

Eden Mennonite Church
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Prelude	Brenda Dalke
Welcome and Invocation	Pastor Dianne
Song HWB 172 (vs. 1,3,6)	<i>O come, O come, Immanuel</i>
Lighting of Advent Candle	
Song <i>Lo, How a Rose</i> sung by Bethel College Choir	
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:1-5
Time with Children	Morgan Kaufman
Worship Music <i>Creation Will Be at Peace</i>	accompanied by Robin Schrag Dianne Schmidt, Bonita Howard, Larry Temple, Bill Zerger
Message	Pastor Derek
Song of Response HWB 191	<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>
Prayers of the People	
Announcements	
Benediction	
Postlude	

There will be a **Christmas Eve Service outside the Eden church building** on the south lawn at 7pm. Attenders may bundle up and sit on the lawn or remain in their cars and listen to 107.1 FM.

You are invited to set up a 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

Kathy Ensz dismissed from KU Medical Center

Jerome Goering: St. Francis, Wichita

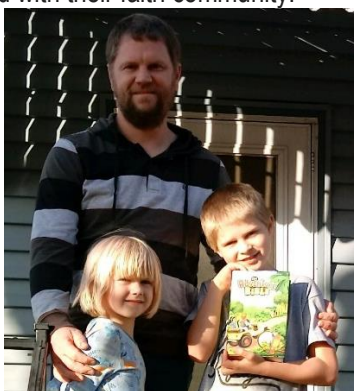
Marjorie Stucky: Released to Pine Village healthcare

Richard Stucky: Sarah Cannon Cancer Center, Kansas City, MO

WDC: As we celebrate Christmas, give thanks for the gift of multicultural diversity within WDC, and the many different ways congregations embody the presence of Christ.

Thank you for your affirmation of the Endowment Revision, Proposed Budget, and the Slate of ELT and Commission Roles. 76 total ballots entered. (54 Online, 22 Paper) Endowment Revision Proposal: 75 Yes; Budget 2021 Proposal: 71 Yes, 5 No; Slate of ELT and Commission Roles: 74 Affirmed All Roles (the other two thought it was a "run-off", so voted for one in each commission.)

Despite not meeting for corporate worship, **the Education Commission was still able to deliver new Bibles in person to two recipients.** Harper Loganbill was given a *Shine On!* Story Bible for her family and Rex Harrison was given an Adventure Bible. May these Bibles bless our children as they explore God's big story on their own, with their families, and with their faith community.



There are still copies of the adult Sunday school quarterlies available at the church office. Stop by the office to pick one up or give the office a call (345-8320) if you would like us to deliver one to you. These *Salt & Light* Bible Study lessons focus on the theme of being made "In God's Image."

Please check the church directory (lavender) to make sure your information and the information of extended family who don't attend or live out of the area is current. Please add your email address if you have email. Send updated information to edenoffice@edenmennonite.org or call 620-345-8320.

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.

Adult Salt & Light Bible Study: The biblical text for this week's lesson is from John 1 in which we read "the Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood." (*The Message*) This is the marvel of the incarnation where God chose to come and live with us through Jesus. The lesson writer invites us to be curious and consider a new perspective that there was no inhospitable innkeeper in the Christmas story but rather a family welcomed Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus into their living room because their "guestroom" was full. As image-bearers of God how do we show welcome?

Please deliver your final 2020 contributions to the church office by noon on Wednesday, Dec. 30.

To help streamline our reporting process we have prepared templates for you to follow in preparing your 2020 annual financial report. For Commissions please complete the budget report template and Auxiliary's such as Mary Martha, Menn Men, etc. should complete the auxiliary report template. If you have excel available, you should be able to input your information and the template should do the adding and subtracting for you. We have also included printable pdf's if you do not have access to excel. **Please save and send your completed reports to Becky in the church office by January 8.** If you have any questions on the templates, please feel free to contact one of the Stewardship Commission members. Austin will again be providing you with updated financial information as we finish out the year. The templates can be found in the email attachments. Thanks for your assistance.

On behalf of Eden's Education & Discipleship Commission, we'd like to share that all **Eden's Jr Dep Sunday School Children have received their nativity figures this year.** We appreciate the dedication on the part of Galen and Kathy Waltner, Bev Goering, Morgan Kaufman, Jean Regier and the many others who helped prepare them from cutting them out, sanding, staining, painting, organizing and packing them up. The commission members then delivered them to each of the children and their families so the kids would be able to enjoy them during the Advent/Christmas season.

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday this week.

Become a unit leader for Service Adventure, a gap-year program for ages 17-20 from Mennonite Mission Network. Unit leaders, who are at least 24 years of age, serve as mentors to the young adults in the Service Adventure household. Learn more by contacting SusanN@MennoniteMission.net.

A few extra Camp Mennoscah hoodies are available! (Adult sizes only.) Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org Grab yours before they're gone!

Mennonite Voluntary Service is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 service term. Serve, learn and grow in faith with a community of your peers! Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more!

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.

McPherson Community Christmas Dinner will be Friday, Dec 25. Drive-thru pickup only on Ash Street along the east side of McPherson Community Bldg. 122 E. Marlin. Meals may be picked up 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (or until we run out). The free meals are paid for through the generosity of area businesses. Questions? Call 620-747-2760. To volunteer call or text 620-755-0752.

Thank You

Thank you for your generous support of the church Library as we honor Juanita Graber's many years of service. The library has now received \$1,253 to continue its ministry. ~Education/Discipleship Commission

Thanks so much for the many cards, phone calls, flowers, and for your prayers and concerns during my recent illness. It was all very much appreciated. ~Jake Schrag.

Eden Church Office Hours

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

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