

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



— SECOND 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 2: Getting ready while we wait

Focus statement: *We ask, What are you waiting for, O God? God hears our cries and calls to us in return with words of hope. Can we hear God's invitation? God calls us to repent, pay attention, and embrace the Lord's vision for a new creation.*

Prelude

Karen Kaufman, Organ; Kristin Kaufman, flute
Away in a Manger - arranged by Lloyd Larson
Silent Night, Holy Night – by Charles Ore

Call to Worship

Jerri Kaufman and Ian Smith

Advent Theme Song (Insert)

O Long-Awaited

Led by Worship Band

Welcome

Pastor Dianne

***Responsive Reading (from Romans 5:4-11)**

Leader: God calls us to live with endurance.

People: We glorify the God of hope.

Leader: The God of encouragement calls us to unity.

People: We thank the Lord for the bounty of God's mercy.

Leader: God calls us to a new vision for all of creation.

All: Let us all praise the Lord.

***Lighting the Advent Candles**

Kay Burgan

***Advent Hymn STS 1**

Praise the One who breaks the darkness

Time with Children

Whitney Loganbill

Worship Music

Mary's Little Boy Child
No Wind at the Window, STS #11

Eden Worship Band

Scripture Telling

Matthew 3:1-12

Larry Temple

Message

"Merry Christmas, you Brood of Vipers!"

Pastor Derek

Lighting the Christ Candle

Time of Confession HWB 696

***Response Song STS 26** *Helpless and Hungry* & **HWB 215** *What child is this*

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory

O Come, All Ye Faithful with For Unto Us a Child Is Born – arranged by Lloyd Larson

Opportunities for Discipleship

*Hymn HWB 208

Love came down at Christmas

*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 Samantha and Heath Doane 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
- Monday:** 7:00 p.m. ELT mtg.
- Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg.
- Wednesday:** 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- Thursday:** Edu/Disc. Commission mtg.

Looking Ahead

- December 15:** Short business meeting following worship to affirm nominees for offices and approve the 2020 budget
- December 18:** 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service practice
- 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 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 1, 2019

Worship attendance: 140

Sunday school: 114

Offering: \$7,179.62

Next Sunday, December 15, 2019

Advent 3

Music: Ladies Chorus

Children's Story: Dennis Schmidt, Jeff & Becky Koller

Nursery: Shayna & Ian Smith

Remember in Prayer

Val Graber: Hutchinson Hospital

Rashell Kaufman: Wesley Medical Center

Joe Lichti: Dismissed from Newton Medical Center

WDC: Give thanks for pastors, musicians, teachers, and others who coordinate and lead special activities in WDC congregations during the Christmas season.

Do you have an instrument to play? Do you play piano? Or can you sing a solo? All children are invited to take part in the Christmas Eve Prelude. If anyone is interested, please contact Marcia Goering soon.

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 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.

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.

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.

Extended Church Family

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 Kliever. 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 10th to 13th - Roof Replacement; December 14th - Saturday workday; 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!

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.

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.

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!

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.

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!

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.

The next concert of the **Prairie Window Concert Series**, with [The Talbott Brothers](#), will be on **Sunday, Dec 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.

Christmas for Volunteers! Camp Mennoscah loves to celebrate our volunteers and Christmas. We're throwing a party for everyone who has ever volunteered at Camp Mennoscah in any capacity on Dec 14 at 2:30pm. Help with a maintenance project? Play piano for a retreat? Host a weekend? Counsel at summer camp? This party's for you! Spouses and families welcome. We'll provide some snacky items and simple drinks. Come play games and talk with fellow volunteers!

Be a Service Adventure leader! Live in a unit house with a small group of youth and offer support as they serve and live in Christian community. Age: 24+; term: 2 years. For more info, contact LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net.

National Alliance on Mental Health is offering classes beginning in January. See the bulletin board for more information.

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,
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,
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Getting to the Wilderness

A prayer practice for the end of the day

Step 1 – Recognize you are in God’s presence. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts. Take deep, slow breaths to calm your body and mind.

Step 2 – Give thanks for the day. Go through the entire day in your mind. Think through all that you experienced throughout the day. Notice the people or events that stand out in your mind.

Step 3 – Review the day in more detail. Pay attention to the events of the day and also your emotions and actions. Where and when may have God been present: in a conversation, an act of kindness, a moment of peace? Was God leading, guiding, inviting you to something?

Step 4 - As you review the day, answer these questions: When did I fail to love God and others? When did I succeed at loving God and others? Face these things with honesty.

Give thanks for moments of Christ-likeness and admit your shortcomings.

Pray for forgiveness and continued growth.

Step 5 – Look forward to tomorrow. Tell God your thoughts and feelings for tomorrow. Invite God to be present in the next day, especially in particular places of concern to you.