



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 A.M. Worship
January 14, 2018
Baptism Sunday

“We have been buried with Christ through baptism into death so that just as Christ was raised from the dead ... we also might walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:4

Gathering to Worship

*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.
Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!**

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

**That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
not counting their trespasses against them,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.**

So, we are ambassadors for Christ,

since God is making his appeal through us:

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

**For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

Opening Prayer

* Songs of Gathering

“What is this place”

Hymnal 1

“Heart with loving heart united”

Hymnal 420

Sharing Our Faith

Confessions of Faith & Mentor Responses

Alex Epp with Greg Shelly

Adam Kasitz with Donovan Regehr

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

Hymnal 444

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture

John 13:34-35

“Will you come and follow me”

Sing the Story 39

Message

“Baptized into one another”

Dave Stevens

Responding to God’s Word

“Wade in the Water”

Hymnal 446

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of Christian Baptism

Baptism

(Please respond after each baptism “I have decided to follow Jesus”)

Laying on of Hands and Prayer

Reception into Membership

Adam & Alex,

we welcome you into the family of faith.

We join together as companions

seeking the way of Christ,

bearing one another’s burdens,

and sharing our gifts with the world.

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

* “I want Jesus to walk with me”

Hymnal 439

*Benediction

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** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome to Hope Mennonite Church. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today as we celebrate the baptism of two of our high school youth, Alex Epp and Adam Kasitz.

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours...

Dave Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Kim Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Staff meeting Monday- 9:30-11 a.m.

Hope on Facebook – Follow the link on our website –
hopemennonite.org and “like” Hope Mennonite Church to see
pictures and receive updates on church life.

First Fruits Giving:

Giving the first and best of what we are given
as a worship response to God.

January 7

Attendance – 107

Offering - \$13,656

Our Purpose:

As an Anabaptist community of faith empowered by the Holy Spirit, Hope Mennonite Church is calling and making disciples who bring Christ's love and peace to our world.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Lori Miller

Pianist: Katie Chlumsky

Song Leader: Mark Bartel

Scripture Reader: Russ Ronnebaum

Communion Servers: Mike Voth, Joanna Pinkerton, Connie Luty,
Natalie Hand, Jason Jantz

Upcoming Worship Events

January 21 Singing Quakers-Friends University

February 4 Youth Sunday

February 14 Ash Wednesday

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (January 14-20)

Tuesday -9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

-7:00 p.m. Vision Council

Wednesday -6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

@Riverside Café West, 9129 W Central

-6:00 p.m. Hope Friends meal

-6:30 p.m. Middle & High School youth groups

-6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday -11:45 a.m. Reserved event



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Annette Chlumsky, Luke Bellar

Next Sunday: Donna Heide, Isaac Epp

January 28: Michelle Ernt, Emily Ingram



*Disciples Class (sanctuary) – “Inside the Disciples Studio.” Come and listen to the spiritual journey of some of our Hope family.

**Coffee next week: Renetta Gooden

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (21-27)

Tuesday -9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

-7:30 p.m. La Leche League

Wednesday -6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

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-6:00 p.m. Hope Friends meal

-6:30 p.m. Middle & High School youth groups

-6:30 p.m. Choir

Guests and visitors last Sunday: Patti & Caroline Zielke, 25 family members celebrating the dedication of Logan Marie Regehr

You are invited to sign baptism cards for Alex & Adam. You will find them on the round table in fellowship hall.

All women are invited to attend the Women's Bible Study on Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 starting this Tuesday, **January 16**. We will study the book "Faith Travels Trusting God in Life's Transitions" by Marlene Kropf. Books will be available if you don't already have one.

Hope Friends meal help: We will need people to help with serving (5:45-6:30) and clean-up (6:45-7:30) for Hope Friends this spring. There are 8 Hope Friends evenings. Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Hope Friends meal this week: pancake night, sausage, fruit tray, orange juice, milk. No dessert.

Next Sunday, the Singing Quakers under the direction of Mark Bartel, will be leading us in worship. As per our tradition with college choirs, we will be hosting a brunch following the worship service for the choir members. The Hospitality Commission is coordinating the brunch, but need some extra help from the congregation. Please check out the bulletin board and sign up to bring cinnamon rolls, or breakfast breads, or fruit. Thanks!

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28, at 1 p.m. Members and regular attendees are invited to attend and vote on the 2018 spending plan as well as to affirm the 2018 ballot.

There will be a meal prior to the congregational meeting prepared by the Care & Nurture Commission. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

The Worship Commission would like to invite the congregation to participate in our "Prayer of Intention" time during our Sunday morning services. The prayer of intention is an opportunity for you to ask the congregation for prayer on a specific topic or issue that can be global, local or personal.

NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) announce their **12-week** Family to Family class beginning on February 12. Monday evening classes meet **February 12 - April 30**, 7:00 - 9:30 pm, at City Life Church (formerly First Baptist Church), 216 E 2nd St (2nd and Broadway Streets), Wichita. More information is detailed on the flyer posted on the bulletin board. Further information about NAMI Education at www.namikansas.org and about classes and support groups at www.namiwichita.org.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a **clothing manager for 30-40 hours/week**. The clothing manager, in cooperation with the management team, receives and processes donations; trains and supervises clothing and accessory volunteers; prepares volunteer projects and work spaces; helps manage the sales floor; and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. The full job description/ applications are available at the store (619 N. Main in Newton) or generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com **Applications are due Monday, January 29, 2018**, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

Prayers for the wider church:

...Pray for the joy, wisdom and energy of the Holy Spirit at the Western District Conference (WDC) Year of Evangelism kick-off next weekend, January 19-20, at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.

...Mary Raber praises God for Mission Network's support of "Our Home" ministry that helped resettle Ukrainian children from the war zone in the Donetsk region to a safer place near Kyiv. Pray that these children will blossom despite the trauma they have experienced.

...Tomorrow, on Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, remember how he called the church to be the "conscience of the state." Pray that each of us may use our voice to speak God's truth to those in power on behalf of those in our world who suffer injustice.

Sharing our Prayers & Praise of the Church
December 31, 2017

* Prayer of Intention – 2017 was a rough year for many, but a new year brings the possibility of change. Sometimes we ask who or what should change, but we need to pray for the transformation of our own self.

The Meaning of Baptism in the Anabaptist Tradition

Anabaptists are Christians who emerged in Europe during the 1520's. "Anabaptist" (literally "re-baptizer") was a derogatory term applied to them by their opponents. They called themselves "brothers and sisters." Mennonites are one branch of the Anabaptist tradition, which today includes the Brethren in Christ, the Church of the Brethren, the Amish, and the Hutterites, among other groups. The name "Mennonite" derives from Menno Simons, an early Dutch leader.

Anabaptists from their origins until today have been in agreement on at least these three aspects of Christian baptism:

(1) It is *believer's baptism*; that is, baptism is only for those old enough to make a conscious and voluntary decision. Various Anabaptist groups have practiced different *modes* of baptism (like pouring or immersion) but all agree that *baptism is for believers*.

(2) It is *symbolic of salvation*; it does not constitute it. In other words, baptism is not a sacrament; the act itself does not change one's spiritual status. Rather, in baptism an individual *dramatizes* the on-going salvation which God has already initiated by the gift of faith, and *claims* that faith as her/his own. Baptism is also a symbolic *identification* with Jesus himself: Just as he died and was raised to new life by God, so our former life is "washed away" in baptism and we "rise" to walk in newness of life (**Romans 6:1-4**). The baptized are not made sinless, but are empowered by the Holy Spirit to follow Christ in life.

(3) Christians are *baptized into a community* to which they are accountable and by which they are treasured (**1 Corinthians 12:12-13**; see also **Matthew 18:15-20**). To Anabaptists, baptism is not merely an individual pledge to follow ethical and moral life principles. Neither is baptism the recognition of a private spiritual experience. Rather, the baptized join the people of God, the body of Christ, to blend their gifts together in mission. They also accept the privilege and responsibility of discipling one another (including "giving and receiving counsel"). Early Anabaptists emphasized that they considered baptism a symbol of their deep bond with Christ and with one another. They spoke of a three-fold baptism of Spirit, water, and *blood* (that is, mutual commitment even to the point of giving their lives for one another; see **1 John 5:6-8**).