

Eden Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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Confession

O God of power and might,
we want you to tear open the heavens and come down,
yet we tremble and quake at the thought.

We confess that even though we know your light,
we do not like the dark, empty void
where your Spirit hovers over the waters.

We shake like leaves in the wind,
fearful of what you might ask,
afraid to trust you completely.

Caught up in the swirling of our world
we struggle to “let it be.”

Forgive us, O God.

(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.



A light

shines in the darkness.

**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.

Advent 1: Let it be

Prelude

Robin Schrag

Welcome

Pastor Dianne

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Awake!

The invitation to carry light comes from the God of trembling
mountains and shaking foundations.

All: O God, your expectations terrify us.

How can our small selves hold your blazing presence?

(Lighting of Advent candle)

Leader: Quiet our questioning souls.

All: Lead us beyond our resistance. Let it be.

***Opening Hymn HWB 167**

For God So Loved Us

(1 verse in German, than all 4 in English)

Old Testament Scripture

Isaiah 64:1-9

Jay Goering

Confession (on back of bulletin)

Words of Assurance

***Hymn HWB 172**

O come, O come, Immanuel

Time With Children

Larry Temple & Galen Waltner

New Testament Scripture

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Berni Kaufman

Message

"We need your light"

Pastor Derek

***Song of Response STJ 49**

I will come to you in the silence

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory

Opportunities for Discipleship

Drama: Conversation between Wisdom and Wonder

Becky King & Ruth Kaufman

***Sending Song STJ 54**

Longing for light

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

A blessed Advent to all! Welcome to worship as we prepare for Jesus' birth and second coming.

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 Brenda Dalke and JoLene Kaufman for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

Mary Martha meets Tuesday, Dec 5 at 3:00 p.m. at Krehbiel Apts. (Pine Village) for Christmas Caroling and a business meeting. Project: Comforters & blankets.

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.

Some of you have reported not receiving the emailed bulletin. We have new membership software in the office and the emails look different. Please check your junk mailbox to make sure it isn't going to junk. If it is in the junk mailbox, click on not junk, and it should come to your inbox in the future. Remember that you can always access the current bulletin from our website www.edenmennonite.org. Just click on *media* and *bulletin* to read it.

We are grateful for the babies and toddlers in our congregation. If you would like to get to know these delightful children and would be willing to help staff the nursery on Sunday mornings, please contact Pat Stucky soon. An updated schedule will be put out soon.

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
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Edu/Disc Commission mtg. at church office
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:30 p.m. Men's Chorus

Looking Ahead

Dec 12: 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg at church office
Dec 13: 6:00 p.m. Deacon/Pastor Christmas potluck
6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service practice
7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
Dec 20: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service practice
7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
Dec 21: 7:00 p.m. The Longest Night Service
Dec 24: 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Last Sunday, Nov 26, 2017

Worship: 183; SS: 171
Offering: \$14,682.12

Next Sunday, Dec 10, 2017 - Second Sunday in Advent

Children's Time: Larry Temple & Galen Waltner

Nursery: Rashelle & Matt Schrag

Budget Update

Office Renovation:

Donations: \$24,875.26
Capital Building Fund: \$25,000
Total Income: \$49,875.26

Total Expenses: \$93,831.89
\$25,000 was supposed to be taken as a loss from our checking account.
Donations needed: \$18,956.63

Budget Report (Excluding Office Renovation numbers):

Income: \$351,310.75
Expenses: \$379,690.78
Budget: \$413,247.52
Net Income: -\$28,380.03
Amount needed to meet the budget: **\$61,936.77**

Remember in Prayer

Howard Knight: Mercy Hospital

Betty Stucky: Recovering from knee surgery

WDC: As we anticipate holiday celebrations, let us pray for WDC's Hispanic

Vernon R. Goering (86) passed away on Nov 27. Services were held at Eden on Friday, Dec 1. We extend our sympathy to his wife Marna, his children, his sisters Lorita Zook (Herb) and Joy Thiessen (Leslie) and all of his extended friends and family.

The Christmas Eve Service, presented by our children and youth, will be held Sunday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. The service will include readings and other presentations as well as hymns and candle lighting. Plan now to attend, and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you.

Important Christmas Eve practices for children/youth are scheduled for Dec. 13 and 20 at 6:30 p.m.

On December 3, there will be a short congregational meeting in the sanctuary right after the church service. The Stewardship Commission will be presenting the proposed 2018 church budget.

You are invited to attend one of these Sunday school classes:

College Age, room 102

SEEDS, room 127

Cornerstone, room 130

Christian Homebuilders, room 147

Ladies' Class, room 151

Men's Class, room 129

Please bring your non-perishable food items and monetary donations to the church the first Sunday of the month and place them in the containers provided. All will go to the Moundridge Food Pantry.

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 December *Eden Echoes* has been printed and is available on the literature table in the fellowship hall. If you would like to receive it by email, please email the Eden Church Office with your request and you will be added to the list.

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.

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!

Everence® Financial will present informational seminars this fall to help you make informed decisions. *Retirement income strategy* will help you think through your retirement income and expenses, discuss risks that can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. It will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 4. All seminars will be at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at [\(316\) 283-3800](tel:3162833800), [\(877\) 467-7294](tel:8774677294) or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Give the gift of life to others this Christmas season. The Bloodmobile will be at the Wellness Center at Pine Village on **Dec 8**, from **noon until 6:00 p.m.** Appointments for donating blood can be made at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS. Using RapidPass can save time by completing the pre-donation reading and health history online from a mobile device or computer.

All Camp Mennoscah volunteers from any and all years are invited to celebrate another year of sharing God's love with others through service. We'll gather at the Retreat Center on Dec 16 at 2:30pm-ish for conversation, games (indoor or outdoor), and cookies! There will also be an optional white elephant gift exchange. Wrap up that oddity you found in the attic or at the back of your closet. Someone's sure to want it, right? Call us at [620-297-3290](tel:6202973290) or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions. Families are welcome!

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:3162832720). 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 Senior Center would like to do some special activities during the Christmas holiday season. If you would be willing to bring some peppernuts and/or frosted sugar cookies to serve, please contact Pat Krehbiel at the Center (345-2729) or bring to the Senior Center. If you could bring them by Dec 8, it would be appreciated. Thanks for helping make the center an enjoyable, friendly place to visit.

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet at Kidron Bethel Tuesday, December 5, at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Michelle Hilger, M.A. CCC-SLP, will give a presentation, "LSVT LOUD" (Lee Silverman Voice Treatment), which is an effective speech/voice treatment for individuals with Parkinson's Disease and other neurological conditions. She will review Parkinson's Disease and how the speech/voice is affected, including some symptoms and available treatment options.

You're invited to the annual MCC Christmas Soiree on Thursday, Dec 14 from 5-7pm at the MCC Center in [North Newton \(121 E. 30th St.\)](#). Join us for this annual come-and-go event to enjoy food, drinks and great conversation. At 6pm we'll have a short program to hear about MCC's work with refugees in Jordan. Bring your family and friends, we look forward to seeing you! Contact patsydirksen@mcc.org with questions.

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 1-3, 8-10, 15-17. Hours on Fridays and Saturdays: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Hours on Sundays: 1-4 p.m.

The fourth concert of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring [The Honey Dewdrops](#), will be on Sunday, Dec 3rd at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum 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](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

Bethel College Announcements:

- Dec. 3: Bethel College Steel Drum Band & Steel Paradise Christmas concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall
- Dec. 6: Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah* 11 a.m. Bethel College Mennonite Church
- Dec. 8: Christmas Gala jazz concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I & II, 8 p.m. Krehbiel Auditorium
- Dec. 10: 32nd annual lighting of the Green, 8 p.m.