

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

SEEDS: Rm 127 (college+)

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: Rm 104

2nd - 4th: Rm 102

5th - 6th: Rm 152

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

Nursery provided for those under 2



— FIRST SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

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

Derek King, Lead Pastor

Dianne Schmidt, Associate Pastor

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Advent 1: Our Wait Begins

Focus statement: *Together we enter the season of Advent crying out to God to break into our lives with a new light and a new hope. We ask the question, God what are you waiting for?*

Prelude		Bonita Howard
Call to Worship		Jerri Kaufman and Ian Smith
Advent Theme Song (Insert)		<i>O Long-Awaited</i>
Welcome		Pastor Dianne
* Responsive Reading (from Isaiah 2:1-5)		
	Leader:	The word of the Lord has been established for us.
	People:	Come, let us walk in the word of the Lord.
	Leader:	The Lord has come to teach us God's ways.
	People:	Come, let us walk in the way of the Lord.
	Leader:	The Lord has come to bring peace to all nations.
	All:	<i>Come, let us walk in the peace of the Lord.</i>
* Lighting the Advent Candle		Gentry Regier
* Advent Hymn HWB 178		<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>
Time with Children		Candy Unrau
Worship Music		Men's Chorus
		<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i> , set by Henry V Gerike
		<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i> , by Richard Storrs Willis
		Becky Setser, director; Bonita Howard, accompanist
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44	June Krehbiel
Message		Pastor Derek
Lighting the Christ Candle		
* Response Song HWB 191		<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Prayers of the People		

Offering/Offertory

Opportunities for Discipleship

*Hymn HWB 189

To Us a Child of Hope is Born

*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! "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'" (Psalm 122:1, ESV). May we, too, find joy in worshipping God.



A nursery is available for small children. Please ask an usher to direct you. Thank you to Carina and Brent Knight for caring for the children in the nursery this a.m.

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.



The Angel Tree is decorated in Fellowship Hall to honor the memory of our loved ones who have passed away. You may purchase an angel/bookmark for each of your loved ones for \$3.00 each. The ornaments/bookmarks will decorate the tree during the Christmas season and may be taken home on or after December 22. Forms and envelopes are available near the tree. Please place the completed form and payment in the box by the tree.

We are updating our group subscription to *The Mennonite*. If you would like to join the group subscription please contact the church office 345-8320 or email edenoffice@edenmennonite.org. The current subscription rate is \$37.

A Christmas project this year for the Peace and Witness Commission will be **gathering supplies for detainee care kits**. Duffle bags and backpacks will be provided and located under the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall ready for donations. If you would like to complete a whole kit that is fine—single items are fine too. Items will be gathered through December. Detainee care lists are available on the information stand in the fellowship hall.

Mary Martha will meet Tuesday, December 3, for caroling at Pine Village. Please meet at Krehbiel Apartment commons at 3:00 p.m.

Eden

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:40 a.m. Sunday school for all ages after worship
- Monday** 6:00 p.m. Deacons mtg.
- Tuesday:** Bulletin announcements due in office by noon
- Wednesday:** 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Looking Ahead

- December 9:** 7:00 p.m. ELT mtg.
- December 10:** 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg.
- December 11:** 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- December 12:** Edu/Disc. Commission mtg.
- December 18:** 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- December 24:** Eden Church Office Closed
- December 25:** 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Christmas Day
Eden Church Office Closed

Last Sunday, November 24, 2019

Worship attendance: 200
Sunday school: 115
Offering: \$15,323.90

Next Sunday, December 8, 2019 Advent 2

Children's Story: Whitney Loganbill
Nursery: Samantha & Heath Doane

Remember in Prayer

Joe Lichti recovering from foot surgery at Newton Medical Center

WDC: Pray for God's care and strength for members of WDC congregations and communities who struggle with grief, trauma or mental health concerns, especially during the winter and holiday season.

The December *Eden Echoes* is available on the information stand in the fellowship hall. There is also a letter next to the *Eden Echoes* from Emily Knight that came in after the *Echoes* was printed.

The pastors will be offering a **Membership Inquiry class** for those among us who would consider becoming members of Eden. This will be a **four session class beginning January 19**. If interested, please contact either of the pastors (contact information on the back of the bulletin).

Please bring your non-perishable and monetary donations for the Moundridge Food Pantry the first Sunday of the month and place them in the containers provided near the east entrance. This is the perfect time of year to share your abundance.

Great Winter Warmup event will be held January 18, 2020 at Pine Village Wellness Center from 9-3. Come and go as you are able. We are planning soup for those that stay for lunch. Come and help us complete comforters for MCC. If you have never tied a comforter, we will be happy to teach you. Contact Sharon Gehring, Lu Goering or Marna Goering if questions.

Extended Church Family

2020 is the 100 year anniversary of the Mennonite Central Committee. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale would like to celebrate this milestone by gifting MCC ONE MILLION DOLLARS. The Kansas Sale was founded to support the ministry of Relief, Development, and Peace in the name of Christ. This would require 1,000 people to each give \$1,000 to get to one million dollars by April 17, the first day of the 2020 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. **Please send your check made payable to KMRS earmarked "centennial gift" to Tim Miller, Relief Sale Treasurer, 4805 S. Broadacres Rd, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501.** If you have questions, please ask your church sale contact person(s) or call Jim Robb, Board Chair at [620-747-0186](tel:620-747-0186).

Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet December 3 at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Dr. Sam Claassen, a retired internal medicine physician, and Dennis Schmidt will present "How to Have a Successful Doctor Appointment." All are welcome.

This Christmas Season the **Associated Ministries of Moundridge is selling coffee grown in Honduras** by the family of Moundridge native Julia Niehage Williams. Besides the regular coffee, we are offering coffee with four different added flavors: Caramel Macchiato, French Vanilla, Pumpkin Spice and Ja Maka Me Krazy. All varieties can be purchased whole bean or freshly ground. **The green order forms are available on the information stand in the fellowship hall.** Mail your order forms as shown on the form or call Rick Krehbiel at 620-386-4147 to place your order!

Hesston College Music and Theatre will present a Christmas performance, **“Still, Small Voice,” on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. in Hesston Mennonite Church.** The concert is free and open to the public.

First Mennonite Church of McPherson, 161 E. Ave A invites you to a **German Dinner & Bake Sale Saturday, Dec. 7 from 5-7:00 p.m.** The menu includes verenika with ham gravy, sausage, green beans, homemade sauerkraut, zwieback and cherry moos.

Everence® will hold an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, Dec. 7, 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 Everence Financial, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas Dec 7, at Bethel College Fine Arts Center. Bethel College Women’s Association will again be selling baked goods, and crafts and poinsettias. Christmas candy, zwieback, peppernuts, poppyseed roll and cinnamon rolls are always a great seller. **Please bring your items on Friday, Dec 6** from 1:30-4:30 pm or on Saturday from 7-8 am in the Fine Arts Center Room 140 which is behind the Box Office. Thank you for your support of Bethel College! Lori Regier for BCWA

All area churches are invited to attend this year’s **Winter Luminary Walk at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston.** The Luminary Walk will be from **5:30 to 8 p.m. on December 6 and 7.** Admission to the event is \$6 for Adults and \$3 for children ages 3 to 12, or advanced tickets can be requested by emailing arboretum@hesston.edu or purchased at the Arboretum office for \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 3 to 12.

Join Mt. Hope Sanctuary for our come-and-go Christmas Open House on Dec 8, 1-3 p.m. at 303 N. Walnut, McPherson. Enjoy live music, refreshments, tours, and meet our beautiful women of HOPE!

You are invited to join MC USA staff for “Coffee and Conversation” in the Newton offices (718 N Main St, Newton) **to hear from Mennonite Mission Network International Service Worker, Deb Byler, on Monday, Dec 16 at 11:00 AM.** She will share about the ministries in which she is involved with Kekchi Mennonite women in Guatemala.

Giving Tuesday is Dec 3 - Western District Conference invites you to join this global giving initiative! **Share a gift with WDC during this season.** Current projections suggest that WDC income will fall short of expenses for the current year, so your generous gifts are invited to help close the gap towards WDC's 2019 budget goal! You may make an online contribution or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

With this year's ***Giving Tuesday, (Dec 3)*** we ask you to consider a donation to **STEPMC**. Your donation will help us in moving more families out of poverty into prosperity. Go to <https://www.stepmc.org/> to donate.

Sunday, Dec 8 from 2-4p.m. Hospice & HomeCare of Reno County is inviting all school age children (Kindergarten through High School) who have experienced the death of a loved one to attend their Tinsel and Tears event. More information on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Weds., Dec. 4 – Bethel College Steel Drum Band Christmas concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall (NOTE: different from some printed calendars)

Fri., Dec. 6 – Christmas Gala jazz concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I and Jazz Combo, 8 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

Sat., Dec. 7 – Five Places of Christmas, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Kauffman Museum offers free admission (including the special exhibit “K is for Kansas”), refreshments, and sale items in the museum store. Bethel College Women's Association will have holiday food and gift items for sale in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Sun., Dec. 8 – 34th annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 p.m.

All MCC volunteers and alumni are invited to our annual come-and-go MCC Christmas Soiree on Thursday, December 12 from 5-7 p.m. at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th). We will have food, Christmas cheer and plenty of time for fellowship. At 6 p.m. we'll pause for a short program about Christmas around the world from our International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participants. You don't want to miss this annual event!

Christmas Brass: The 17-piece McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews will be performing great Brass Christmas Music in the Historic **Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church on Sunday, Dec 8 at 7 pm.** Also performing will be the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers under the direction of Braden Unruh. During the service, a free will offering for the Goessel Ministerial Alliance will be received with proceeds to help local needs. Everyone is invited for this Festive Event!

The next concert of the **Prairie Window Concert Series**, with [The Talbott Brothers](#), will be on **Sunday, December 8 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum** of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$25 adults/\$15 kids, plus tax. [Purchase tickets online](#) at dyckarboretum.org or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a full-time finance assistant and a half time recruiter. You can see the positions descriptions under “employment opportunities” at www.mennonitemission.net . To begin the application process for either of these positions, send your resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net or call Linda Krueger, HR Coordinator (574-523-3009) for more information.

O Long-Awaited

Words and music by Phil Campbell-Enns
arr. by Bill Derksen

Capo 3:

D F D/F# G D
F F/A B^b F



1. In the days to come, in sac - red time, Hear our deep - est long - ing,
2. May a shoot ap - pear and branch grow forth, May it bring de - light and
3. Give us cour - age for the days a - head, Meet our weak - ness with be -
4. Though a tin - y babe, we call you Lord, Filled with awe at how you

G A D D/F# G D A7 D
B^b C F F/A B^b F C7 F



hear our cry, As we lift our voice and beg for signs Of Your love re - deem - ing our lives,
seeds of hope, Cal - ling for re - turn to Your good work In this ho - ly sea - son of birth,
ne - vo - lent strength, Wak - en trust that's deep - er than be - lief And re - new our soul with Your peace,
have be - come known, From a hum - ble man - ger so for - lorn To cre - a - tion be - ing re - stored.

G D/F# G A D/F# G Dsus D
B^b F/A B^b C F/A B^b F#m F



O Long - A - wait - ed, All cre - a - tion sings Your praise, O Long - A - wait ed,

G A D D D/F# G D A7 D
B^b C F F F/A B^b F C7 F



Come and save us to - day.