

### **Eden Church Office Hours**

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**Last chance for the February 23-25 Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah! Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to spend time with memories and crafty creations. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) and call [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) with any questions. A second Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat will be held March 2-4.

### **Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction for “Creation, Craftiness, and Cooling Off”!**

Camp Mennoscah invites everyone to join us from 4-6 p.m. on **Sunday, Feb 25**, at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. We'll sing our favorite hymns, bid on delectable desserts, and hear about how, with your help, camp provides afternoon activities for campers to stay cool, be crafty, and learn about God's creation. Funds raised will go toward the Camp Mennoscah general fund. Come and join us!

**Join us at the 2018 annual Comforter Blitz** in Yoder, Kansas, to help in making comforters for MCC to distribute to our brothers and sisters around the world!

**March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 5 pm**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 5 pm**


**March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 4 pm**

Location: Journey at Yoder, 3605 E. Longview Road, Yoder

Everyone is welcome! Lunch is available each day by donation. Please bring a snack to share. We hope to see you there!

### **The penultimate concert of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series,**

featuring [John Fullbright](#), will be on Sunday, February 25th 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.

A scenic landscape featuring a rainbow in the sky, a barn, and trees. The rainbow is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the image, arching over the barn and trees. The barn is a large, weathered wooden structure with a gabled roof, situated in the middle ground. The trees are mostly bare, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The foreground is dominated by a large, dense green bush. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

When the bow  
is in the clouds,  
I will see it and  
remember the  
everlasting covenant  
between God and  
every living creature ...

Genesis 9:16, 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.*

**Lent 1: Me and You and the Creatures Too**

**Prelude** Robin Schrag

**Welcome** Pastor Derek

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The time has come, the kingdom of God draws near. Repent and believe the good news.

**People: We have come.**

**We are here.**

**We worship God together.**

**Worship Music** *Prayer of St. Francis* arr by Simon Lole Ladies Chorus  
Becky Setser, director; Candy Unrau, accompanist

**Scripture Reading** Genesis 9:8-17

**\*Congregational Song HWB 48** (v.1,2,3,7) *All Creatures of Our God and King*

**Time With Children** Candy Unrau

**Scripture Reading** Mark 1:9-15

**Message** "I Choose To Be There With You" Pastor Dianne

**\*Song of Response** (insert) *Between Me and You* Jenny Schrag Accompanist

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Offering/ Offertory**

(Children please collect coins for MCC and bring them to the front)

**Opportunities for Discipleship**

**Worship Music** *Pie Jesu*, by Mary Jane Lightfoot Ladies Chorus

**\*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 to worship on this first Sunday in Lent.** May our faith be strengthened during this time.

**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 Sarah and Kyle 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.



**Mennonite Men have voted to pay the rent** for the buildings used during the MCC Relief Sale this year. The cost of the rent will be \$8800.00. We agreed that the dues for each man is \$100.00. This may not cover the cost of the rent so if you can pay more it will be very much appreciated.

**The 2018 Church Directories** have been printed and are available at both east and west main entrances and at the church office. There is a box under the literature table in the fellowship hall to put old directories for recycling.

**The Eden Endowment Fund Committee,** (Ken Preheim, Dick Gehring, Eugene Goering, Fred Schrag and Tim Regier (deacon rep), will be accepting grant applications until **March 4, 2018.** Grant applications should follow the Endowment Policy guidelines. A copy of the policy and grant applications are on the literature table in the fellowship hall. The committee has decided to grant up to \$18,700.00 this year. Grants will be awarded by May 1, 2018.

**My Coins Count:** Do you have a bowl or jar of coins sitting around at home? Please bring them to church on Sunday. During the offering for the next two months the children will be collecting coins for the 2018 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. In 2017 over \$15,000 total was collected for "My Coins Count". Let's see if we help top this amount for this year's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thanks for your support.

**KIDS SING: The Sunday school kids** will be singing for the worship service next Sunday, Feb. 25. Please gather in the choir room at 9:10 am to warm up.

**The Cornerstone class will serve Huntington chicken,** green beans, applesauce, and cookies on Wednesday night. Come eat and enjoy fellowship with your church family.

### **Eden This Week**

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
10:40 a.m. Sunday school  
Pastor Review during Sunday school in fellowship hall  
6:30 p.m. Game night at Pine Village Wellness Center
- Monday:** 7:00 p.m. ELT mtg. at church office
- Wednesday:** 6:00 p.m. Meal served in fellowship hall  
6:45 p.m. Bible Study for all ages  
7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir  
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **Looking Ahead**

- Feb 28:** 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
- Mar 4:** Bethel College Choir at Eden  
Noon Potluck Meal
- Mar 6:** 7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg.  
7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg.
- Mar 7:** 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
- Mar 14:** Last Wednesday night session
- Mar 19:** 6:00 p.m. SCRT mtg. at church office
- Mar 25:** Palm Sunday  
7:00 p.m. Holy Week Service at United Methodist/Mdge.
- Mar 26:** 7:00 p.m. Holy Week Service at United Methodist/Mdge.

### **Last Sunday, Feb 11, 2018**

Worship: 168; SS: 156  
Offering: \$3515.00

### **Next Sunday, Feb 25, 2018**

**Children's Time:** Kristen Stucky  
**Music:** Worship Band & Kids Sing  
**Scripture:** Gen 17:1-7, 15,16 Mk 8:31-38  
**Nursery:** Amanda & Cory Harrison

### Remember in Prayer

**Ruth Kaufman:** Dismissed from Wesley Medical Center to PV health care

**Irma Schrag:** Dismissed from Newton Medical Center to Schowalter Villa

**WDC:** Pray for WDC's Stewardship Commission as they meet this week and give oversight to the financial resources and property of the conference.

**Come gather for an evening of games and fellowship:** Sunday, February 18, 6:30 p.m. at Pine Village Wellness Center. Bring games, a snack or soda to share. For further information, contact Bret and Marla Gillmore or Gary and Bonita Howard.

### After more than three years of work, the new Eden Mennonite Church

**Constitution** was approved on February 11, 2018 by a count of 80 Approve to 0 Reject. ELT would like to thank all who have been involved during the course of this revision!

**A paragraph was left out of the Mary Martha report on page 25** in the Annual Report Book. It is as follows: *The Program Committee (5 members) planned all programs and devotionals, prepared a program book, a prayer sister list and a ballot. They decorated for the SMCHA Banquet. Chair was Lorita Regier.* The paragraph following that one in the book should begin with *The Workers Committee* instead of the Program Committee. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

**Please help fill the baby crib!** The Peace and Witness Commission is assisting refugees who have resettled in Wichita. Baby items needed are diapers, wipes, clothes, toys, etc. as well as personal items—razors, shave cream, body wash, body lotion, shampoo, deodorant, nail clippers, nail files, hand soap, brush, combs and wash cloths. You may bring items Sunday, **February 25<sup>th</sup>** as well. We want to be a presence of hope, comfort and welcome to these refugees!

### Our Extended Church Family

**Moundridge Community Blood Drive:** Pine Village Wellness Center, 86 22nd Ave., Friday Feb.23 12PM--6PM. You are encouraged to visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call1-800-733-2767 to schedule apt.

**Raise the Roof in Song** - a Hymn Sing and Fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service – Today, Sunday, Feb 18, 4 pm (doors open at 3:30 pm to view auction items) - at Southern Hills Mennonite Church, [511 SE 37th Street, Topeka, KS 66605](http://www.southernhills.org). Join us in a fun way to raise funds for Mennonite Disaster Service: including a silent auction, special music by The Flannelbacks, with a reception to follow.

**Everence will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop** on Saturday, March 3, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place 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).

**All are invited to join the board and staff of Mennonite Central Committee**

Central States for our annual meeting on Friday, Feb 23 at 10:30am at the MCC Center ([121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>](#), North Newton).

**Attention Young Adults!** There will be an Area Wide PC-PF (Post College- Pre Family) Pizza and Bowling Night on Saturday, Feb 24. Meet at the Newton Pizza Hut at 6:00 PM for supper and then bowling afterward at Play-Mor Lanes. Please bring money for supper and bowling. This group is designed for young adults in similar life stages to socialize together. Questions? Contact Kristin Unruh-[kristin.unruh@gmail.com](mailto:kristin.unruh@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**First Mennonite Church of Halstead invites you to their Verenika** supper on Saturday, Feb 24 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at 427 W. 4<sup>th</sup> in Halstead. The menu includes verenika, ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zwieback, cherry moos, pie and beverages. Cost by donation. Proceeds go to church missions.

**Sun., Feb. 25 – Staley Lecture with Malinda Elizabeth Berry**, a professor of theology and ethics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 7 p.m., on “Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence,” *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College*. Berry will also speak in convocation, Mon., Feb. 26, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

**Ted & Company Theaterworks will present “Discovery: A Comic Lament”** at 7 pm, Saturday, Feb 24, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. Starring Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne, this newest production of Ted & Co., is a play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies the theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. It weaves through time and geography, offering both comic and challenging glimpses into the absurdity of white settler oppression of Indigenous Peoples and the land we live on. Tickets are \$12 for adults and can be purchased at the door or in advance at the Hesston College Bookstore, [620-327-8104](tel:6203278104). Youth through high school age are free. Participants in Hesston College’s AVDS weekend receive a ticket through their conference registration.

**The WDC/SCC Women's Spring Supper will be at 6 pm on Thursday, March 15,** at Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Drive in Hesston. Meal (Ham, potatoes & more) for \$10 by Whitestone Mennonite Youth with payment to them. Program at 7 pm with Joanna Gerber Pinkerton, daughter of Mennonite missionaries in the Belgian Congo, on *Faith in Everyday Life*. Music, *Sadie and the Prowlers*, from Hesston College. Offering for AIMM, Women's Literacy training in the Congo. Checks made to WDWM and memo line AIMM. Reservations due by March 8 to Marlene Faul, [316-283-3342](tel:316-283-3342) or [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com)

**Mennonites and the Holocaust Conference - March 16-17 at Bethel College, North Newton** - The history of Mennonites as victims of violence in the 1930s and 1940s, particularly on the territory of the Soviet Union, and as relief workers during and after the Second World War has been studied by historians and preserved by many family histories. This commemorative and celebratory history, however, hardly captures the full extent of Mennonite views and actions related to nationalism, race, war, and survival. This conference aims to document, publicize, and analyze Mennonite attitudes, environments, and interactions with others in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s that shaped their responses to and engagement with Nazi ideology and the events of the Holocaust. More information and register by Mar 9 at: <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lecture-series/mennonites-and-the-holocaust/>

**The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a housewares sorter/receiver** for 20-30 hours/week. The sorter/receiver maintains an active presence in the processing area, in both receiving and sorting donations. S/he will be primarily responsible for sorting through houseware donations, placing items in appropriate price categories, recycling and discarding, as needed. The full job description and applications are available at the store ([619 N. Main](#) in Newton) or via e-mail at [generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com). Applications are due **Monday, March 5, 2018**, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

***A Child Protection/Sexual Abuse Prevention training*** will be held at the MCC Center on March 1, at 6:30. "Beyond Good Touch/Bad Touch" is the topic and the presenter is Kathy Wiens. This workshop will explore how education on consent, respect, listening, and empowerment helps protect children against sexual perpetrators. The cost is \$20.00. For more information email [kathywiens59@gmail.com](mailto:kathywiens59@gmail.com) or visit [katherinebwiens.com](http://katherinebwiens.com).



## **Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale**

**Remembering 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Relief Sale was held April 12, 1975. It was still the Mid-Kansas MCC Relief Sale at that time. Ed Reimer, chief auctioneer, commenced the auction at 9:00 a.m. after some music, opening remarks, and prayer. According to Chairman Eldo Kroeker's report, the bidding was brisk, the items were of high quality and approximately \$100,000 of receipts were received. Attitudes were great as well. "The Lord loves a cheerful giver" and you (the people who worked to put on the Sale) were most cheerful. Attendance was estimated at around 15,000 people. \$108,200 was sent to MCC. Two hundred sixty-six quilts, comforters, afghans and crocheted items were sold. As we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Sale may we remember the service and ministry provided by MCC around the world.

**Urgent - Volunteer Needed:** The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Board of Directors is Praising God as a couple has volunteered for the Sunflower North Superintendent position. We continue to ask for a volunteer to perform the task of being the Building Superintendent in the Domestic Arts Building. This is an important position that helps setting up and managing the building during the Sale. The individual/couple for this service opportunity is a member of our churches, our sale constituency, and among the people who have participated in the sale for many years. This position will partner with the veteran Building Foods Manager. Please prayerfully consider and contact Jim Robb, Board Chair (620-345-7142 or 620-747-0186) if you have questions or interest. Thank You.

**New for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.** As we meet for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sale to raise money for the Mennonite Central Committee, the Sale Board is providing a few new events. One of those events is a program with Mini Auction on Friday night, April 13, and featuring the vocals of the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. A scavenger hunt for all ages is being organized to help you find things and learn about the workings of the sale. We are providing a time capsule for each church and sale committee to have the opportunity to put a memory into the capsule. The capsule will be opened at the Sale in 25 years. It is suggested that items for the time capsule be smaller than the area of a shoe box. Church liaisons should bring item to the March monthly meeting. Our brothers and sisters with MDS will be putting on their MCC hats and building a tool shed on the Fairgrounds during the Sale weekend. Construction will start on Friday at noon and the blitz build will be completed by Saturday noon. Sale attendees of all ages will be encouraged to pick up a hammer or a paint brush to help with the construction. The tool shed will be auctioned as part of the General Auction. Please mark your calendars for April 13 and 14 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual MCC Sale!

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) will hold its annual business meeting March 11, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. in the First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie, 1718 West Pretty Prairie Rd, Pretty Prairie, KS. In addition to the business meeting the speaker will be Rev. Kathryn Goering Reid.



Rev. Kathryn (Kathy) Goering Reid is currently the Executive Director of the Family Abuse Center in Waco, Texas. The Family Abuse Center's purpose is to eliminate domestic violence and to prevent abuse through education and prevention activities. Kathy came to this position in July of 2009. The programs of the Center include a 64 bed emergency shelter, prevention programs working with families with small children, legal advocacy, a supportive living program and a permanent housing program. Kathy has more than thirty years of experience working in the religious community to prevention child abuse and domestic violence.

Kathy is the daughter of Oswald H. and Elaine Wedel Goering. In particular, her grandparents (Edward & Katie Wedel, Henry and Mary Goering) were inspiration and extremely important in the formation of her values and faith. While Kathy's family was Mennonite, her father moved to Illinois when she was in second grade and the family started attending the local Church of the Brethren. She graduated from Manchester College with a BA in English and taught more than 7 years in the public school system in the Chicago suburbs and in Atlanta, Georgia. First ordained in Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren in the late 1980s, Kathy began her ministry as first Director of Christian Education and later as Associate Pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church, Berkeley, CA.

In 1990, she was ordained in the Mennonite Church. For 12 years, she was a church planter in Austin, Texas (Austin Mennonite Church). At the same time, she served as the Executive Director of the Texas Homeless Network. The Texas Homeless Network built coalitions across the state and provided resources and technical assistance to homeless service providers. In 2004, she blended her passion for the caring ministries in the church with her skill in administrative and management work to become the Executive Director of the Association of Brethren Caregivers, Elgin, Illinois, until the 2008 merger of that organization with the General Board of the Church of the Brethren. For nearly a year, she was Associate General Secretary of Ministry & Program of the Church of the Brethren supervising nearly 100 employees and overseeing a nearly five million dollar budget. The ministries under supervision included: Office of Ministry, Congregational Life, Brethren Service Center, Global Mission Partnership, Brethren Press & Communications and the Caring Ministries.

Kathy is also the author of several books. (See more about books in March Eden Echoes.)

The SMCHA membership is encouraged to attend and the public is welcome to this annual business meeting. Reservations are NOT required. Refreshments will be served.