

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



“...How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”

Luke 13: 34b

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Season of Lent: *Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast*

Lent 2: God gathers us together in safe shelter.

Prelude Judy Goering

Welcome Pastor Derek

***Call to Worship HWB 663**

***Hymn HWB 36** *God of our Strength*

Time with Children Berni Kaufman

***Song of Confession STJ 97** *The Lord is my light*

Worship Music *Wings of Your Love*, by Patti Drennan Ladies Chorus
Becky Setser, director; Brenda Dalke, accompanist

Scripture Reading Luke 13:31-35

Message "Why a Chicken?" Pastor Dianne

Song of Response STJ 118 *Thy holy wings*

Confession

Leader: God, there is much that we fear. And instead of seeking the shelter of your tent, we place our trust in other things to comfort us.

People: We confess that our fears drive us to seek the protection of materials and mortals that do not last. Forgive our lack of trust.

(silence)

Leader: How deeply our God, our mother hen, wishes to gather us in and keep us safe.

People: From this day forward, we will be comforted under the wings of God, our protector. Amen.

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 *A Gaelic Blessing*, by John Rutter Ladies Chorus

*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 Rashelle & Matt Schrag 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.



Come join in the Service night project sponsored by the Education & Discipleship commission on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. We will be putting together cookie/trail mix jars to be sold at the relief sale in April. Donations of ingredients are needed by you, our church family. There is a sign-up sheet and box on the round table next to the information cabinet in the fellowship hall. Please help us to help others and fill up the box.

Cradle to Crayons Christian Resources Drive: If you would like to partner with Cradle to Crayons to introduce young children to God's love, search for Cradle to Crayons under **Amazon's Lists and Registries**. You will find a wish list of high quality faith-based toys and children's books from which to choose a gift for Moundridge's local childcare center. Contact Laura Goerzen laura.n.goerzen@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

Lent Worship Visuals: The warm light of the Christ candle is an invitation to come light a candle and receive the warmth of God's abundant love.

Eden This Week

Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday school
Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Service Night 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thursday	Noon: All items due for the March <i>Eden Echoes</i>
Saturday	11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Arlene Thiesen

Looking Ahead

March 27:	7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
March 28:	7:00 p.m. MCC Sale meeting at Eden
March 30:	8:00 a.m. Work day at Eden
March 31:	Faith Forum during Sunday school
April 2:	7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg. at church office
April 3:	7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
April 8:	7:00 p.m. ELT mtg. at the church office
April 10:	8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
April 12-13:	Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson

Last Sunday, March 10, 2019

Worship: 177

SS: 143

Offering: \$5,832.00

Next Sunday, March 24, 2019 (Lent 3)

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9 Is. 55:1-9

Children's Story: Larry Temple

Nursery: Cindy Bartell & Alan Thomas

Remember in Prayer

Teresa Graber: Dismissed from Newton Medical Center

Marlene Krehbiel: Mercy Hospital

WDC: Give thanks for Western District Women in Mission (WDWM), as they resource women by promoting spiritual growth, nurture women's gifts and leadership, build relationships and support the mission of WDC.

Ruby Graber (91) passed away on Thursday, March 14 at Pine Village. Services will be held at Eden on Tuesday, March 19 with funeral at 10:30 a.m. followed by a graveside service. We extend our sympathy to her children, Melvin (Janice), Dennis, (Teresa) Mark (Tindy) and her daughter-in-law Gail Graber.

The Eden Endowment Fund Committee, (Ken Preheim, Dick Gehring, Eugene Goering, Fred Schrag) due to the weather postponing, **will be accepting grant applications thru Sunday March 17, 2019.** Grant applications should follow the Endowment Policy guidelines. A copy of the policy and grant applications are on the information stand in the fellowship hall. The committee has decided to grant up to \$15,000.00 this year. Grants will be awarded by May 1, 2019.

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

Chili and Cinnamon Roll Cook-Off! Get your favorite chili or cinnamon roll recipe out and get ready for the Pine Village Chili Cook-Off Friday, March 22, 5:00-7:00 PM, at the Pine Village Wellness Center. Entry forms can be obtained at the Wellness Center, or from Becky Setser (620-385-4145). There is no charge to enter. Tasting tickets will be \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12. Proceeds will go towards improving the Wellness Center sound system.

Are you looking forward to the **bohne beroggie** 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.

Eden will be hosting the MCC Sale General Meeting on March 28th at 7:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to bake cookies for this meeting. There is a sign up sheet on the round MCC Sale table in fellowship hall. If you have any questions please contact Dennis and Teresa Graber, Kyle and Robin Schrag or Wayne and Laurie Schrag.

Join us for another **Faith Forum on 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 will be available at the information table and a digital copy will be 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.

Extended Church Family

Sun., March 24 – Bethel College Concert Choir Home Concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall

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.

A 1957 signature quilt is being offered at auction at the Kansas MCC Relief Sale this year. Made by the women of Eden Mennonite Church, the quilt is lovely blue and white with Elfrieda Klassen Dyck's initials in the center. Donated by Peter and Elfrieda Dyck's daughters, Ruth Scott and Rebecca Dyck. It has more than 80 women's signatures embroidered on it.

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.** Multiple grants will be awarded to selected groups by June 2019 in amounts up to \$5,000. Applicants for the Local Giving grants must hold legal nonprofit status and operate out of and serve Newton, North Newton, Hesston, Goessel, Moundridge, Whitewater, Elbing, Halstead or Walton. Applicants do not need to have a religious affiliation or mission, but they must function in a manner consistent with the mission of Mennonite Central Committee.

A program of classical guitar and spirituals will be performed by the Stucky/Henderson Duo (Rodney Stucky and Mary Henderson Stucky) at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 23 at First Mennonite of Christian. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Call June Krehbiel at 620-345-2360 to reserve a ticket. Sponsored by Moundridge Arts Council.

All women are invited to the **Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) Spring Supper on Thursday, March 21** at First Mennonite Church in McPherson. Speaker: Sheryl Wilson, Executive Director of KIPCOR. See flyer for more information including how to RSVP on the bulletin board or look in the *March Eden Echoes*.

MennoCon19 (Mennonite Church USA convention), is coming up July 2-6, 2019! WDC congregational delegates, youth groups, and other attendees are encouraged to register by the **early registration due-date of March 19**, after which registration cost increases. (Regular registration rates take effect March 20, and late registration begins May 1.) Also, note that congregations may each appoint one youth representative, age 16-21, to participate in the delegate sessions through the Step Up program. For more information, see <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/step-up-2019/> Let's plan for a great turnout from WDC at MennoCon19!

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a full time Donor Relations Representative to represent Mission Network, strengthen relationships with Mennonite Church USA constituents and cultivate and solicit charitable support for Mission Network purposes. Read the position description at www.MennoniteMission.net.

Returning Citizen Care Kits Needed: MCC Central States is seeking items for Returning Citizen Care kits. The full list of contents can be found on the [Material Resources](#) page of our website or by visiting our wish list on [Amazon](#) (although not all items for all kits are available on Amazon), making shipping items directly to our Material Resource Center easier. **Returning Citizen Care kits are distributed to MCC partner organization Working Men of Christ in Wichita, Kansas where the kits help men and women feel supported and loved as they transition to life outside of prison.** Items for kits should be sent to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for your generous support! Questions? Please contact katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

Camp Mennoscah

We will be putting in the dam at Camp Mennoscah on March 17 at 2 pm. Gather at the maintenance shed with appropriate helping or spectating clothing! If we're not there, check by the dam. Whatever the weather, we'll be there (unless deemed unsafe).

Full scholarships available! **Sign up now for Youth Volunteer Weekend, March 15-16!** Isaac Entz and Rachel Miller will lead the weekend fun with the help of counselors. There will be singing, service projects, smores, and fun! All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to renew their faith, be at camp, and take a short break from everything at home. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290!

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.

The Beating Guns Tour – Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin are on a national tour and will be at **Hesston Mennonite Church on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m.** Inspired by the biblical prophets' call to "beat swords into plowshares," experience the transformation of a gun into a garden tool. This 90-minute event features music, art and stories of people impacted by gun violence. Registration is requested at hesston.edu/beating-guns and for more information visit beatingguns.com. Check out MCC's Lenten reflection on gun violence prevention (including an education resources, action steps and more) at mcc.org/lenten-reflection.

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.