

### **Eden Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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### ***Confession***

O God,

your light has come, your glory risen,  
and your brightness dawned,  
illuminating not only the way of the magi, but all our paths.

From your fullness we have received grace upon grace  
as your mystery has been revealed  
and your presence made known.

Now we too are called to arise, shine, and return by another road.

Yet we confess that

instead of lifting our eyes and searching diligently,  
instead of walking with boldness and confidence,  
instead of revealing and proclaiming your presence,  
we cling to what we have and know,  
and we continue on our old, familiar ways home.

We are frightened by the unknown,  
and by the darkness that covers the earth.

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.

Nations shall come to  
*your light,*  
and kings to the  
**BRIGHTNESS** of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:3, NRSV



**Eden Mennonite Church**  
**Moundridge, Kansas**  
**Website: [www.edenmennonite.org](http://www.edenmennonite.org)**

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Dianne Schmidt, Associate Pastor

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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.*

**Epiphany: Yes! Let it be declared**

**Prelude**

Jill Zerger

**Welcome**

Pastor Dianne

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Yes!

The light is here. We carry it within us.

**All: It is the star of the East; it is the morning sun.**

Leader: It is as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake.

You have torn open the heavens, and your glory reaches the earth.

**All: May we, like the magi, seek you until we find you.**

**May we offer our gifts in your presence, no matter where you are found.**

Leader: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

**\*Opening Hymn HWB 199**

*The First Noel, the Angel Did Say*

**Worship music** *We've Got Good News to Tell*, By Don Besig Men's Chorus  
Becky Setser, director; Bonita Howard, accompanist; Cameron Clark, solo

**Old Testament Scripture**

Isaiah 60:1-6

**Time with Children**

Renaë Stucky

**Worship Music** *How Firm a Foundation*, arr. by J. Harold Moyer Men's Chorus

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2:1-12

**Message**

Pastor Derek

**Song of Response HWB 226**

*You are Salt for the Earth*

**Confession** (On back)

**Words of Assurance**

## Prayers of the People

### Offering/ Offertory

### Opportunities for Discipleship

### Drama: Conversation between Wisdom and Wonder

Becky King & Ruth Kaufman

### \*Sending Song STS 32

*Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

All sermons and Scripture can be viewed at [www.edenmennonite.org](http://www.edenmennonite.org) and our Facebook page, or YouTube channel.

**Welcome and Happy New Year!** As we worship God together, let us pray for a fruitful year of ministry to the glory of his name.

**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 Carina & Brent Knight 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!

**We will kick off Wednesday night meals on Wednesday, January 10.** This will be a potluck meal. After the meal we will have a game night full of fun and fellowship! Also, we are needing classes/ groups or individuals to sign up for meals this spring (or there will be many pot lucks). There will be a sign-up sheet at the back table after church on 1/7.

**Today will be the last Sunday for the memorial angel ornaments** to be displayed on the tree in the Fellowship Hall. After today the angels will be available on the Library checkout counter and at the church office.

### **Eden This Week**

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
10:40 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- Tuesday** 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission Mtg. at the church office
- Wednesday:** 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

### **Looking Ahead**

- 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
- Jan 31:** 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

### **Last Sunday, 31, 2017**

Worship: 135; SS: no Sunday school  
Offering: \$2,492.00

### **Next Sunday, Jan 14, 2018**

**Children's Time:** Gary & Bonita Howard  
**Nursery:** Karen & Greg Stucky  
**Scripture:** Mathew 2:13-23

### Remember in Prayer

**Brian Davis:** Mercy Hospital

**Patsy Klassen:** Recovering from surgery at home.

**Pam Schrag:** beginning a pastoral position at Church of the Brethren in Newton.

**Family of Lee Lever** grieving after the death of Terri on January 1.

**WDC:** Pray for WDC's Israel-Palestine Relations Task Force, as they meet this week and discern ways to join God's work of justice and peace-making.

**Pam Schrag has requested the transfer of her membership to** the Newton Church of the Brethren where she will be serving in a pastoral ministry role. She remains an associate member at Eden.

**Thank you to the generous people who donated trees** to use in decorating the Fellowship Hall this Christmas season. The trees will be put in storage this week, so if you loaned your tree(s) just for this season, please claim it.

**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

**The Eden Church Leadership Retreat** will be at the church building on January 27, from 9AM to 4PM. This is for all **Commission members for 2018**, as well as **ELT, SCRT, and Gifts Discernment**. This is a chance to dream about the new year and learn how to work, lead, and discern God's will together.

**Is Eden your primary faith community?** If it is (Awesome!) and you are not a member of the church, we would love for a chance to commit ourselves to you and you to us. Please contact Pastor Derek to discuss what membership means and what next steps might look like.

**Don't forget about supporting the Moundridge Food Pantry.** Please place your non-perishable and monetary items for the Moundridge Food Pantry in the containers provided the first Sunday of each month.

**Eden will meet for worship at Pine Village in the Wellness Center Community Room** on Sunday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m. Please joins us. No services will be held at Eden.

**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.

**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**

**Western District Conference (Mennonite Church USA) seeks 3/4-time**

**business manager:** accounting experience desirable; computer and organizational skills; ability to work independently and set goals; effective communicator - team player; committed to WDC mission. See [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org) for further information.

**Worship at WDC's Year of Evangelism Kick Off: Anabaptist Witness** will be a blend of ancient spiritual practices and upbeat bluegrass style with Bethany Amstutz, Gene Thiesen, and friends. Everyone's invited to worship our God of healing love, justice and welcome on January 19-20 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Learn more and register by January 11 at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/> There is also more information on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. **The Peace/Witness Commission has generously offered to pay the registration fee** for anyone from Eden to attend this event. **Please let Derek or Dianne know if you want to attend and they will register everyone together to receive the group discount.**

**Sun., Jan. 14 - KIPCOR Film Series continues with *Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock*** (co-sponsored by MCC Central States), 3 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. *Awake* is a 2017 documentary about citizen resistance, led by the Standing Rock Sioux nation, to the Dakota Access Pipeline. Talk-back follows with film co-director and Native American journalist Myron Dewey.

**Mon., Jan. 15 – Bethel College annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration**, with Ken E. Nwadike Jr., a peace activist, inspirational speaker and video journalist popularly known as “the Free Hugs Guy,” and poetry reading by Bethel students, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium*.

**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.

**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](mailto: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:3162833800); [\(877\) 467-7294](tel:8774677294) or [michelle.ramer@everence.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca).