

Eden Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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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



— SECOND SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

Peace

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
Website: www.edenmennonite.org

Derek King, Lead Pastor

Dianne Schmidt, Associate Pastor

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Prelude

Candy Unrau

Welcome

Pastor Derek

Call to Worship STS 126

Lighting the Advent Candles

Song STS 15 (vs. 2)

Hope is a candle

Advent Prayer

***Advent Hymn HWB 176**

Comfort, comfort O my people

Time with Children

Bruce and Pat Stucky

Scripture Readings

Luke 3:1-6; 1:68-79

Advent Hymn HWB 174

Bless'd be the God of Israel

Message

“Step by Step on the Path of Peace”

Pastor Dianne

Lighting the Christ Candle

Song STS 15, (vs.5 sing 2x)

Cory Harrison

Hope is a candle

Kids Choir come to the front during the second time

Kids Choir

Go, tell it on the mountain

Hallelujah

Worship Band STS 26 & HWB 215

Helpless and hungry/ What child is this

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offering/ Offertory

Opportunities for Discipleship

***Hymn HWB 201**

Hark! The herald angels sing

Benediction

Postlude

Members, please remain in the sanctuary for a brief congregational meeting to affirm the Budget and Commission nominees

**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 and our
Facebook page, or YouTube channel.

Welcome. We're one week closer! As we prepare our worship space and our homes for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, let us also prepare our hearts.



A nursery is available for small children. Please ask an usher to direct you. Thank you to Kathy & Al 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.

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. Lists of items and additional information are available by the tree. MCC will distribute these kits to families displaced by war or disaster.

The December *Eden Echoes* is available on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

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 14 & 15, December 21 & 22, 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.

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.

All Eden members are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the annual meeting following the worship service on December 9th. The meeting will consist of an opportunity to clarify any questions regarding the 2019 Eden budget and commission positions, with the official affirmation process immediately following.

Eden This Week

Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship Service 2019 Budget and Commission positions affirmed 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:40 a.m. SS for all ages
Monday	7:00 p.m. ELT
Wednesday	7:45 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Looking Ahead

December 19:	6:30 Christmas Eve Service practice 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
December 23:	Christmas Eve Service practice during Sunday school
December 24:	Church office closed for Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
December 25:	Christmas Day (church office closed)
January 8:	7:00 p.m. Worship Commission meeting
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

Last Sunday, Dec 2, 2018

Worship: 194; SS: 186
Offering: \$15,823

Next Sunday, Dec 16, 2018

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20, John 15:9-17
Music: Ladies Chorus
Children's Story: Jean Regier, Gentry and Mason Regier
Nursery: Carol and Larry Temple

Budget Report

Income: \$363,914.41

Expenses: \$410,253.58

Budget: \$448,732.70

Net Income: **-\$46,339.17** (-\$26,506.71 last year at this time)

Remember in Prayer

WDC: Give thanks for volunteers who share their time and energy to support the work of WDC.

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.

Please remember the love offering for our new arrival, Kinslee Mae born to Tyler and Kristen Stucky on Thursday, Nov 22. . The Baby Blessing piggy bank is located on the library table.

The Angel Tree is decorated in the fellowship hall to honor the memory of our loved ones who have passed away. You may purchase an angel for each of your loved ones for \$3.00 each. The ornaments will decorate the tree during the Christmas season and may be taken home on or after Dec 23. The forms and envelopes are available near the tree. Please place the completed form and payment in the box.

Would you like to celebrate **Advent with your children** at home? ***God's Goodness!*** booklets are available on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

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

All are invited to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, **to hear Brass Christmas with the McPherson Community Brass Choir** under the direction of Jerry Toews and the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers under the direction of Braden Unruh on **December 9 at 7 pm**.

You are invited to begin your Christmas season with us... **Hopeful Blues Christmas Concert - Sunday, December 9 at 4 pm at Hope Mennonite Church**, 868 N. Maize Rd, in Wichita. Refreshments served.

Christmas Gathering for all volunteers from all years of Camp Mennoscah! On Dec 15, at 2:30 p.m., everyone who has ever volunteered at Camp Mennoscah is invited to come for a time of cookies, hot drinks, conversations, and games. Meet at the Retreat Center! We'll do a white elephant gift exchange, so bring a "gift" of something you no longer want, if you'd like to participate. Families are invited too. Questions? Call 620-297-3290 or text 316-293-7313.

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 to 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org by Dec 26 so we know how many sandwiches to fix--and tell us about any food allergies.

Camp Mennoscah is now accepting applicants for a quarter-time (10 hours/week) custodial position. The position starts Jan 2, and will remain open until filled. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for further information. (See bulletin board for job description.)

You're invited to the annual MCC Christmas Soiree at MCC in North Newton on Thursday, December 13 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join us for this holiday party to enjoy festive food and fellowship! At 6 p.m. we'll hear from International Volunteer Exchange Participants who will share about their current work and Christmas traditions from their home countries. Everyone is welcome for this come and go holiday event. MCC is located at 121 E. 30th in North Newton. Call us with questions, 316.283.2720.

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>.

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 the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or www.bethelks.edu/kauffman/ for more information.

TODAY (Sun., Dec. 9) – 33rd annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 p.m. Reception to follow in the Cafeteria.

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 .

Looking for a unique Christmas gift this year? Consider buying one of the resources on the Conference Resource Library's wish list in honor of your loved one! The Resource Library is excited to partner with Faith & Life Bookstore for this project. Visit our list & purchase online OR visit the wishing tree in the store. All items purchased will be delivered to the library and added to the collection in January. <http://faithandlifebookstore.net/wdc-resource-library-wish-list/>

Iowa Mennonite School (Kalona, Iowa) is seeking an energetic leader with vision to serve as principal beginning July 2019. Iowa Mennonite School offers a Christ-centered education within the Anabaptist Mennonite tradition. Individuals may apply by Jan. 1, 2019 at www.iowamennonite.org/joinourteam

Bethel College's peacebuilding institute, KIPCOR, has seen a recent uptick in churches requesting help in resolving various conflicts. Because our own resources are limited, we're offering an opportunity for congregations to help address this need themselves – KIPCOR's semi-regular training course **"Managing Differences within Faith Communities."** **The two-day course runs Jan. 3-4, 2019, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., at KIPCOR's North Newton office.** Lead instructor is Sharon Kniss, KIPCOR director of education and training. **Cost is \$300 per person, or \$250 with a non-refundable deposit of \$75 made by Dec. 12.** For congregations who send three or more people, the cost is \$200 per person with a \$225 **deposit made by Dec. 12. Please register soon so we'll know if we have the numbers to run the course.** Online registration is at kipcor.org (Managing Differences within Faith Communities link), or call KIPCOR at 316-284-5217.