

Eden Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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Confession

O God of blessing and joy,
your favor rests upon us, and our souls magnify you.

We sing of your steadfast love
and proclaim your faithfulness.

We confess we often lack complete trust,
walking in our own strength,
building our own houses
instead of joining you
in turning ruins into abundance.

We are terrified and overcome by fear,
wondering, “How will we know?”
and pondering, “How can this be?”

We are afraid to claim and proclaim
that nothing is impossible
when your power overshadows us,
when your Spirit comes upon us.

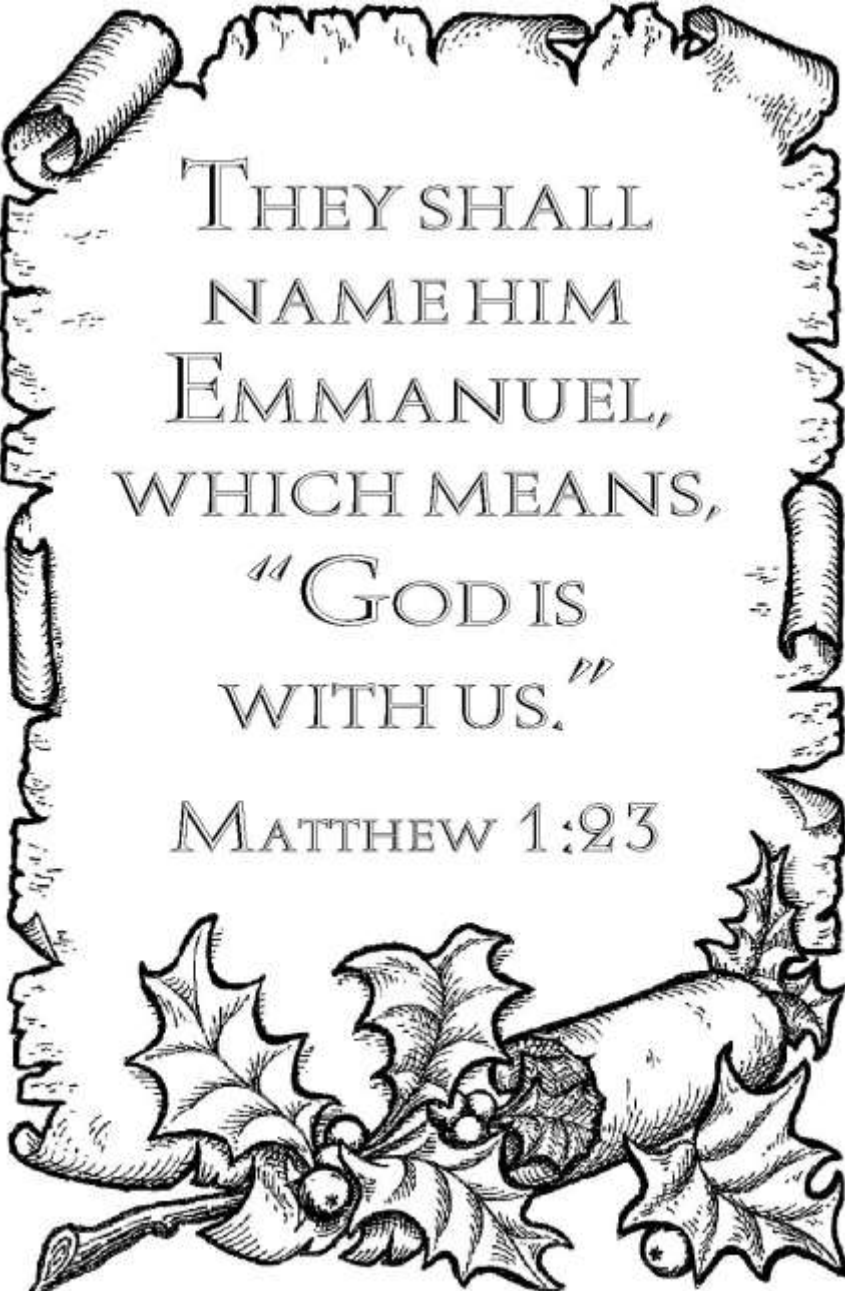
We find it hard to let go and say,
“Here I am, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word.”

Forgive us.

(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.



THEY SHALL
NAME HIM
EMMANUEL,
WHICH MEANS,
“GOD IS
WITH US.”

MATTHEW 1:23



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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 4: Yes! Let it be now

Prelude

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Welcome

Pastor Dianne

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Yes!

The invitation to carry Light comes to each of us, no matter who we are.

All: O God, you choose to dwell within us.

You promise to move about with us until we find our rest in you.

Leader: Your call seems risky; saying yes takes away our breath.

All: Yet we know your faithfulness and steadfast love endure forever.

(Lighting of Advent candles)

Leader: You are our strength.

All: Yes! Let it be now.

***Opening Hymn HWB 16**

God Is Here Among Us

Worship Music

African Alleluia by John Leavitt

Chancel Choir

Becky Setser, director; Robin Schrag, accompanist

Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Jacob Stucky

Time With Children

Larry Temple & Galen Waltner

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Katie Stucky

Worship Music *The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy* by John Leavitt Chancel Choir

Message

Pastor Derek

***Song of Response HWB 189**

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

Confession (on back of bulletin)

Words of Assurance

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory

Opportunities for Discipleship

Drama: Conversation between Wisdom and Wonder

Becky King & Ruth Kaufman

*Sending Song HWB 201

Hark! The herald angels sing

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Welcome to worship as Advent borders on Christmas. As Mary and Elizabeth found strength in togetherness, may we nourish one another.

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 Kathy & Al Neufeld 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.



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!

Please take home angel ornaments that you purchased from the Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall. There is bubble wrap on the counter by the phone in the Library to wrap the ornaments.

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.

The Christmas Eve Service is tonight at 7 p.m. Join us on "The Way to Bethlehem," presented by our children and youth. Come early to hear carolers. Participate in the service with hymn singing and candle lighting. Stay afterwards for fellowship and refreshments.

Eden This Week

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:40 a.m. Sunday School
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service

Monday Christmas Day – Eden Church Office closed

Tuesday Eden Church Office closed

Looking Ahead

Dec 31: Hymn sing during worship
No Sunday school

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 17, 2017

Worship: 196; SS: 146
Offering: \$10,795.00

Next Sunday, Dec 31, 2017

Children's Time: Rashelle Schrag
Nursery: Carol & Larry Temple

Budget Update

Office Renovation:

Donations: \$27,744.26
Capital Building Fund: \$25,000
Total Income: \$52,744.26

Total Expenses: \$99,749.99
\$25,000 was supposed to be taken as a loss from our checking account.
Donations needed: \$22,005.73

Budget Report (Excluding Office Renovation numbers):

Income: \$382,399.58
Expenses: \$426,656.65
Budget: \$438,814.18
Net Income: -\$44,257.07
Amount needed to meet the budget: **\$56,414.60**

Remember in Prayer

Patsy Klassen: Mercy Hospital

Howard Knight: Mercy Hospital

WDC: As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us give thanks for the ways Christ's presence is made visible through WDC congregations.

To have your final donation for 2017 be included in this year's giving please have your check to the office **no later than 10 a.m. on December 29.**

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.

There will be no Sunday school on December 31.

The directory pages for the yearbook are on a table in the fellowship hall.

Please check that your information is correct and make changes as needed. Write your initials by your information once you have checked it. If you have family members who are associate members and do not attend often, please check their information and make changes as needed. If you are not listed in the directory but would like to be, please add your information. Thanks.

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!

WANTED: Good cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, farm machinery, etc. to donate to the KS MCC Sale - new to antique. If you are thinking of getting a new car, consider donating your trade-in to the MCC Sale as a tax deductible donation. Contact Jerry Toews for more info at [620-367-8257](tel:620-367-8257) or jtoews62@gmail.com

Looking for someone to haul a small John Deere Tractor from Bakersfield, CA to Goessel, KS for the KS MCC Sale. Contact, Jerry Toews, [620-367-8257](tel:620-367-8257) or jtoews62@gmail.com

The WDC office and Resource Library in North Newton, KS will be closed December 22 through January 1 for the Christmas holiday.

Everyone's invited to the Year of Evangelism Kick Off: Anabaptist Witness event January 19-20, 2018, sponsored by the Western District Conference Resource Commission! Want to give someone in your congregation a Christmas gift? Pay for their registration to attend this event. It's only \$30/person, or \$25/person when groups of four or more register together at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>

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:620-297-3290) with questions.

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," (through April 1, 2018).

See www.bethelks.edu/kauffman/ or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page for more information.

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/>.

***The Mennonite, Inc.* welcomes your original submissions** and contributions for our March 2018 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Spiritual resilience. Submissions are due by January 20 to Editor@TheMennonite.org. You can read a full description of the March 2018 theme here: <https://themennonite.org/march-2018-call-submissions-spiritual-resilience/>

Five Times Harder will perform a “Songs of the Season” concert on Friday, December 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita. A free-will offering will be collected to support the work of MCC.

In February 2018, *The Mennonite* magazine will celebrate its 20th anniversary in its current form as the official publication of Mennonite Church USA and we want to hear from you. Send us your memories of *The Mennonite*: reflections on your favorite stories, authors that have been important or reasons you’ve relied on this publication. You can send your short reflections (200 words or less) to Editor@TheMennonite.org. Responses received by Jan. 1 may be included in the February 2018 issue of the magazine.

Many merry blessings of Christmas to all! Camp Mennoscah sends hope, joy, and peace to all this Christmas season. We have been thoroughly blessed by your gifts and prayers throughout the year and pray you have been blessed by Camp Mennoscah’s ministry, too. Check out our webpage at campmennoscah.org or our Facebook page to see the many things you have made possible. Thank you for sharing generously with the many campers and people who experience God’s love and creation at Camp Mennoscah!

Everence will continue its popular retirement workshop series in 2018, starting with *Your Medicare options* on Monday, Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will be held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at [\(316\) 283-3800](tel:3162833800); [\(877\) 467-7294](tel:8774677294) or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Registration is now open for the academic conference “Mennonites and the Holocaust,” to be held on the Bethel College campus **March 16-17, 2018**, with speakers and scholars from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. See mla.bethelk.edu/MennosandHolocaust for more information or to register online.

Join friends & family of Russ Neufeld on January 13, 2018 by participating in the inaugural running of The Neuf 9K & 2 mile run. The run starts at 10 a.m. outside Mojo’s Coffee Shop on the Bethel College campus. Russ was a former Mennonite Church USA and Hesston College employee. The run will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and a scholarship is Russ’ name at Hesston College. Register online through Jan 10, or in person on the day of the race. Read other details about the race at www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca.