

Eden Mennonite Church
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Prelude	Karen Kaufman
Welcome and Invocation	Pastor Dianne
Song HWB 178	<i>Come, thou long-expected Jesus</i>
Lighting of Advent Candle	
Song <i>Joy to the World</i> sung by Bethel College Choir	
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:26-56
Time with Children	Jill Zerger
Worship Music	Kristin Kaufman
Message	Pastor Derek
Song of Response HWB 212	<i>O, come all ye faithful</i>
Prayers of the People	
Announcements	
Benediction	
Postlude	

If you are still uncomfortable with Zoom or would like some help setting it up, don't hesitate to call the church office (345-8320) or Pastor Derek (717-201-1147) and we'll be glad to help you. If you have not used Zoom before and want to test to see if your computer or device can connect go to <https://www.zoom.us/test>.

In lieu of a Christmas Eve worship service at the building, you are invited to set up your own nativity scene in your front yard for a **Drive-By Christmas Eve** event coordinated by the Education Commission. If you would like to participate by creating a nativity scene that can be seen at night, please contact Cory Harrison at cory.harrison97@gmail.com so he can add you to the list and make a map of all the sites. Details will follow for those who would like to experience the Drive-By Christmas Eve.

Remember in Prayer

Marjorie Stucky: Mercy Hospital

Paula Goering: Pine Village

Kathy Ensz undergoing surgery in Kansas City on December 15.

WDC: Pray for God's guidance for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they navigate endings and discern new beginnings in the midst of the pandemic.

Marlene Krehbiel (84) passed away Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Pine Village. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Maynard, and children Gail Graber, Jennifer (Bob) Schrag, Wesley (Sheryl) Krehbiel, Clinton (Shelly) Krehbiel, her grandchildren and all of her extended family.

Thank you to the Visual Worship Committee (Jean Regier, Kathy Waltner, and Britney Stos) for the beautiful Advent candle display helping us anticipate and visualize the road to Bethlehem and the birth of the Messiah. Thanks also to the Christmas Decorating Committee for adding the lights and greenery at the front of the sanctuary for this season.

The Stewardship Commission would like to express our gratitude for the congregation's generous giving to date during an unprecedented time in 2020. Through November we have received \$406,000 and have spent \$381,000. We have one month left before the end of our church year with additional anticipated expenses of \$47,000. **Please deliver your final 2020 contributions to the church office by noon on Wednesday, Dec. 30.** **We would like to also thank you for approving the 2021 church budget.** We believe the Eden budget is important because it is a plan and guide for how we will utilize our resources for the coming year. It is a target to strive for as we work towards our mission of being a community that follows Jesus in all we say and do. Our understanding of the duties of the Stewardship Commission is to be responsible to monitor Eden's finances throughout the year and to communicate to the congregation. Our goal is to keep at least 2 months' worth of reserves available. If we develop a shortfall, we will notify ELT and the congregation that we may need to delay our outreach giving and ask commissions to closely watch their spending until the appropriate level of giving is reached. The hope would be to send the full outreach budget amounts by the end of the year. Please feel free to contact any Stewardship Commission members with any questions. Thanks again for your prayers and financial support of Eden's ministry.

Adult *Salt & Light* Bible Study: In the lesson text from Philippians 2, Paul invites us to examine our lives and to live according to God's ways. We are called to imitate Christ by replicating the attributes of Christ in our lives. In this way we truly become bearers of God's image. We do this so that as a community of believers we can live in unity which requires the same self-sacrificing humility of Christ. So Tim Geddert the lesson writer, asked an important question: "Are we willing to set aside personal preferences, wishes, and desires, to choose that which best serves the church?"

The Moundridge Community Blood Drive is scheduled for December 18 at 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. at the West Zion Church. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thanks for your support and if you have any questions, call Jerry at 501-388-0177 or email jerryschraq@gmail.com.

You are invited to read the December 2020/January/February 2021 issue of WDC's quarterly newsletter, ***WDC Garden, now available*** at: <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-garden-december-2020-january-february-2021/>.

Everence will host a ***Social Security and retirement income planning*** webinar, on Monday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is seeking a part time **Administrative Assistant** that will provide administrative support to the leadership of MDS Region 3 and its units (Central States – west of the Mississippi). The position is home-based within Region 3. Applicants must be active in an Anabaptist church and committed to the Anabaptist faith and peace position. See the full job description at mds.mennonite.net/about-us/employment. Resumes may be sent to jobs@mds.mennonite.net. Review of resumes begins immediately. Recruitment continues until the position is filled.

TODAY (Sunday, Dec. 13), 8 p.m. – All are invited to take part in Bethel College's annual Lighting of the Green, from wherever you are. This long-standing Bethel Advent tradition celebrates the Light that shines in the darkness, the life and light of Christ who came into the world giving light to all humankind. Normally held on the Green in the center of campus, the gathering will take place virtually this year, live online (links follow) with some parts pre-recorded. YouTube: <https://youtu.be/LZeLxduHoVk> or Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98444357235?pwd=N1MzQlpiQ29HQWZlWUs2NGpNWVtIZz09>

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is hosting the Smithsonian traveling exhibit “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” through Jan. 17. Accompanying it is a local companion exhibit, “Of Land and People: Our Community at the Crossroads,” created from the museum’s permanent exhibit “Of Land and People.” **The museum is open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tues.-Fri; 1:30-4:30 p.m., Sat.-Sunday; and closed Mondays and major holidays.** Admission to the “Crossroads” exhibit is free on Saturdays.

TODAY (Sunday, Dec. 13), 3 p.m. – Gene Chávez, Ed.D., Shawnee, Kan., will give a virtual presentation (via Zoom or Facebook Live), sponsored by Humanities Kansas, on the rich history of Mexican immigration to Kansas and the journey of the humble but important flour tortilla. This Kauffman Museum “Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum” program is connected to the museum’s current special exhibit, “Crossroads: Change in Rural America.” **Go to the museum website (kauffmannmuseum.org); look for the “Visit” tab and click “Events”) or Facebook page to participate.**

MCC Comforter Blitz update: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Kansas Friends of MCC Comforter Blitz in Yoder, KS has been canceled. However, the Blitz committee still has a goal of collecting at least 300 comforters between February and April. We need your help to meet this goal! Fabric kits and comforter sets to tie (top, back, and batting) are available to check out from MCC in North Newton. For contactless drop-off of completed comforters the 24-hour donation room is always available. To arrange drop-off or checkout materials, contact Kate at katemast@mcc.org, or 316.804.8432.

Thank You

I wish to thank everyone for the kind words and thanks for my many years as the church librarian. Thank you for the flowers, cards, phone calls and your contributions to the library. I enjoyed the work so much! ~Juanita Graber

Eden Church Office Hours

8:00 a.m. to Noon Monday & Friday

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