

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+)

Mixed Seniors' Class: Rm 151

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



— THIRD 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 3: Kept waiting by fear

Focus statement: *O Lord, what am I waiting for? Why am I afraid? I see my need for your strength in my weakness and my need to be filled with your courage in the midst of all my fears. I long for an awakening, for a renewed trust, and for patience in the coming of the Lord.*

Prelude

Candy Unrau

Call to Worship

Jerri Kaufman and Ian Smith

Advent Theme Song (Insert)

O Long-Awaited

Welcome

Pastor Dianne

***Responsive Reading** (from Isaiah 35:1-10)

Leader: The Lord our God will come and save us.

People: We will let go of our fears.

Leader: God will strengthen the weak hands
and make firm the feeble knees.

People: We will find our strength in the Lord.

Leader: The redeemed shall walk in the way of the Lord.

**All: We shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God!**

***Lighting the Advent Candles**

Kyle Neufeld

***Advent Hymn HWB 172 (vs. 1, 4, 6)**

O Come, O Come, Immanuel

Time with Children

Dennis Schmidt, Jeff & Becky Koller

Worship Music

In the Bleak Mid Winter, arr. by Laura Farnell

Ladies Chorus

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child, arr. by Rollo Dilworth

Becky Setser, director; Brenda Dalke, accompanist

Scripture

James 5:7-11, Isaiah 35:1-10

Pat Stucky

Message

“Hopes and Fears”

Pastor Derek

Lighting the Christ Candle

***Response Song HWB 211**

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory

Opportunities for Discipleship

*Hymn HWB 212 (vs. 1 & 2)

O come, all ye faithful

*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! “The kingdom of heaven has come near” (Matthew 3:2), so let us repent — turn our lives around — and prepare for the Lord’s coming.



A nursery is available for small children. Please ask an usher to direct you. Thank you to Shayna & Ian Smith 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.

Eden

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:40 a.m. Sunday school for all ages after worship
Short business meeting following worship to affirm nominees for offices and approve the 2020 budget
- Wednesday:** 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service practice

Looking Ahead

- December 24:** Eden Church Office Closed
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- December 25:** Christmas Day
Eden Church Office Closed
- December 29:** Lessons & Carols Service
- January 1:** Eden Church Office Closed for New Year's Day
- January 5:** Epiphany – Communion Served
- January 6:** 6:00 p.m. Deacons/Pastors mtg.
- January 7:** 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg.
- January 8:** 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- January 12:** 10:00 a.m. Worship at Pine Village
- January 15:** 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Last Sunday, December 8, 2019

Worship attendance: 186
Sunday school: 158
Offering: \$5,549.00

Next Sunday, December 22, 2019 Advent 4

Scripture: Psalm 80:1-7, 14-19; Matthew 1:18-25
Music: Chancel Choir
Children's Story: Bobbi Schrag
Nursery: Sarah & Kyle Neufeld

Remember in Prayer

Val Graber: Hutchinson Hospital

Rashell Kaufman: Dismissed from Wesley Medical Center

Wes and Sheryl Krehbiel at the sudden death of Sheryl's grandson, Reilly Berry.

Kelly Krehbiel Thomas as she grieves the death of her husband.

WDC: Give thanks for the generosity of WDC congregations and donors, and pray for financial contributions to support this year's budget goals and

Greetings from Puerto Rico! My housemate and I have been invited on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic with our church from January 3-10. I believe we will be traveling to different towns helping out wherever is needed, participating in a medical operation, and spreading God's love. **The cost of this trip that I am supposed to fundraise is \$590** and this includes the cost of the Ferry, food, housing, and transportation. If there is a desire to help contribute to this cost, it would be greatly appreciated, **please give to Mark Stucky in my name** and he will send it over here. I am also coming home for Christmas so if it works to donate to me then that is great and I can't wait to be home! Blessings, Emily Knight

Christmas Eve is coming soon! We have a few short weeks left to practice our parts. **We would like to invite all youth, ages 2 to high school, and parents to make a special effort to attend Sunday school the rest of December** because practices will be held in the Sunday school classes each Sunday. December 18 at 6:30 and December 22 in the morning full practices will be held with everyone taking part. Hope to see you there!

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).

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.

If you are a regular attendee of Eden and would like your contact information to be included in the Eden Directory please call the church office at 345-8320 or email us at edenoffice@edenmennonite.org.

Extended Church Family

Kauffman Museum is open through the holidays (closed Mondays, plus Christmas Day and New Year's Day): weekdays, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 p.m. Visit the current special exhibit "K is for Kansas: exploring Kansas from A to Z." See www.bethelks.edu/kauffman/ or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page for more information.

First Mennonite Church, 429 E 1st, Newton KS, will **present Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 15 at 7 pm** with a community chorus, orchestra and soloists as follows: Holly Swartzendruber, Monica Schmidt Spicer, Matthew Schloneger, and Christopher Kliewer. The director is Matthew Graber.

Here are several opportunities for you to serve with MDS in Eureka, KS! 8 to 10 Volunteers are needed for each of these times: December 16th to 20th - Window & Door replacement; December 21st - Saturday workday. Transportation, lodging and meals are all provided, call, text or email Jordan Miller to reserve your spot at 316-217-4570 or Jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

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!

The Moundridge Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Dec 20 at 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Village Wellness Center. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter "Moundridge" for the sponsor code.

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! Coffee order forms are also available on the Associated Ministries website at www.ammoundridge.org.

Experience the town of Jesus, meet its people, learn their language, join and experience local churches, and explore the rich and varied culture of Israel. Age 18+; term: 2-3 weeks. Apply to join the Nazareth Village Youth Venture team at www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

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.

Night in the Barn: Everyone is invited to come to Night in the Barn at Papa's Pumpkin Patch (372 70th, Newton KS 67114) on **December 21 and 22 from 5-7pm** (come/go). Interact with the characters, sounds, lights, and animals of this timeless tale and enjoy this walking tour with family and friends. A suggested donation of \$5 per person includes a hot drink and a snack. Presented by Tabor Mennonite Church Youth, with part of the proceeds going to the Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship. Call 620-367-2721 with questions.

***Purpose* is an excellent resource for everyday inspirational stories**--for personal reading and encouragement, a low-key outreach tool to share with others, to have available in your church foyer or anywhere there's a waiting room, and now with a discussion guide for adult Sunday school and small groups. A one-year subscription to *Purpose* is now just \$18.00 USD - that's 40% off the usual subscription price and available now until Christmas by phoning MennoMedia at 1-800-245-7894. For more information, sample excerpts, or to write for *Purpose*, see the [Purpose website](#) or email editor April Yamasaki at PurposeEditor@MennoMedia.org.

Western District Women in Mission in cooperation with Everence Financial will host a two-day conference “Let's Talk...Women, Money & Faith” on January 24 and 25 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. Featured speakers, Teresa Boshart Yoder and Rhoda Blough, from Everence Financial will address money and faith topics for women of all ages and stages of life. More information and registration coming soon on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/WesternDistrictWomen/?modal=admin_todo_tour or at our web page <https://communicationswdwm.wixsite.com/wdwm>.

The family band **Five Times Harder will present a Christmas concert at 4:00 p.m. on December 22 at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro** (102 S. Ash). Their concerts feature an entertaining blend of voices and instruments, in bluegrass, folk, jazz, and classical styles. There is no admission fee; a free will offering will be collected to benefit the ongoing work of MCC.

O Long-Awaited

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

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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

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hear our cry, As we lift our voice and beg for signs Of Your love re-deem-ing our lives,
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O Long - A - wait - ed, All cre - a - tion sings Your praise, O Long - A - wait - ed,

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