

Eden Mennonite Church
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Prelude	Jill Zerger
Welcome and Invocation	Pastor Derek
Lighting of Advent Candle	
Song HWB 174	<i>Bless'd be the God of Israel</i>
Scripture Reading	Matthew 1:1-17
Time with Children	Kristin Kaufman
Worship Music	Presley, Piper, and Pixie Doane
Message	Pastor Dianne
Song of Response HWB 195 (1,3,5)	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>
Prayer	
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

Paula Goering: Temporarily at Kansas Christian Home, Newton

Jake Schrag: Dismissed from Kansas Heart Hospital

WDC: Pray for health and safety for healthcare providers and other essential workers, and for all WDC members working to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our local communities.

Moving Forward, December 2, 2020

Eden Building Use Committee

We wanted to offer some clarity for how Eden Mennonite Church will move forward through this time of high incidence of COVID-19 infections and increased petitions by the McPherson County Health Department to do what we can to reduce the spread. As long as we are in Phase 2 of the “Reopening Kansas” plan, we will not gather as a large group in the building. Until we can meet inside for worship and Sunday School, we will continue to offer worship and Sunday School opportunities online and in homes. We will discern the possibility of using the building for large group gatherings after the county has announced Phase 3 (January 4 at the earliest).

The building is available for use by small groups, so there will be periodic meetings for piano lessons, adult Sunday School gatherings, etc. If you would like to use the building for a small group gathering, contact the church office to inform us of your plans and please follow our common practices of mask wearing, social distancing, and basic hygiene etiquette. If you desire to gather with others during this time to share in worship, bible study, or both, please contact one of the pastors and they will help to create appropriate small groups.

Mike Krehbiel (63) passed away on November 12. Services are pending. We extend our sympathy to his siblings Greg (Glenda), Kim, and Robyn (Steve) Roberson and to all his extended family.

Adult *Salt & Light* Bible Study: This Sunday is the beginning of the new winter quarter for these lessons. **I invite you to pick up a lesson booklet at the church office** or give the office a call if you would like us to deliver one to you. The focus of this quarter is “In God’s Image.” Using a variety of biblical texts these lessons invite us to delve into our relationship with God and what it means to live into who we are to be.

In Psalm 8, the psalmist says that we as humans are made “a little lower than God.” The lesson writer suggests that if on a scale of 1-10, God is a 10, we humans are a 9 (not a 1.25). “God’s image is at the core of our being, of every human’s true self.” What does it look like to live out being created in God’s image? How does this shape our identity and responsibility? Check out this video (<https://youtu.be/F6BBXvAel-w>) to help you engage with these questions.

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 a socially distanced Christmas Gathering at Camp Mennoscah on Saturday, December 12, at 2:30pm. Camp will provide s'mores and a beautiful outdoor space. **Registration required.** Call 620-297-3290 or email office@campmennoscah.org. Bring a mask for indoor spaces and those times when you cannot be 6 feet apart. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather and don't forget to register!

Camp Mennoscah is a wonderful place for family gatherings of whatever size! A variety of facilities fit any number of family groupings. Maybe you only need a space during the day for walking the trails or playing disc golf. There is plenty of outdoor space! To reserve, contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org! You are welcome here!

If you missed ordering your Camp Mennoscah hoodie online, contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290. There will be a limited number of extras available.

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/>.

MCC asks for support for Central American hurricane recovery. Not one, but two hurricanes within two weeks have caused extensive flooding in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Hurricanes Eta and Iota have destroyed crops and forced people from their homes. MCC is working with churches and community organization to provide emergency food, hygiene supplies and cleanup support. Join us as we help these communities recover. You can donate online mcc.org/eta-iota-relief, by phone (888) 563-4676 or by mail at MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

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.

Bethel College alumni and friends are invited to take part in the annual Lighting of the Green on Sunday, Dec. 13, from wherever you are. Lighting of the Green is a long-standing Bethel Advent tradition celebrating 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. This year, the gathering will take place virtually, **live on Zoom and YouTube** (see links below) with some parts pre-recorded. Please join the Bethel community at **8 p.m. on Dec. 13**: YouTube: <https://youtu.be/LZeLxduHoVk> or Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98444357235?pwd=N1MzQlpiQ29HQWZlWUs2NGpNWlZlZz09>

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.

Eden Church Office Hours

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

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