

Eden Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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Confession

O God,

the waiting is over, the time has come:
you dwell among us!

We marvel at the mystery of your birth.

We are filled and guided by the Spirit
as you open our eyes, our hearts,
and our arms to receive you.

Yes, we say, and yet we confess that
instead of being drawn beyond our knowing,
into the call of your infinite light,
we examine your coming
within the boundaries of our understanding.

We confess that
instead of marveling at the vastness of your mercy,
instead of rejoicing with Simeon and Anna,
instead of allowing your Spirit to move within and among us,
we resist the mystery of your presence.

We confess our struggle to step forth
with vulnerability, honesty, courage,
dreams, hope, and celebration
emanating from the depth of our hearts.

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.



Oh sing
to the LORD
a new song;
sing to the
LORD, all
the earth!



Psalm 96:1,
ESV



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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.

Christmas: Yes! Let it be new

Prelude Bonita Howard with Layla Hafoka, Miles and Maisie Brubacher

Welcome Pastor Dianne

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Yes!

We will give thanks and rejoice!

**All: We will praise the Lord from the heavens, from the heights,
and with the angels!**

Leader: We praise the Lord with the sun and moon!

We praise the Creator of the shining stars!

**All: Fire and hail! Snow and frost!
Mountains and hills! Fruit trees and cedars!**

Leader: Young men and women alike!

Children and the aged ones too!

Let us praise the name of the Lord.

All: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Yes! Let all things be new.

***Opening Hymn HWB 192**

On this day earth shall ring

Drama: Conversation between Wisdom and Wonder

Becky King & Ruth Kaufman

Lesson 1

Isaiah 52:7-10

Carol HWB 210

Good Christian friends, rejoice

Lesson 2

Luke 2:1-7

Pastor Derek

Time With Children

Rashelle Schrag

Carol HWB 215 *What child is this* and **STS 26** *Helpless and hungry*

Lesson 3

Luke 2:8-14

***Carol HWB 197**

Angels we have heard on high

Lesson 4

Luke 2:15-20

Carol HWB 206

Infant holy, infant lowly

Lesson 5

John 1:1-14

***Carol HWB 212**

O come, all ye faithful

Lesson 6

Titus 3:4-7

Confession (on back)

Words of Assurance

Prayers of the People

Offering/ Offertory

Havea Hafoka

Opportunities for Discipleship

***Sending Song 318**

Joy to the world

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

A warm, joyful welcome to you all! As Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as the Messiah and rejoiced over him, we also receive him with joy.

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 Larry and Carol Temple 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!

Mary Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, January 2 for our all day meeting. Lunch is a covered dish. Project-Wide tooth combs, 6-8 inches, nail clippers and band-aids of any size.

Eden This Week

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
No Sunday school today
- Monday** New Year's Day – Eden Church office closed
- Wednesday:** 7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Looking Ahead

- Jan 9:** 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission Mtg. at the church office
- 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
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Jan 17:** 12:00 noon All End of Year Reports due in the church office
6:00 p.m. meal in fellowship hall
6:45 p.m. Bible Study for all ages
7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- Jan 21:** Child Dedications during the worship service
- Jan 22:** 7:00 p.m. Eden Leadership Team meets at church office
- Jan 24:** 6:00 p.m. meal in fellowship hall
6:45 p.m. Bible Study for all ages
7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- Jan 27:** Leadership Retreat
- Jan 28:** Worship at Pine Village no services at Eden

Last Sunday, Dec 24, 2017

Worship: 216; SS: 166

Offering: \$27,205.53

Next Sunday, Jan 7, 2018

Children's Time: Renae Stucky

Nursery: Carina & Brent Knight

Remember in Prayer

Patsy Klassen: Mercy Hospital

Howard Knight: Transferred to Pine Village, skilled nursing

WDC: As we look ahead to the New Year, pray for God's guidance for WDC as it empowers congregations to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world.

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 Wednesday evening Adult Bible Study will begin on January 17. We will be doing a study on the gospel of Mark using a guide from MennoMedia. The guide has daily readings for each week on the selected passage. It is not necessary to have this study guide to participate each Wednesday. For those who would like a booklet I will place an order for them together. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall for those would like one. The cost will be \$10 which can be paid when the books arrive. I'm looking forward to learning together. - Pastor Dianne

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 today, 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.

All Commission, Committee and Organization end of the year reports are due in the church office by noon on January 17.

Our Extended Church Family

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

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

The WDC office and Resource Library in North Newton, KS will be closed

December 22 through January 1 for the Christmas holiday.

The Parkinson's Support Group at Kidron Bethel will meet January 2 at 2:00

p.m. in Menno Hall. Haylie Berning will present the program on Rhythm Connections for PD, a program which involves movement exercises to music to strengthen balance and coordination.

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.

Sun., Jan. 7 – Sunday-Afternoon-at the-Museum, 3 p.m.: Andrew Bolton, “Is the Community of Christ Becoming Anabaptist?”; Kauffman Museum. Bolton has served for a number of years in administrative positions with the Community of Christ (formerly the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) and was an organizer of the October 2017 symposium at the National World War I Museum and Memorial on conscientious objection to the Great War.

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/>.

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.

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:316283-3800); [\(877\) 467-7294](tel:877-467-7294) 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 in 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.