

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
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Advent 4 -Dare to Imagine God's Face!



Prelude

Candy Unrau



Welcome

Pastor Derek



Call to Worship



Song VT 62

God is Here Among Us



Candle Lighting and Litany

Keith & Connie Schrag



Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

Morgan Kaufman



Worship Music

Creation Will Be at Peace

Eden Ensemble



Time with Children

Amanda Harrison



New Testament Reading

Luke 1:39-55



Message

Pastor Dianne



Song of Response VT 208 (vs 1, 3)

With Mary Sing Magnificat



Sharing our Joys and Concerns



Prayers of the People



Worship Music

The Jesus Gift

Eden Ensemble



Announcements



Sending Song VT 241

O Come, All Ye Faithful



Benediction

*VT – Voices Together

Members are invited to remain in the sanctuary immediately following the service for a brief meeting to discuss and affirm Budget and Slate.

Eden Remember in Prayer

WDC: Give thanks for WDC congregations as a visible expression of God's presence in local communities, now in this Christmas season and throughout the year.

Congratulations to Tyler and Kristen Stucky on the birth of a daughter, Breckyn Rae on December 14. Breckyn is welcomed by her sister Kinslee and her grandparents, Bob and Cheryl Stucky and Wayne and Laurie Schrag. Stop by the library table and welcome Breckyn by putting money in her piggy bank.

Christmas is coming! Please join your friends and church family for popcorn and pop in the fellowship hall following the Christmas Eve program. This is our Christmas gift to you. Merry Christmas! Galen and Kathy Waltner and Gary and Jean Regier.

End of Year Reports: To help streamline our reporting process we have prepared templates for you to follow in preparing your 2021 annual financial report. We will be forwarding a budget report template to commission treasurers and an auxiliary report template to Sunday School class, Mary Martha, Mennonite Men, and any other treasurers. Please save and send your completed reports to the church office by **January 14**. If you have any questions on the templates, please feel free to contact one of the Stewardship Commission members. Fred will be providing treasurers with updated financial information as we finish the year. Thanks for your assistance.

Thanks to Jean Regier, Britney Stos and Kathy Waltner for the Advent Visuals and to Jake and Katie Stucky, Rene and Kristin Kaufman and Sam and Ashley Shilts for the Christmas Decorations which enrich our worship and time together.

Would you like to contribute to our worship services, but you're not an "up front" kind of person? Do you like pushing buttons? We have a great team of volunteers that run the **Sound Board**, the **Video System**, and the **Zoom Call** each Sunday and **they could use your help**. If helping out in any of those ways interests you, contact pastor Derek and plan to come to a training session on January 5 at 6:30PM.

Please check your information for the Church Directory. Pages for the directory are on the table in the fellowship hall. Initial it if it is ok or make changes and initial it if changes need to be made. Check information for family and friends in the Wider Fellowship info to make sure it is up to date.

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.

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/60B0A4CAAA92EA0F85-wednesday>

Start the year off right by volunteering to help with a Steps to End Poverty MC meal. STEP MC is looking for volunteers to make a meal for 35-40 people on Monday nights for their weekly meeting. Find a friend and make the meal together or get a Sunday school class together and help STEP-MC with their mission. The calendar is wide open, so pick a date and get signed up. It's easy to sign up using the SignUpGenius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da4a928a3fdc70-stepmc> Please call or text Connie Kaufman at 620-386-0816 or conniejkaufman@gmail.com if you need more information.

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.

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.

Saturday, December 25 from 11:30am – 1:30pm all are welcome to attend a FREE Christmas dinner at the McPherson Community Building, 122 E. Marlin. No reservations required. This free dinner is paid for through the generosity of area businesses and individuals and served by community volunteers. For questions or home delivery, please call or text 620-747-2760. **Deadline for home delivery is Thursday, Dec. 23.**

Looking Ahead

December 21: All items for bulletin due in the church office

December 22: All items for the January *The Garden* issue due in the church office

December 22: 6:30 Christmas Eve rehearsal

December 23 & 24: Church office closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

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

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

Jan 5: 6:30 p.m. AV training at Eden

Jan 8: Leadership Retreat

Jan 14: All End of Year Reports due in church office

Attendance last week: Worship – 154; Zoom - 11; SS - 123; Offering: \$16,030

Eden Church Office Hours

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

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