

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

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Prelude

Jill Zerger

Candle Lighting Liturgy and Song - *O Come, O Come, Immanuel,*

Candle Lighters, Josh & Mattison Booth

Call To Worship

Pastor Dianne

Leader: A branch shall come forth from the stump of Jesse.
its root shall bear fruit.

People: May we be ready, O Lord, ready to be fruit bearers of your harvest, bringing forth the fruit of dwelling, longing, unity and peace.

Leader: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

People: Renew our spirit, stand as a banner before us, bright as morning glory.

Leader: Prepare the way for new life that emerges in and through you,
life that ripples out to your people, into all nations.

All: In you there is glorious rest.

Opening song - VT 212, *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*

Prophetic Reading - Isaiah 11:1-10

Evie King

Time with Children

Bret Gillmore

Worship Music VT 209, *We Dream of a Turning*

Kids Sing

VT 239, *He Came Down*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 3:1-12

Vance Unrau

Message "Fruit of Repentance"

Pastor Derek

Song of Response - VT 146, *Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song - VT 218, *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Postlude

*VT – Voices Together

Eden Remember In Prayer

Pat Rupp at Bethesda Home in Goessel for rehab

Anton Klassen recovering at home

Jean Regier is home recovering from knee surgery

Marie Wedel is at Mercy hospital recovering from a fall, visitors welcome

Michelle Schrag and Lucas Hiebert were married at Eden on Saturday, Dec. 3. May we support them through prayer as they begin their new life together.

WDC: In this Advent season, give thanks for God's gifts of wisdom, vision and hope for WDC congregations navigating transitions and other discernment processes.

Nursery: Rashelle & Matt Schrag **Dec 11:** Samantha & Heath Doane

There will be a **Congregational meeting** after the service today. Sunday School classes will begin after the meeting. The meeting will include the presentation of 4 proposals for the congregation to decide on Dec. 18. These are the 2023 Budget, Contract Extensions for Pastors Derek and Dianne, Nominees to serve on Commissions, and a Constitution revision that would allow Active Participants to serve on certain Commissions.

Please join us in celebrating and supporting the faith journey of **Gentry Regier** as he is **baptized** during the worship service on **December 11**. Communion will also be served during the service.

We would like to publish a new **church Directory for 2023**, so we welcome any **updates to your contact information**. Please refer to the 2022 Directory, available at the Information cart or at the church office. If you have any changes or additions for your household, please call or email the church office 620-345-8320, edenoffice@edenmennonite.org to let us know. We welcome as much information as you are willing to provide, including email addresses and cell phone numbers. Please make your changes to the directory by Friday, December 16.

Advent has started but it is not too late to try some at home Advent worship practices. Here are two recommendations. One is the **Advent at Home booklet** that follows the theme of our Sunday morning Advent worship. This is available **in the Information Cart**. The second is "**The Soil and the Seed Project**" which has readings and activities along with original music. You can get more information for digital download or physical copies with a CD (all for free!!) at www.thesoilandtheseedproject.org This Christmas season is a great time to take worship outside the church building and into your home.

Church Office Secretary, Apply Now! Candee Manners has resigned as our church secretary effective January 27, 2023. 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: If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastors Derek or Dianne.

We are **looking for children who would be willing to sing or play a song on an instrument for the Christmas Eve service prelude.** If you're interested in sharing a song, please let Kristin Kaufman or Courtney Goering know.

Christmas Eve program practices for children ages PreK - high school will be on Wednesday, December 14 and Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary. Please plan to attend. 2/3 year old's will practice on Sunday mornings only and do not need to attend these practices.

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.** You are invited to take the angel(s) with you when you place the envelope with completed form and payment in the box by the tree. A list of those being remembered and those remembering them will be printed by the end of the year.

Moundridge Food Pantry: Please bring your monetary or non-perishable food items to Eden, the first Sunday of the month. Place non-perishable food items in the containers provided near the east entrance of the library. Monetary gifts: Make check out to: Associated Ministries of Moundridge/Food Bank. Mail to: Mid Kansas Credit Union, PO Box 608, Moundridge, KS 67107.

Brass Christmas Concert — Everyone is invited to enjoy the McPherson Community Brass Choir **at Alexander Wohl Mennonite Church** (1304 K-15 Hwy, Goessel, KS) on Sunday, **December 11 at 7pm.** A free will offering will support local ministries.

**December 6 - Sunflower Performing Arts presents Calmus:
Christmas A Cappella**

This outstanding vocal quintet based in Leipzig, Germany, comes to Hesston College to bring a concert featuring Christmas songs from around the world. Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will perform with Calmus on select numbers. Join us on **December 6 at 7pm in Hesston Mennonite Church** for a great Christmas performance. Tickets can be purchased online at sunflowerarts.org or by calling 620-327-8158.

All area churches are invited to attend this year's **PRAIRIE LIGHTS** event (formerly called Luminary Walk) **at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston.** Prairie Lights will be **December 2, 3 & 4 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.** Admission to the event is \$5 for Adults and FREE for children 12 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the Arboretum office or online at <https://dyckarboretum.org/prairie-lights>.

Traditional outdoor highlights include the walking path lit up by thousands of twinkle lights, a nativity scene in the leaf house, and roasting marshmallows at the fire pits. Music, dance and storytelling are scheduled each night from 6:15 to 8:00 pm in the Prairie Pavilion "snow globe". The Hesston scout troop will provide hot drinks for a free will donation.

Mark your calendars! **The Ball Brothers** will be coming to perform at **Eden Mennonite on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6:00 PM**. Check out their #1 hit on iTunes Christian chart "It's About the Cross"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYSJj-EHAAk> . Donations will go to the Pine Village Benefit Fund to help with the kitchen expansion, transportation van, and various other needs.

There are still **Everence dollars available for 2022!** If your Sunday School Class or commission knows of an individual or organization that may be struggling with utilities, food, vehicle needs, home repair, etc., Everence will match your donations up to \$2250. I need to have the **grant requests in to Everence by December 12**. Thanks! Jerri Kaufman, Everence Advocate, 620-386-4484

Everence will hold an informative **Medicare webinar on Tuesday, Dec. 6, starting at 6:30 p.m.** Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. There will also be time for your questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

Looking Ahead

Dec 4: Congregational Meeting following worship service

Dec 11: Baptism of Gentry Regier, communion will be served

Dec 18: Congregational Meeting following worship service

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service, 7PM

Dec 25: Christmas Worship at 10 am, no Sunday School

Attendance Last Week: Worship-146; Zoom-8; SS-115; Offering -\$7,075.00

Eden Church Office Hours

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

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