

**Eden Mennonite Church**  
**Moundridge, Kansas**  
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**Advent 3**

	<b>Prelude</b>		Robin Schrag
	<b>Welcome</b>		Pastor Dianne
	<b>Call to Worship</b>		
	<b>Song VT 210</b> (vs. 1,4,7)	<i>O Come, O Come, Immanuel</i>	
	 <b>Candle Lighting and Litany</b>		Jake & Katie Stucky
	<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Marge Goering
	<b>Song VT 173</b>	<i>The Lord Your God Is with You</i>	
	<b>Eden Worship Band</b>	<i>Mary's Little Boy Child</i> by Jester Hairston	
	<b>Time with Children</b>		Kathy Neufeld
	<b>New Testament Reading</b>		Philippians 4:4-7
	<b>Message</b>		Pastor Derek
	<b>Song of Response VT 267 &amp; 268</b>	<i>What Child is This?/Helpless and Hungry</i>	
	<b>Sharing our Joys and Concerns</b>		
	<b>Prayers of the People</b>		
	<b>Announcements</b>		
	<b>Sending Song VT 240</b>		<i>Joy to the World</i>
	<b>Benediction</b>		
	<b>Postlude</b>		

\*VT – Voices Together

### **Eden Remember in Prayer**

**Wayne Ensz:** receiving radiation treatments

**Family of Sylvia Vogt** grieving after her death on December 6.

**Family of Jake Schrag** grieving after his death on December 7.

**WDC:** Pray for generous financial support for WDC and its congregations, to help meet ministry and budget goals for this year.

**Sylvia Vogt (86) passed away on Monday, December 6.** Services were held at Eden on Friday, December 10. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

**Jake Schrag (89) passed away on Tuesday, December 7.** Services were held at Eden on Saturday, December 11. We extend our sympathy to his wife Esther, son Darrell (Bobbi) and all of his family and friends.

**Stewardship Finances Report:** Giving is nearly equal to budgeted expenses and somewhat above actual expenses through the end of October. However, that does not account for a significant expense due before the end of the year to replace the boilers. Thank you for your generous support.

**Celebrate! Hymnal Fund Completed!** With gratitude and praise, the Worship Commission is excited to announce that we have received enough donations to purchase the remaining hymnals and complete our goal! A big thank you to all who so generously contributed!! The final hymnal order is being placed and processed at this time. Unfortunately, due to stock and shipping delays, the hymnals will not arrive until after Christmas. In the meantime, your patience and understanding are appreciated as we continue to store the hymnals on carts for a short period. The congregation is asked to pick up and return hymnals to and from the cart for worship.

**Church Office Secretary, Apply Now!** Becky Koller will be retiring from her position effective December 31, 2021. If you think this opportunity might be a good fit for you, please go to the following link to see the job description and fill out an application: <https://forms.gle/Uu5P8twHjuJzcZPm7> If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastors Derek or Dianne.

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 for each of your loved ones for \$3.00 each. The ornaments on this year's Angel Tree include a variety of designs. You are invited to make your selection and take the angels with you when you place the envelope with the completed form and payment in the box by the tree. **(Note: This is a change from previous years.)** A list of those being remembered and those remembering them will be printed at the end of the year.

**Dare to Imagine Advent booklets** have been printed and are available on the information stand in the fellowship hall.

**Approval of the budget and the slate for Commissions** will take place on Dec 19 following the worship service.

**We are planning the Christmas Eve Program!** Please let your teachers know if you will be here to participate. If anyone would like to be a part of the prelude—solo, piano, instrumental—let us know. We're looking forward to a fun and festive Christmas Eve! Jerri Kaufman 620-386-4484; Marla Gilmore, 620-921-0428. Christmas Eve Program Practices: Wednesday, Dec 15 & 22 - 6:30 pm; Pre-K thru 12th grade.

**On January 12, Wednesday evening meals and a Bible Study** for all ages will begin. We will be meeting for 8 weeks and if your Sunday School Class, family, or any other church group or individual would be willing to provide a meal please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or by using the computer link below. If you have any questions contact Marcella Schrag, 620-386-4769.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4CAA92EA0F85-wednesday>

**The Junior Sunday School Department met the goal of collecting \$250.00 for Camp Mennoscah.** The offering for the winter quarter will be going to Texas to support the McAllen Project. The project helps legal immigrants transition to life in the U.S. The temporary housing that is offered is in need of repair and expansion. MDS is working to build new homes. Let's support this worthy cause with our offerings.

**The Moundridge Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Dec 17,** starting at 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. at the West Zion Mennonite Church. Please enter through the west doors. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code.

**The MCC Comforter Blitz Committee is looking for additional committee members!** Would you be interested in assisting the making of comforters for Mennonite Central Committee, and helping to plan the annual three-day comforter making event in Yoder, Kansas? If so, we would love your skills and your voice! If interested, please reach out to Committee Chair, Kara Klingenberg at [k.klingenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:k.klingenberg@hotmail.com) or call her at 620-983-9003 for more information. We are currently looking for a treasurer, advertising help, and anyone else who is interested in helping.

**Copies of our retiring songbooks, *Hymnal, Sing the Journey* and *Sing the Story*, are on tables at the north end of fellowship hall.** Anyone is welcome to take copies of these songbooks home to keep.

**Today (Sun., Dec. 12) - Lighting of the Green** returns in-person this year; 8 p.m. on the Bethel College campus.

**Christmas Gathering on Dec. 18 at 2:30pm!** Join us in the Dining Hall at **Camp Mennoscah** for afternoon fun--bring games to play indoors or out. Camp will provide popcorn and generic pop. (Masks recommended and encouraged for inside activities.)

**The McPherson Community Brass Choir** under the direction of Jerry Toews will give their **Christmas Brass Concert Sunday, Dec. 12 at 7:30pm** in the Goessel HS gym. This event is sponsored by the Goessel Ministerial Alliance. Come and enjoy a festive brass Christmas concert!

**Immerse yourself in the Christmas message** with music and song Sunday Dec 19 at 4pm. Hopeful Blues is honored to host Doxology Ensemble, a 12-voice male ensemble from the Anabaptist community near Hutchinson. Jointly, they will present a concert of sacred music, joining two unique ensembles for an afternoon of Christmas music. The Sunday 4pm concert will be held at Hope Mennonite church, 868 N Maize Road, Wichita. Admission is free, donations are welcomed.

### **Looking Ahead**

**December 14:** 7:15 Eden Leadership team meets

**December 15:** 6:30 Christmas Eve rehearsal

**December 16:** 5:30 Education/Discipleship Commission mtg.

**December 22:** 6:30 Christmas Eve rehearsal

**December 24:** 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Program

**Jan 4:** 7:00 p.m. Deacons mtg.

Attendance last week: Worship – 153; Zoom - 20; SS - 102; Offering: \$9,799

#### **Eden Church Office Hours**

**8:00 a.m. to Noon Monday thru Friday**

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