

### **Eden Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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Check out our website at [www.edenmennonite.org](http://www.edenmennonite.org)

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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.*

**Please join one of our Sunday school classes today.**

#### **Adult Sunday School**

College Age: Rm 102

SEEDS: Rm 127 (age 20+)

Cornerstone: Rm 130 (age 40+)

Christian Homebuilders: Rm 147 (age 50+)

Ladies' Class: Rm 151

Men's Class: Rm 129

*All classes welcome guests, regardless of age*

#### **Junior Department Sunday School**

All children (age 2-grade 6) head to room 103 for Kids Choir for the first 10 minutes.

After Kids Choir, the classes are in the following rooms:

2-3 year olds: Rm 119

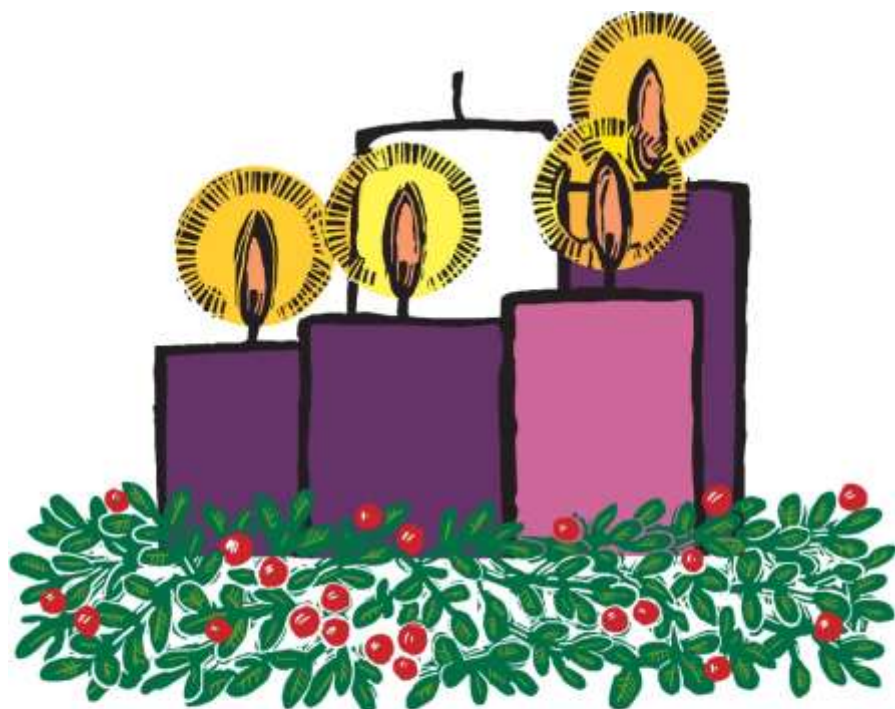
Pre-K, K: Rm 121

1st – 3rd: Rm 104

4th - 6th: Rm 152

Jr & Sr High (7th - 12th): Rm 100

**Nursery provided for those under 2**



— FOURTH SUNDAY OF —  
ADVENT

Love

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

Derek King, Lead Pastor

Dianne Schmidt, Associate Pastor

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**Prelude**

Judy Goering

**Welcome**

Pastor Dianne

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Mary is with child! God's long-awaited promise is being fulfilled.

**People: Rejoice in his name! Emmanuel, God with us!**

Leader: The little baby in his mother's womb,  
he will be the savior of this hurting world.

**People: Bringing us new life, filled with joy and peace,  
calling us to faith and action.**

**ALL: Praise be to God. Alleluia!**

**Lighting the Advent Candles**

**Song STS 15** (vs. 3)

**Advent Prayer**

Bret Gillmore  
*Hope is a candle*

**\*Advent Hymn STJ 109**

*There is more love somewhere*

**Old Testament Scripture**

Micah 5:2-5a

**Time with Children**

Patsy Klassen

**New Testament Scripture**

Luke 1:39-45

Kathy Neufeld

**\*Hymn HWB 181**

*My soul proclaims with wonder*

**Message**

"Love Story, with a Twist"

Pastor Derek

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Song STS 15**, (vs.5)

*Hope is a candle*

**\*Response Hymn HWB 208**

*Love came down at Christmas*

**Sharing our Joys & Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering/ Offertory**

**Opportunities for Discipleship**

**\*Hymn HWB 212**

*O come all ye faithful*

**Benediction**

## Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**HWB:** *Blue Hymnal A Worship Book*;

**STJ:** *Sing the Journey* (green); **STS:** *Sing the Story* (purple)

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

**Welcome. It's almost time!** Kids are wound up, and adults are stressed. Everyone is invited everyone to take a deep breath and find peace as we worship the coming Christ.



**A nursery is available for small children.** Please ask an usher to direct you. Thank you to Carina and 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.

**MCC Infant Care Kits:** Place individual items or completed infant care kits under the large tree in the fellowship hall through the month of December and the first Sunday of January. Monetary gifts may be placed in the container by the tree and will be used by MCC to purchase items to complete additional kits. **Large safety may be used in place of the diaper pins.** Lists of items and additional information are available by the tree. MCC will distribute these kits to families displaced by war or disaster.

**Commissions and Committees please meet briefly to determine** who will chair your commission/committee, who will write vouchers, and who will take minutes. Please turn those names into the church office ASAP so it can be updated in the directory.

**Volunteers are needed from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in Eureka, KS.** Kansas MDS will be roofing and completing exterior repairs. Tools and lunch will be provided. Work days are scheduled for: **December 28 & 29, January 4 & 5.** Please contact Jordan Miller for more details and to arrange transportation from the Newton area. Call, text or email 316-217-4570 or [jordanmiller795@gmail.com](mailto:jordanmiller795@gmail.com).

### **Eden This Week**

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship  
10:40 a.m. SS for all ages  
Christmas Eve Service practice during Sunday school
- Monday** Church office closed for Christmas Eve  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- Tuesday** Christmas Day (church office closed)

### **Looking Ahead**

- January 2:** 6:45 Eden Worship Band  
7:30 Ladies Chorus  
8:00 Chancel Choir  
8:45 Men's Chorus
- January 8:** 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission meeting
- January 9:** 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
6:45 p.m. Bible study  
7:30 Ladies Chorus  
8:00 Chancel Choir
- January 11:** **End of year reports due in the church office**
- January 13:** 10:00 a.m. worship service at Pine Village, no services at Eden
- January 14:** 7:00 p.m. ELT meets at church office

### **Last Sunday, Dec 16, 2018**

Worship: 185; SS: 153  
Offering: \$13,368.78

### **Next Sunday, Dec 30, 2018**

Lessons and Candles  
Music: Chancel Choir  
Children's Story: Marge Goering  
Nursery: Karen and Greg Stucky

### **Budget Report to Date:**

Income: \$395,150.55  
Expenses: \$445,013.04  
Net Income: **-\$49,862.49** (-\$47,099.60 last year at this time)  
Projected Total 2018 Expenses: \$455,883.04  
Total 2018 Budget: \$481,684.00

### Remember in Prayer

**WDC:** Give thanks for the gift of God's Word-made-flesh in Jesus, and for the many ways in which WDC congregations make God's love tangible in our world today.

**Verna P. Goering (89) passed away Friday, December 21.** Funeral arrangements are pending. We extend our sympathy to all of Verna's family.

If all activities for the year have been completed with your commission or organization, **please get your non-financial end of the year reports to the church office as soon as possible.** They can be brought to the office or emailed to edenoffice@edenmennonite.org.

**Lessons & Carols:** The Eden Chancel Choir, directed by Rebecca Setser and accompanied by Judy Goering, will present *Nine Lessons and Carols* on Sunday, December 30, 9:30 am. This worship service is a musical celebration of the Birth of Jesus and will include *For Unto Us a Child is Born* from Handel's Messiah and a joyful Christmas medley arranged by Mark Hayes to wrap up the celebration.

**The family of Meroe Graber invites you** to an open house in honor of Meroe's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Pine Village Wellness Center on Sunday, Jan 6 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Meals** will begin January 9 and run through March 6. Anybody that would be willing to help with meals or coordinate meals should contact Marcia Goering or sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall. If a group or SS class is willing to sign up for a meal or two (or three), fill in your group beside the dates on the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.

**Directory information has been placed on the tables in the fellowship hall.**

Please check your information and that of your family/friends who are Wider Fellowship Members. If it is correct initial it, so we know it has been checked. If it needs updating, please update it and initial it. You can also email updates to the church office at edenoffice@edenmennonite.org.

**The Angel Tree ornaments may be taken home on or after Dec 23.** There is packing material under the table to help transport angels home safely.

### Extended Church Family

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is now scheduling volunteers for the winter months** of January, February and March. If you can serve please call Deanna Frey at 800-241-8111 or email [dfrey@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:dfrey@mds.mennonite.net)

**The WDC office and Conference Resource Library** will be closed for Christmas & New Year's break from December 24 through January 1.

**Kauffman Museum is open through the holidays (closed Mondays, plus Tues., Christmas Day, and Tues., New Year's Day): hours 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 p.m.** Visit the current special exhibit "Better Choose Me: Collecting and Creating with Tobacco Fabric Novelties, 1880-1920," featuring the collection of the late Ethel Ewert Abrahams. See [www.bethelks.edu/kauffman/](http://www.bethelks.edu/kauffman/) or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page for more information.

**Volunteer with SWAP:** Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP), a program of MCC Great Lakes, has openings for volunteer groups. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP's ministry, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. If your church has never been to one of our SWAP locations, or if it has been a while since you have been to SWAP, please consider forming a group to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more information go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/swap> or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065. You can also check out the latest newsletter at <https://mcc.org/media/resources/8302>.

**This Christmas, consider giving alternative gifts through Mennonite Central Committee!** With 25 ways to give, you can find something for everyone in your family! Give chickens, provide hope, education, tools and new skills to help build up communities. These are gifts that easily fit under the tree and can fit within any budget, but have the power to bring joy for years to come! Call our office for details, 316.283.2720 or visit [mcc.org/christmas](http://mcc.org/christmas) .

**Borderlands Tour: WDC Immigration Task Force invites you** to register for the May 6-11, 2019 MCC South Texas Borderlands Learning Tour. Go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/learning-tour-south-texas-borderlands> to register. Cost: \$650. For more information, please contact Kathy at 316-283-6300.

**Camp Winter Wonderland Worship on Dec. 28 from 3-6pm!** Join us for songs from evening worship at summer youth camps (praise and worship songs) at Camp Mennoscah in the Dining Hall. Enjoy classic \*Sunday\* camp sandwiches, hot chocolate, time by the campfire/fireplace, and the warmth that comes from being surrounded by friends at camp! Also, TP the Christmas tree! We'll metaphorically TP our Christmas Tree with your donations of toilet paper or paper towels. Cash or checks for 4-square/gaga balls are welcome, too. **RSVP by Dec 26** to 620-297-3290 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) so we know how many sandwiches to fix--and tell us about any food allergies.

## **You can apply for a summer staff position at Camp Mennoscah**

at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) under Summer Youth Camps. Do it now! Positions are music, crafts, nature, lifeguard, office, and grounds/maintenance. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; we'll start interviewing in January! Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) with questions. We can't wait to talk to you about being on summer staff!

**Camp Mennoscah is now accepting applicants for a quarter-time (10 hours/week) custodial position.** The position starts January 2, 2019, and will remain open until filled. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) for further information.

**Looking for that next great adventure? Mennonite Central Committee SALT positions now available!** Take chances. Make mistakes. Be challenged. Get messy. Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go... Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a [wide variety of positions](#) in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start now at [salt.mcc.org](http://salt.mcc.org), to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply, don't delay the deadline to sign up is Feb. 15!

**Join Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) for our annual Reaching Out Letter Writing Events!** Thursday, January 10 from 7-9pm at MCC Central States (121 E 30th Street, North Newton) and Monday, January 21 from 1-5pm at OVM (900 N Poplar, Newton). Letters and cards will be delivered to individuals incarcerated at Hutchinson Correctional Facility on February 14. **If you are interested in Reaching Out Letter Writing materials for your church or small group, contact [ben@offendervictimministries](mailto:ben@offendervictimministries) to arrange for delivery.**