

Eden Mennonite Church
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Advent 3: Joyful Justice on the Journey

Prelude Candy Unrau

Welcome Pastor Kenzie Intemann

Advent Candle Lighting Lisa Goering and Aspyn Stos

Call to Worship

Leader: Merciful one, you anoint us for justice, You call us to You.

People: Your Spirit is poured out upon us.

Leader: Yours is the way of release and restoration.

People: May your love flow through us to heal the brokenhearted.

May we declare your good news to bring hope to the poor.

Leader: You anoint us; we are yours.

People: We delight and rejoice in you.

Opening Song "Bless'd Be the God of Israel" #223

Worship music "Light Dawns on a Weary World" by Bringle/Rowan
Chancel Choir, Bonita Howard, director; Kids Sing, Kristin Kaufman, director;
Robin Schrag, piano

Time with Children Bruce Stucky

Worship music "Behold a Savior!" by Aspinall/Rouse

Scripture Reading Isaiah 61:1-11 Preslie, Piper and Pixie Doane

Message "From Warm Heart to Active Hands" Pastor Derek King

Song of Response "Praise the One who breaks the darkness" (on screen)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song "Go Tell It on the Mountain" #252

Postlude



To share a financial offering, please leave your donation in the vessel on the table in the Fellowship Hall. To give online, scan the QR code on the back page.

Sunday School begins 10 minutes after the end of the worship service.

Key

MC USA: Mennonite Church USA (denominational conference)

SCRT: Staff and Congregation Relations Team

WDC: Western District Conference (Eden's regional conference of MC USA)

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

Mark Rupp receiving hospice care at Pine Village.

The family of Mabel Goering as they grieve her death.

WDC: Pray for refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers who are part of WDC congregations and their communities, that they would experience the presence of Christ through the gifts of hospitality and sharing together.

Nursery: Dec. 15: Brenda Dalke/JoLene Kaufman **Dec. 22:** Britney/DaWayne Stos

The peace lamp is lit as a reminder to pray for an end to violence in the world. We trust in the power of prayer, as we know that through prayer, all things are possible.

Congratulations to parents Jacob and Katie Stucky and siblings, Gracy and Cooper, on the birth of **Colby James**, born Dec. 2. There is a piggy bank on the library desk for anyone who would like to share a financial gift. Here is an online sign-up to provide meals in the coming weeks: www.TakeThemAMeal.com/GFAD3322

Mabel Goering died Dec. 6. Visitation will be at Moundridge Funeral Home Monday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. Funeral will be Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 1:30 p.m. at Eden. We extend our sympathy to Mabel's family.

There will be a **congregational meeting** today after worship to affirm the 2025 proposed budget and slate of new commission members.

Kevin Goering, custodian, is on **vacation** until Dec. 26. For custodial needs or to get into the building, contact the church office or a trustee.

The **Christian Homebuilders Sunday School Class** will meet in room 129.

Thank you to the following people who have accepted appointed positions. Joseph Schrag, Endowment Committee; Sarah Neufeld, SCRT; Marcia Goering and Justin Schrag, Gifts Discernment Committee

Welcome to Nan Bergan, Courtney Goering, Lucas Hiebert, Kristin Kaufman, Angela Voth, Dusty Voth who were received into membership last week.

The **2025 directory** is being updated. Copies of the 2024 directory pages are on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Make corrections on these pages by Dec. 30.

Moundridge Community Blood Drive: 12 noon until 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27 at the Pine Village Wellness Center. There is an extreme shortage of blood so please consider adding the gift of "*saving a life*" to your Christmas list. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, call Denise Stucky at 620-386-0112.

Commissions and committees: This is a reminder to submit your narrative and budget reports for the Annual Report book by Jan. 13.

Christmas Eve program. Practice Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m. All children are expected to attend practice. If your child would like to be part of the prelude, please contact Marla Gillmore or Jerri Kaufman.

The **Angel Tree** is decorated in Fellowship Hall to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed away. You may purchase an angel (\$3) for each of your loved ones. Take the angel(s) with you when you place the envelope with the completed form and payment in the box by the tree. A list of those being remembered and those remembering them will be shared Dec. 29.

Everyone is invited to the annual **Christmas Eve program!** The kids are preparing to share the wonderful story of Christmas beginning at 7 p.m. Popcorn and pop will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the program. Bring neighbors, friends, and guests to share in the celebration and fellowship.

BEYOND OUR COMMUNITY

Let Central Kansas Master Chorale be a part of your Christmas tradition! Please join us for **Christmas with the Chorale**, a festive concert under the direction of Dr. Joel Garber, and featuring the Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble. This free event will be

at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15 at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S Main Street, Hesston. More information: www.centrankansasmasterchorale.org.

The 2024-25 **Prairie Window Concert Series** welcomes [Rachel Baiman](#) at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15 at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. [Purchase tickets online at \[dyckarboretum.org\]\(http://dyckarboretum.org\)](#) or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

Night in the Barn: All are welcome to experience the wonder of the Christmas story through an interactive walking tour including a live nativity, animals, lights, and sounds. Come and go from 5 – p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21 and Sunday, Dec. 22 at PatchWork Farms (373 E. 70th, Newton). Hot drinks and Christmas goodies are provided. Donations are welcome. Questions? Call 620-345-6867.

This Week

- Dec. 18: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program practice
- Dec. 18: 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
- Dec. 18: 8 p.m. Chancel Choir

Looking Ahead

- Dec. 22: 9:30 a.m. Worship / 10:40 Sunday School
- Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve program
- Dec. 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship / 10:40 Sunday School

Last Week: Attendance: 183, Zoom: 9, SS: 132

Offering: Budget: \$27,252.82, SS: (Christian Soup Ministries/Hutchinson) \$2.00

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