

Eden Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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Confession

O God of peace,

your justice wells up like a spring,

bringing dreams, laughter, and wholeness to the world.

We confess we so often stifle your Spirit.

We are afraid to claim that you anointed us

to carry your upside-down vision into our broken world,

where the lowly are trampled upon,

the hungry go away empty,

the rich increase in power and might.

We confess we lack the courage to build up and repair

what we have broken, imprisoned, and oppressed.

Forgive us when we do not catch your vision.

Lead us beyond our fears,

and guide us on the path to peace.

(pause for silence)

Words of assurance

O God, Emmanuel,

in Jesus, the Christ, you have come among us.

You have given us life, and we are restored.



He has sent me
to bring good news
to the oppressed ...
to give them a

garland
instead of ashes.

ISAIAH 61:1, 3. NRSV



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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.

Advent 3: "Let it be Whole"

Prelude

Brenda Dalke

Welcome

Pastor Dianne

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Awake!

The invitation to carry light comes from the God of restoration.

All: **O God, you amaze us with your promise to build up the ancient
ruins.**

**You say you will replace the ashes of the past with garlands of
beauty.**

Your bold vision dazzles our doubting souls.

(Lighting of Advent candles)

Leader: Quiet our questions.

All: **Lead us beyond our fears, and guide us on the path to peace.**

Leader: Let it be whole.

***Opening Hymn HWB 178**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 61:1-3; John 1:19-27

Worship Music

Peace, Peace by Rick & Sylvia Powell

Ladies Chorus

Becky Setser, director; Candy Unrau, accompanist

Time With Children

Larry Temple & Galen Waltner

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Message

Pastor Derek

***Song of Response STS 114**

God has chosen me

Confession (on back of bulletin)

Words of Assurance

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory

Opportunities for Discipleship

Worship Music

Candlelight Carol by John Rutter

Accompanied by Robin Schrag

Ladies Chorus

Drama: Conversation between Wisdom and Wonder

Becky King & Ruth Kaufman

*Sending Song HWB 211

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Welcome! The Lord anoints us, as he did Jesus, “to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted” (Isaiah 61:1, NRSV). We gather here to be strengthened for this work.

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 Cindy Bartell & Alan Thomas 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.

Sisters in Spirit has decorated an Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall to honor the memory of our loved ones who have passed away. You may purchase an angel for each of your loved ones for \$3.00 each. The ornaments will hang on the tree during the Christmas season and may be taken home on or after December 24. The forms and envelopes are available near the tree. Please place the completed form and payment in the box.

If you are still not receiving the bulletin by email, and it's not going to your spam or junk mail, please let the church office know. Remember that you can always access the current bulletin from our website www.edenmennonite.org. Just click on *media* and *bulletin* to read it.

Looking for a place to discard your bulletin? A box is now located in the fellowship hall for disposal of all used or unwanted paper products. The contents of the box will be properly recycled and given a chance to live again in a future batch of bulletins!

Eden This Week

Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service practice 7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thursday	7:00 p.m. The Longest Night Service

Looking Ahead

Dec 24:	7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25:	Christmas Day – Eden Church office closed
Dec 26:	Eden Church Office closed
Dec 31:	Hymn sing during worship
Jan 1:	New Year's Day – Eden Church office closed
Jan 3:	7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
Jan 10:	Wednesday Night activities begin 6:00 p.m. Potluck Meal 6:45 p.m. Game night 7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
Jan 27:	Leadership Retreat
Jan 28:	Worship at Pine Village

Last Sunday, Dec 10, 2017

Worship: 193; SS: 143
Offering: \$10,068.89

Next Sunday, Dec 24 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

Music: Chancel Choir

Children's Time: Larry Temple & Galen Waltner

Nursery: Kathy & Al Neufeld

Remember in Prayer

Howard Knight: Mercy Hospital

Sandy Krehbiel: Transferred to Pine Village

WDC: As we anticipate the giving of Christmas gifts, let us thank God for the many different multicultural expressions and gifts in WDC congregations.

Commissions and Committees are asked to meet briefly to determine who will serve as chairperson, treasurer, person in charge of vouchers, etc. and get them turned in to the church office.

Advent Visuals: Thank you to Kyle/Sarah Neufeld, Jacob/Katie Stucky, and Cory/Amanda Harrison for decorating the sanctuary for the Advent Season. Thank you to Jean Regier, Kathy Waltner, and Britney Stos for the Advent candle and Nativity visuals.

Christmas is typically a season of hope and joy, yet as the nights get longer and the realities of loss set in, it can be an especially difficult time of year for many of us. On December 21, the longest night of the year, there will be an opportunity to name the darkness in our lives while clinging to the hope of Christ's light to come. We will light candles to remember those things and people we have lost, while we trust that God will comfort His people. The brief service will be hosted at Eden Mennonite Church at 7pm.

Children and youth in our church are eagerly preparing their parts for the Christmas Eve Service, scheduled for next Sunday evening at 7 p.m. Invite others to attend with you and to stay afterwards for fellowship and refreshments.

The final practice for the Christmas Eve Service is Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. If your child cannot attend the practice, let the teacher know.

There will be no Sunday school on December 31.

Nurture children's faith at home this Advent and Christmas through family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org. For use between Dec 3 and Jan 6, it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together.

The results of the vote last Sunday were as follows: Budget 131 Yes 5 No; Ballot All nominees were affirmed.

Our Extended Church Family

Associated Ministries of Moundridge is selling coffee this Christmas season to help support the seven ministries within the organization. Green order forms are on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

Spread cozy, colorful warmth around the world! All you have to do is tie knots! Mennonite Central Committee has a generous number of comforter tops, and now **we need your help tying them!** MCC has paired tops and backs that are ready to be tied, and we are inviting you or your church group to pick some up (or we can ship them to you)! If you are interested, please either stop by the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, or contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org, or [316-283-2720](tel:316-283-2720). We ask that you provide the batting and the crochet tying thread if possible. Thank you in advance for helping to spread warmth and love to our brothers and sisters around the world!

The board of *The Mennonite, Inc.* is accepting applications for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director is responsible for publishing and administration, management of staff, and maintaining denominational relationships. *The Mennonite* is a multimedia and print publication and organization connected to MC USA. To read the full description and to apply, visit: <https://themennonite.org/mennonite-inc-seeks-next-executive-director/>.

Many people do their **Christmas shopping at the Newton Et Cetera Shop!** Please bring us your **clean, gently-used toys, shoes, jewelry and children's coats**. Your donated items might end up as cherished gifts under someone's Christmas tree! Support MCC Thrift Shops because you care . . . about your family, your community, and beyond. Thank you!

Ten Thousand Village/Fair Trade International Gift Festival is coming to Newton at the Mezzanine above Prairie Harvest, 601 N Main. It will be open on Dec 17. Hours: 1-4 p.m.

Churches helping churches plan how to be missional in your own communities along with the counsel of a missional coach. It's the Creative Strategizing Jam at **Year of Evangelism Kick Off: Anabaptist Witness**, January 19-20, 2018. Learn more and register at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>

Year of Evangelism Kick Off: Anabaptist Witness has a host of great workshop leaders who will offer practical ideas to take home to your church and neighborhood. Here are just a few: James Krabill, Joe Sawatzky, Brad Roth, Byron Pellecer, Kathy Neufeld Dunn, and keynote speakers Heidi Roland Unruh and Marvin Lorenzana. Learn more and register at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>.

Looking for a unique gift idea? Give a book to the WDC Resource Library in honor of your loved one this Christmas! A book given in their name can enrich the faith of individuals all over the conference. The library's wish list can be found at Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton or on their website at www.faithandlifebookstore.net (when ordering online, make "store pick up" to avoid paying shipping).

We're looking for you, summer staffers! Camp Mennoscah has started the "round-up" process for the 2018 summer staff. Find the information online at campmennoscah.org/application/ and then fill out the application! Our summer staff are dedicated to giving campers, staff, and guests a great, God-filled experience at Camp Mennoscah. Contact Olivia at [620-297-3290](tel:6202973290) with questions.

Hey, all you wannabe summer staffers! The online application form is ready for you. Go to campmennoscah.org/application/ for further information. Now is a great time to fill it out! Think of it as a Christmas present to yourself. Summer staff have a summer full of opportunities to share their faith and influence youth. We'll be recruiting at Mennonite colleges in February and will start filling positions at that time. Still pondering? Call [620-297-3290](tel:6202973290) and talk to Olivia for more details.

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is open regular hours through the holidays: Tues.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 p.m. (closed Monday). Visit "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War," extended through Jan. 21, 2018, and the newest special exhibit, "Chisholm Trail: Driving the American West," opening Dec. 19, through April 1, 2018, as well as the permanent exhibits "Of Land and People" and "Mennonite Immigrant Furniture." See www.bethelks.edu/kauffman/ or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page for more information.