. Join us for worship on August 27 for the third and final topic of Our Bodies.

Sunday school announcements:

- Today, August 20: Sunday school classes will not meet.
- Aug. 27: Renae Stucky will speak to youth and adults about her work as an assistant in the Children's Peace Libraries of Rwanda under MCC's Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program. Plan to attend.
- Sept. 3: Kick-off for the new Sunday school year during worship.
- Adult SS Classes: Have you asked your teachers to teach in September? Now is the time to do that. Need ideas? Contact June Krehbiel.
- You are invited to an **elective adult Sunday School class** which will explore our **Anabaptist faith foundations**. You are welcome if you would like an **introduction** or just a **refresher** to our guiding theological document, the **Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective**. Pastor Derek will teach this class in the Choir Room during the Fall Quarter, Sept.-Nov.

The Peace/Witness Commission has agreed to support the Episcopal Migration Ministries. Kendra Alison will be our contact person regarding how our church can assist in this outreach mission. The first project that we will participate in will be to host baby showers for three expectant immigrant mothers. At the appropriate time we will give details regarding the baby showers and how our congregation will be involved.

The August *Eden Echoes* is available on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

Eden This Week

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service at Pine Village Wellness Center
No Sunday School

Looking Ahead

Aug 28: ELT meets at Eden
Sept 8-10: Women's and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
Sept 10: Popcorn and Pop with PET
Sept 20: First Wednesday night meal, Adult Bible study and children's activities

Last Sunday, Aug 13, 2017

Worship: 187; SS: 135
Offering: \$7,935.00

Next Sunday, August 27, 2017

Music: Just Friends Trio
Time with Children: Shirley Delk
Nursery: Rashelle & Matt Schrag

Remember in Prayer

Ryan Stucky: Dismissed from Shawnee Mission Medical Center

WDC: Pray for the WDC Stewardship Commission and Ministerial Leadership Commission, each gathering this week for their first meeting in the new organizational year.

Attention all students attending Mennonite USA colleges or seminary: Please stop by or email the church office (edenoffice@edenmennonite.org) to fill out a tuition scholarship form for the first semester of college as soon as possible. Thanks.

The Pictorial Directories are available on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

Our Extended Church Family

Pine Village will host its 6th Annual Bierock Dinner on Friday, August 25 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Wellness Center. The bierocks are homemade, and the meal is only \$6.50 and includes a bierock, baked beans, potato chips, a pickle and a cupcake. Frozen bierocks will also be available to purchase by the half dozen and dozen, **while they last**. There will be a 2 dozen limit per order. You can preorder frozen bierocks after 1 p.m. on Aug 25. All proceeds will benefit the 2016 - 2017 Benefit Day Project – a kitchen expansion and renovation! Come enjoy an evening of great food and fellowship! Also, be sure to mark your calendars for the other upcoming Benefit Day events: September 21 – Walk-A-Thon, September 29 – Bake Sale & Sloppy Joe Lunch, October 19 – Benefit Day Dinner & Auction

Fish Fry Benefit for the Moundridge Senior Center will be Tuesday, Aug 22 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center, 100 N. Schmidt. The menu is fresh fried fish, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, rolls and homemade pie with ice cream. The proceeds for the fish fry will go toward the purchase of a new dish washer/sanitizer and repairs made to our outdoor sprinkler system. Free will donations. Come support the Senior Center. All ages welcome.

Our partners in the Middle East and Ukraine are asking for more relief kits than MCC has on-hand so we need your help! Our goal is to ship 83,000 relief kits by March 2018. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Contact katemast@mcc.org, [316-283-2720](tel:316-283-2720) with questions.

Registration is now open for the Women's/Girl's Retreat (3rd grade and up) at Camp Mennoscah September 8-10. Our theme is "Together: Rooted and Reaching" with Barb Krehbiel Gehring as our featured speaker. Retreat schedules and registration forms are available in the church office or available to print at: <http://mennowdc.org/calendar/>. We will celebrate 100 years of Mennonite Women organizations through stories and a hymn sing Friday evening. There will be no separate girls programming this year, so girls should register for Saturday morning and afternoon activities and seminars. Hope to see you all at Camp Mennoscah!

Have you heard? Everence is moving to new offices in North Newton! Finishing touches are now being made and we'll be in our new building starting Aug. 21, 2017. Everence will now be located at **3179 N. Main St., North Newton** – just north of the Mennonite Central Committee offices. Feel free to stop by anytime! Our phone numbers are the same: [\(316\) 283-3800](tel:3162833800); [\(877\) 467-7294](tel:8774677294). And for your convenience, we're maintaining a satellite office at Schowalter Villa, 200 W. Cedar, Hesston – in addition to our Hutchinson office.

Join us for the Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, Sept 3-4. Friends, family, and anyone affected by mental illness are welcome. Our retreat is a time to support each other, have fun, and enjoy worship, fellowship, and music. A variety of activities will be offered. Transportation from Newton, KS may be available. Register online at cammennoscah.org or call us at [620-297-3290](tel:6202973290)!

The Early Childhood Office offers periodic checks for your child's growth and development from birth to age 5. See the schedule for these checks on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, Sep 16, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in India. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. An informational brochure can be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. The brochure is also available on the MCC website: mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. Or, you can register online at that website. Both bikers and contributors are needed! Contributions for this MCC project from non-bikers should be made payable to MCC; "Flatlander Bike Ride" written on the memo line; and sent to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, 67117.

At WDC Delegate Assembly on Aug 5, the WDC Executive Board presented a statement opposing Texas Senate Bill 4. Set to take effect Sep 1, SB4 bans local law enforcement agencies from adopting “patterns or practices” that limit cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The WDC Executive Board statement lists specific reasons for opposing SB4, based on the belief that the Gospel calls for social justice. The statement concludes, “The Executive Board of the Western District Conference of the Mennonite Church USA laments the passage of this law characterized by rejection, discrimination, and racial profiling and urges that this law be rescinded. Furthermore, we urge the Western District Conference, the Mennonite Church USA, and all faith communities to stand in solidarity with our Hispanic-Latino/a brothers and sisters and with other people of color in the rejection of this law and the mindset which has created it.” The full statement is posted on the WDC website at <http://mennowdc.org>

Jordan Penner joins MCC Central States as the new Donor Relations Associate, working from Denver, Colorado! Prior to accepting this position, Jordan, along with his wife Jenny, served with MCC in Bolivia. We are excited to have Jordan join our staff and hope you get to meet him soon!

Registration now open: Sat., Nov. 18, 4th biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, “Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith,” with special guest presenter and resource person Ted Swartz. Symposium registration includes Swartz’s performance of “Slightly Left of Normal,” Fri., Nov. 17, in Krehbiel Auditorium (admission charge for non-symposium registrants). Registration discount for groups of 3 or more from a single congregation – for a complete schedule and online registration, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts.

Leonard Pitts will speak Tuesday, Sept 12, 7 p.m., in Bethel College’s Memorial Hall, a change from previous announcements and some printed material. Pitts will speak on “What Now? America in the Age of Trump,” and sign copies of his books.

Ben Goossen will speak on “Are Mennonites German? Religion and Nationalism in the Global Diaspora,” and sign his book *Chosen Nation: Mennonites and Germany in a Global Era* (2017) Sunday, August 27, 3 p.m. at Kauffman Museum. (books will be available for purchase in the museum store).