

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

Lent 4: God reaches out with open arms



Rembrandt van Rijn, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, c. 1661–1669

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Season of Lent: *Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast*

Lent 4: God reaches out with open arms

Prelude

Candy Unrau

Welcome

Pastor Dianne

***Call to Worship**

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: We confess our sin to you, and you forgive us.

People: We offer our prayers to you, and you embrace us.

ALL: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.

In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you uphold us.

***Music**

Worship Band

STJ 79: *As I Went Down to the River*

Welcome the Traveler Home, by John McCutcheon

All In All, by Dennis Jernigan

Time with Children

Alyssa Goering

Confession of Faith HWB 713

Biblical Storytelling

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Larry Temple

Message

“Arms Wide Open”

Pastor Derek

***Response Hymn STS 50**

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

Time of Confession

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory

Kids collect coins for Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (please pass coins to aisle)

Opportunities for Discipleship

***Sending Song STJ 78**

We will walk with God

***Benediction**

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

HWB: *Hymnal A Worship Book* (blue);

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. Even amid Lent we live in the light of Easter, and every Sabbath celebrates salvation! Welcome to worship, to forgiveness, to everlasting life.



A nursery is available for small children. Please ask an usher to direct you. Thank you to Cindy Bartell & Alan Thomas 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.



Eden Mennonite Men will be supplying \$8,800 for some of the rental fees for the KS State Fairgrounds for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale and covering a variety of other expenses so all sales the day of the sale are profit. The suggested minimum \$100 dues may be taken to the church office or given to Brandon Kaufman.

Join us for another **Faith Forum today, March 31** in the Fellowship Hall. This time, our discussion will focus on ***The Church and Politics***. There is an introduction for you to read ahead of time. Hard copies are available at the information table and a digital copy has been emailed. All adults and youth are welcome. Remember, these forums are offered by the Deacons and Pastors as a way for us to practice Christian discernment on topics that seem to be divisive in the dominant culture. If you did not receive the reading material by email, please pick it up (bright green) from the information area.

Mary Martha Circle will meet Tuesday April 2 for an all day work meeting. Covered dish lunch. Project: offering for Newborn Kits.

A tornado drill will be held at Eden on Sunday, March 31. Please see the insert for the nearest shelter.

Lent Worship Visuals: The candle represents the light and life of Christ. The wax poured out symbolizes the gift of God's love and forgiveness.

Eden This Week

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:40 a.m. Sunday school - Faith Forum during Sunday school
- Tuesday** 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg. at church office
- Wednesday** 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Looking Ahead

- April 8:** 7:00 p.m. ELT mtg. at the church office
- April 9:** 7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg.
- April 10:** 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- April 14:** Palm Sunday
7:00 p.m. Associated Ministries Holy Week Service at Eden
- April 17:** 4:30 p.m. Community Prayer Walk
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- April 18:** 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday meal and Communion at Eden
- April 19:** Good Friday – Eden Church Office closed
- April 21:** Easter
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service followed by light breakfast
- April 24:** 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Last Sunday, March 24, 2019

Worship: 192
SS: 150
Offering: \$9,261.00

Next Sunday, April 7, 2019 (Lent 5)

Music: Men's Chorus
Children's Story: Jean, Gentry and Mason Regier
Nursery: Kathy & Al Neufeld

Remember in Prayer

The family of Doug Stucky who passed away on Wednesday, March 27
WDC: Pray for WDC members attending adaptive leadership training at Kansas Leadership Center (Wichita, KS) in 2019, as they apply this learning to a variety of different ministry contexts and leadership challenges.

Invitation to display handcrafted and donated items for the KS Mennonite Relief Sale. Please bring your items to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 7, before the morning worship service. If you would like for us to deliver these items to the sale, you may leave them at the church that morning. Any pies, bread or other baked goods should be delivered to the church by 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 12, and we will also take them to the sale. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Graber (620) 747-0764. Thanks for all of your donations.

Please bring your non-perishable grocery and/or monetary donations for the Moundridge Food Pantry the first Sunday of the month. Place them in the containers provided in the library and near the front entrance.

We are looking for 4 people to help with bohne beroggi packing/selling for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. The responsibilities are simple, spread over 4 days, and are easily shared with other group members. Please join us! - Tim & Bethany Schrag, 620-386-6062

Are you looking forward to the **bohne beroggi** at the MCC sale? **Your help is needed** to make it happen, **on April 6 at Moundridge High School.** Friday afternoon is some prep work for Saturday and volunteers are needed. To keep the workers working, snacks are important too. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the fellowship hall to sign up where you can help. If you need more information contact Marla Gillmore 620-921-0428.

Elaine, Greg and Denise Krehbiel and Ronnie Schrag will be participating in this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 5k Run and Walk on April 13. We invite sponsors to support MCC by sponsoring us. Checks should be made payable to KMRS with Run/Walk in the memo. Thank you for your support.

The April *Eden Echoes* is available on the information stand in the fellowship hall.

The **Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA)** is again **offering education financial assistance grants** to individuals preparing for full-time Christian service, Mennonite ministry, Mennonite voluntary service, or other related careers. The maximum grant available is \$1,000 for full-time ministerial students with lesser amounts for part-time students and Mennonite voluntary service participants. The grants are for the 2019-2020 school year. **The application deadline is May 30, 2019.** Watch for the April *Eden Echoes* for more information.

Extended Church Family

All parents and guardians of children who will be five years old on or before August 31, 2019 are invited to the **Moundridge Elementary School's Kindergarten Screening Day for eligible children on April 8.** Out-of-District families must complete an application form, available at the school. At the screening, MES professionals will assess each child's kindergarten readiness and review immunizations the child may need to enter kindergarten, as well as any developmental concerns parents/guardians may have for their child. The assessments last about one-half hour and are **by appointment only.** Parents/Guardians may call the school office at **(620) 345-5500, ext. 401** to schedule their child's screening time, request Out-of-District applications or to ask any questions related to enrollment and the screening. We're looking forward to meeting your child!!

Scams, what you need to know: Pine Village will be hosting Denise Groene, the State Director from the Better Business Bureau. Denise will be presenting an informational meeting at the Wellness Center on April 18th at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Come learn about the latest scams; particularly those directed towards seniors, understand the red flags of a scam and how to protect your information from Scammers.

Everence will hold informative Medicare workshops at its offices in North Newton and Hutchinson in April. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The **North Newton presentation** will be held at 3179 N. Main St. on **Tuesday, April 2 (6:30 p.m.).** The **Hutchinson presentation** will be held at 524 E. 30th Ave. on **Thursday, April 11 (6:30 p.m.).** Space is limited. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

All interested singers are invited to join the Bethel College Masterworks presentation of Faure's *Requiem*, Sun., May 5. Rehearsals begin Monday, April 22. For more information, contact William Eash, weash@bethelks.edu, 316-284-5316.

Sun., April 7 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum: “Down to the Countryside: Perspectives on the Chinese Cultural Revolution,” a panel of Zhuojin Jiang, Jim Goering and Ester Kreider Eash, moderated by Raylene Hinz-Penner, **3 p.m.**, *Kauffman Museum* (in connection with the special exhibit “Campaign for a New China”).

Sun., April 7 – Bethel College Women’s Chorus spring concert, 4 p.m., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites organizations to apply for their annual Local Giving grants. Local Giving grants are made available each spring by the Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors. Applications may be downloaded at newtonetceterashop.com and **must be submitted by e-mail to localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com by April 12, 2019.**

MCC Lunch & Learn on April 2, at MCC in North Newton! Together with Mennonite Mission Network, we will host Willi Hugo Perez director of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala City, Guatemala. SEMILLA’s a school that emerged as a beacon of peace, justice and community building in the context of systemic violence and oppression. Join us to learn more! Lunch will be provided, by donation, please RSVP by March 28 to patsydirksen@mcc.org or 316.283.2720; let Patsy know if you have food allergies.

Explore the global issue of fast fashion by watching the documentary film *True Cost* at MCC in North Newton on April 9 at 7 p.m. Directed by Andrew Morgan, the film looks at environmental, social and psychological aspects of consumerism and mass media focused on the global garment industry. Also hear briefly from MCC about how our thrift shop network is working to reduce the harms caused by fast fashion, here and around the world. Light snacks will be provided while you watch the movie. Questions? Contact sarahfleming@mcc.org.

The Kidron Bethel Parkinson’s Support Group will meet Tuesday, April 2, at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Chaplain Eric Massanari will facilitate a reflection and discussion on making room for grief as we live with the realities of chronic, debilitating illness.

Your graduate’s first year after high school is crucial, and Service Adventure is a sure way to make it count. Service Adventure is a 10-month program where young adults gain real-world experience through placements with nonprofit organizations, and learn to live and grow in household community with peers and a mentor. Call Lauren at 574-523-3022 or visit the web to find out more:
MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure

Camp Mennoscah

Camp Mennoscah is looking for kitchen helpers for the weeks of June 9-15, June 23-29, and July 14-20. No great skills are needed; following directions is all that is necessary (but a fun-loving heart helps). Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees! (PS--The kitchen is now air-conditioned.)

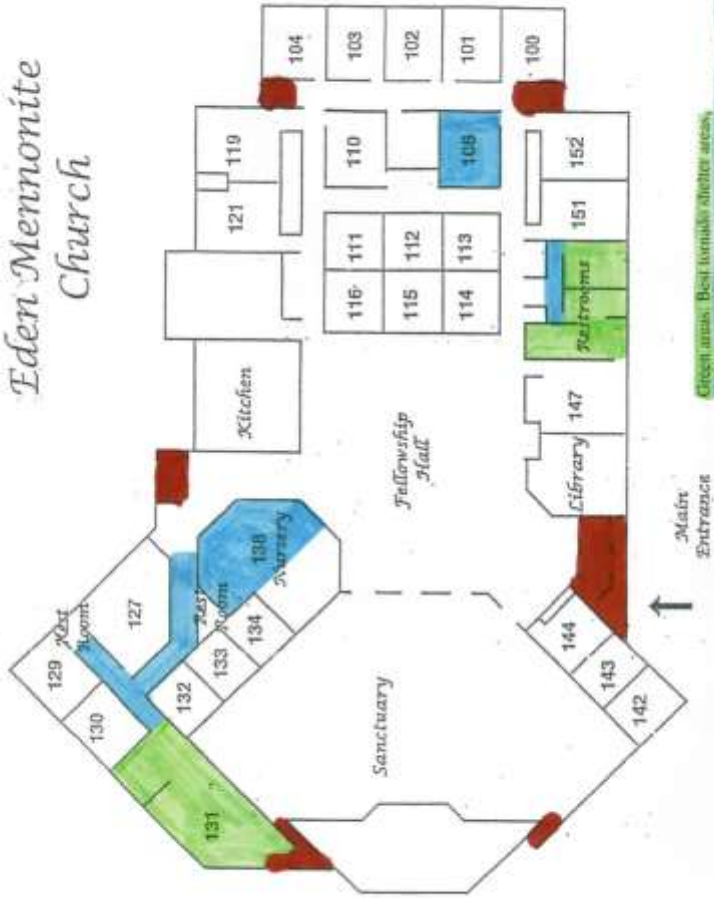
Men and Boys Retreat is April 5-7 at Camp Mennoscah. It is a retreat for all ages of men and boys. Brad Roth will be our speaker for the weekend. There is no pre-registration, but lodging is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Saturday supper is the first meal provided. Questions? Contact Kevin Neufeld at kevinneufeld2@gmail.com or 316-322-5515.

Retirees Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, April 22-24! We can't wait to see retirees of all ages for a time of renewal with sessions on everything from trips to Central America and Ukraine to Reader's Theater and a steel drum concert. There is time to take a break or go for a walk or have coffee and conversation. Singing and Bible studies included! Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for a brochure. Register online at campmennoscah.org! Bring friends!

Our first Work & Play Day of the year is April 27. We'll start work projects at 8:30am and end at 2:30pm, just in time for you to spend the rest of the afternoon playing. A simple lunch will be served. Please call us at 620-297-3290 or register online at campmennoscah.org to let us know you're coming! All ages invited; those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Pine Village will host its 15th Annual Anchors Banquet on Friday, April 5th at 6 p.m. in the Wellness Center. Tickets are \$100 and on sale now. All proceeds go toward growing the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation; the Anchors Banquet is the single fundraiser for the Foundation. Featured entertainment will be one you won't want to miss as both the men's and women's choirs from Bethel College - Open Road & Woven – will be co-entertaining us. Dinner will be a plated meal catered by Keith's Catering and service will be conducted by the Moundridge High School FFA and FCCLA students. Tickets can be purchased through Pine Village by calling 620.345.2901 or stopping by Pine Village at 86 22nd Ave., Moundridge.

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Green areas: Best formally shelter areas.
 Blue areas: If the green areas are full, go to the blue areas.
 Red areas: Exit areas only.