

Eden Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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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 5th from 10 am - 5 pm

March 6th from 9 am - 5 pm

March 7th 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.

Camp Mennoscah is searching for those delightful kitchen staff and volunteers to be part of our summer youth camp ministry. Some weeks fill up quickly. Kitchen helpers can receive a camper discount up to full camp fees (limited number per week). Contact us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions or to sign up! Fun times and a free tee shirt!



FOR GOD'S FOOLISHNESS IS
WISER THAN
HUMAN WISDOM.

AND GOD'S WEAKNESS IS
STRONGER THAN
HUMAN STRENGTH.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:25, NRSV

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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 2: Me and You and the Generations after You

Prelude

Jill Zerger

Welcome

Pastor Dianne

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah,
nations born of barren lands,
you who stand here because of promises fulfilled,
come and worship your God.

**People: We were born through the faith of our ancestors,
just as our faith will give life to future generations;
even as we hope against hope, we come to worship our God.**

Leader: Welcome home, children of God. Welcome to this house of God.

Songs – Kids Sing

A New Day to Celebrate, by Nancy R Chegus
For God So Loved Us, Thuringer Melody

Kids Sing AND Eden Worship Band

God's Counting on Me, God's Counting on You, by Pete Seeger
Becky Setser, director; Candy Unrau, accompanist

Time With Children

Kristen Stucky

Scripture Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-17a

Congregational Songs

led by Worship Band

I Will Bless You, by Bryan Moyer Suderman
Wings of a Dove, by Bob Ferguson

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Message

“Unbelievable Promises”

Pastor Derek

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Confession & Congregational Prayer

Offering/Offertory

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

Opportunities for Discipleship

Sending Song STJ 29

You are all we have

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Welcome to worship, where we pause intentionally to listen to Jesus. God told the disciples: "This is my Son. ... Listen to him" (Mark 9:7).

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 Amanda and Cory Harrison 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. Give your check to Keith Albrecht or take it to the church office.

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.

The Cornerstone SS class will serve the meal on February 28 instead of having a potluck. It will be the same menu as planned for this Wednesday, Huntington Chicken, etc.

Eden This Week

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:40 a.m. Sunday school
- 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

- 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 12:** 7:00 p.m. ELT meeting at church office
- Mar 14:** Last Wednesday night session
6:00 p.m. meal in fellowship hall
6:45 p.m. Service Project for MCC
7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 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 18, 2018

Worship: 186; SS: 173
Offering: \$5,896.81

Next Sunday, Mar 4, 2018

Children's Time: Shirley Delk

Music: Bethel Concert Choir

Nursery: Pat and Bruce Stucky

Hymn Sing during Sunday school

Potluck following Sunday school (Bring lots of food. Could have 60-80 guests.)

Remember in Prayer

WDC: Pray for WDC's Immigration Task Force, and congregations in WDC discerning a faithful response to immigration concerns.

Irma Schrag (86) passed away at Schowalter Villa on Sunday, February 18. Memorial and burial services were held at Eden on Wednesday, February 21. We extend our sympathies to her sons James and wife Diane, Ron and wife Pam and all of her extended family.

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

Mary Martha Circle will meet for an all day work meeting on Tuesday, March 6. Covered dish lunch. Project, Health Kits. Any ladies are invited for all or part of the day to work on projects or just visit.

Our Extended Church Family

The minutes from the Associated Ministries of Moundridge have been posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

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.

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.

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:3162833342) or westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com

Mennonites and the Holocaust Conference - March 16-17 at Bethel College, North Newton - 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 full job description and applications are available at the store ([619 N. Main](#) in Newton) or via e-mail at 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 or visit katherinebwiens.com.

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. 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.

Thank you all for your help as work continues at Camp. We are again in need of your help to shingle the roof if the elements allow. The next day for work will be SAT FEB 24 starting 8:30 am Bring your favorite hammer and lunch! Other tools will be provided. If you're interested in helping, please call camp ([620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290)) or Jim Yoder by phone/text at [316-284-3890](tel:316-284-3890) or e-mail jdoder@cox.net. If there is a doubt regarding weather and you have not heard from us, please call to check whether or not we have canceled.

The Youth Volunteer Weekend at Camp Mennoscah is March 16-17 and youth in grades 7-12 are heartily welcomed. There will be singing, worship, s'mores, service projects, and likely some silliness. Rachel Miller and Isaac Entz will lead the frivolities. This is your chance to stay in the Retreat Center because of the kitchen renovations! Parents and sponsors do not need to attend. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) for assistance.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

Remembering 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas: In 1976, the Sale was still using the State Fair Bison Arena on the State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, as the main building for auctions and sales. According to the annual report it was the first time that soft ice cream was sold and it sold very well. Fifty-nine bales of wood shavings were used to cover the dirt floor and control the dust around the quilt display. Approximately 1,100 pies were sold. The annual report for 1976 recognizes the contributions of many volunteers who "Work in the name of Christ". As we celebrate our 50th year, may we remember those who have made the Sale successful through Service to God.

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 50th Annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. As we meet for our 50th 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 50th Annual MCC Sale!