

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
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Derek King, Lead Pastor



















Dianne Schmidt, Associate Pastor

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Advent 2

	Prelude	Brenda Dalke
	Welcome	Pastor Diane
	Invocation	
	Song VT 239 (vs. 1-2)	<i>He Came Down</i>
	Candle Lighting and Litany	Berni Kaufman
	New Testament Reading	Luke 1:68-79
	Songs	Becky Setser, Cindy Bartell, Shirley Delk Brenda Dalke, piano; Kristin Kaufman, flute <i>There Within a Stable</i> , by Sally DeFord <i>Away in the Manger</i> , arr. by Walter L Pelz
	Time with Children	Larry Temple
	Old Testament Reading	Malachi 3:1-4
	Confession and Assurance	
	Message	Pastor Derek
	Song of Response VT 223	<i>Bless'd Be the God of Isreal</i>
	Sharing our Joys and Concerns	
	Prayers of the People	
	Announcements	
	Sending Song VT 218	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>
	Benediction	
	Postlude	

*VT – Voices Together

Eden Remember in Prayer

Jake Schrag: Hospice House in Hutchinson

Family of Meroe Graber grieving after her death.

WDC: Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission, as they envision new initiatives and partnerships for church planting in the coming year.

Meroe Graber (92) passed away on Monday, November 29. A funeral service was held at Eden on Thursday, December 2. We extend our sympathy to her daughter Janice (Joe) Yoder and all of Meroe's extended 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.

The Budget for 2022 will be handed out immediately following the worship service this morning. Please stay in the sanctuary to see the 2022 budget. Approval of the budget and the slate for Commissions will take place on **Dec 19**.

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.

Please bring your non-perishable and monetary items for the Moundridge Food Pantry the first Sunday of the month and place them in the containers provided near the east entrance.

Mary Martha will meet Tuesday, Dec 7 at 1:30 for a time of Christmas fun and fellowship. Please bring your favorite snack and a special Christmas memory to share. Drinks will be provided.

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.

Joe Lichti is home from the hospital. Additional dates have been added to the Take Them a Meal schedule. To schedule a day to take them a meal go to <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=MNSF6169&welcome=1>

Next Sunday, Dec 12, **Mike Sherrill, executive director of Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) will be with us** at Eden. He will give a brief update from MMN during worship and will do more sharing of stories and happenings along with answering questions about MMN during the Sunday school hour. All adults who are interested in hearing more are invited to this SS time in the sanctuary.

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 which begins today 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 and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code.

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.

Have yourself a honkin' good holiday, Dec 17 from 4-6 p.m.! MCC is thrilled to host this drive-thru event again this year. Order your charcuterie box(es) today to enjoy in the comfort of your home, spread Christmas joy and order extra to give as gifts! Suggested donation per box is \$25. We're also collecting items for [MCC hygiene kits](#) at this event. **Place your order by 5 p.m. on Dec 9.** [Details and order form are on mcc.org.](#) Questions? Please call 316.283.2720.

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!

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

Attendance last week: Worship – 143; Zoom - 10; SS - 91; Offering: \$7,635.75

Eden Church Office Hours

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

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