

Eden Mennonite Church  
Moundridge, Kansas

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Prelude Candy Unrau

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

Candlelighters: Kyle, Sarah, Elise, Layla and Cora Neufeld

Call To Worship Pastor Dianne

Leader: Look, I am sending my messenger, go tell what you have seen!

People: **God's awesome wonders fill the earth, the lost are found,  
the blind receive sight, the deaf hear, the lame walk,  
the poor are preached to,  
and those who are dead in spirit receive new life.**

Leader: Is this what you were expecting to see?

People: **Blessed are they who trust in the Lord!**

Leader: For his yoke is easy, his burdens are light.

All: **Great is thy faithfulness!**

Opening song - VT 217, *Hark! The Glad Sound!*

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 146

Aspyn Stos

Time with Children

Jay Goering

Worship Music *Peace, Peace*, by Rick Powell

*Candlelight Carol*, by John Rutter

Ladies Chorus, accompanied by Brenda Dalke

Gospel Reading - Matthew 11:2-11

Glen Goering

Message

Pastor Derek

Song - VT 761, *I Love to Tell the Story*

Baptism of Gentry Regier

Communion

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song - VT 255, *Love Came Down at Christmas*

Postlude

\*VT – Voices Together

## Eden Remember In Prayer

**Pat Rupp** at Bethesda Home in Goessel for rehab

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

**WDC:** In this Advent season, give thanks for God's gifts of justice, peace and restoration offered through ministries of WDC congregations.

**Nursery:** Samantha & Heath Doane **Dec 18:** Cindy Bartell & Alan Thomas

**Dorothy Goering (85) passed away on December 4, 2022.** Services were held at Eden, Saturday, December 10, 2022. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Homer and their family.

There will be a **Congregational meeting next Sunday, December 18** after the worship service. At this meeting action will be taken on the 4 items that were presented last Sunday. If you have questions about any of these items, please contact the following individuals before the meeting if possible: 2023 Budget – Robin Schrag, Contract Extensions for Pastors Derek and Dianne - Fred Goering, Nominees to serve on Commissions - Wanda Knight, and a Constitution revision that would allow Active Participants to serve on certain Commissions- Josh Regier.

### **Here is where the church budget stands at the end of November:**

Giving is down approximately \$15,000, all things considered, (\$30,000 if you consider the \$15,000 estate gift we received) and expenses are up about \$25,000 through the end of November. Approximately \$50,000 of giving is needed for the remainder of December to reach our budgeted expenses for the year.

Thanks for your generosity - Fred Schrag, Church Treasurer

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](mailto: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](http://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 <https://forms.gle/s8xBcMwjA2BnbPZN7> 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 available December 25.

**WDC Volunteer building manager transition:** WDC extends thanks to John Good, who is stepping down from his volunteer role as building manager at the 2500 Place in North Newton, KS, which houses WDC's offices, conference rooms, Resource Library and other tenants. John's skillful, cheerful and generous service to WDC over these past 10 years has been deeply appreciated, and we wish him well in the future! WDC seeks a new volunteer to offer several hours per week to manage maintenance and repairs at the 2500 Place. If you know of someone who is interested in supporting WDC in this way, please contact the office at 316-283-6300 or [wdc@mennowd.org](mailto:wdc@mennowd.org).

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

**Ted&Co to Perform "Just Give 'em The News" in Hesston.** In the original, delightfully askew, musical look at the first Christmas, Jeff Raught and Ted Swartz weave original songs, inspired piano playing and comedic theater around a new look at familiar Christmas stories. Finding the humor and humanity in biblical stories has long been a hallmark of Ted & Company. So, what did Zechariah sound like before his temper rendered him mute? Did Gabriel ever tire of needing to tell people to "Fear not"? Did Mary ever..... Come and find out. **December 11, 2022. 7:00pm. Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, Ks.** Free will offering directed to Mennonite Central Committee in support of relief efforts in Ukraine.

**TODAY (Sun., Dec. 11) – 37th annual Lighting of the Green, 8 p.m. on the Bethel College campus.** Students, staff, faculty, and community members gather around the Green to create a “wreath” of candlelight, then converge to form a “Christ candle.” All are invited to attend.

The fourth installment of the **2022-23 Prairie Window Concert Series**, with **John Fullbright**, will be on **Sunday, December 11 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston.** Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$25 adults/\$15 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets online at [dyckarboretum.org](http://dyckarboretum.org) or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

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.

### Looking Ahead

**Dec 12:** Worship Commission meeting, Eden office, 7PM

**Dec 14:** Children’s Christmas Eve program practice, 6:30PM

**Dec 18:** Congregational Meeting following worship service

**Dec 21:** Children’s Christmas Eve program practice, 6:30PM

**Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Service, 7PM

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

**Dec 26:** Office closed

Attendance Last Week: Worship-169; Zoom-10; SS-123; Offering -\$16,015.00

#### Eden Church Office Hours

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

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