



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 A.M. Worship
April 15, 2018
Stories from Mark

“God in his holy dwelling is the father of orphans
and the defender of widows.” Psalm 68:5

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

God chose a first covenant people to be his treasured possession, to love him and obey his commandments.

God chose a second covenant people, made his church by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We belong to this covenant-making God by baptism, by dying and rising with Christ to a new life of faith, hope & love.

We renew our covenant with God and each other every time we meet. Let us commit anew to the God who has so graciously committed himself to us.

Prayer

*Songs of gathering

“Brethren, we have met to worship”

Hymnal 8

“Holy Spirit, come with power”

Hymnal 26

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:38-13:2

*“What gift can we bring”

Hymnal 385

Message

“As simple as it gets”

Pastor Dave

Responding to God’s Word

*“Teach me thy truth”

Hymnal 548

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God has shown us the meaning of generosity....in the rich diversity of creation.

In the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and the never-ending guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Truly every perfect gift and act of generosity is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, in whom there is no shadow of turning.

We rejoice in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.

“Great is thy faithfulness” (vs. 1)

Hymnal 327

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting Our Guests (*Please pass the welcome pads*)

Seeing & Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises & Prayers

Prayer of Intention

Heidi Johnson-Laws

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

*"Jesus, help us live in peace"

Sing the Journey 52

*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. Our focus for the next two months will be on the stories of Mark.



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.

April 8

Attendance – 91

Offering - \$4,163

Year-to-date - \$61,975

Spending plan year-to-date -\$61,654

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: Natalie Hand
Pianist: Katie Chlumsky
Song leader: Renetta Gooden
Scripture reader: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Events

April 22 Preaching text: Mark 5:1-20
 Middle School drama
April 29 Growing disciples; new hymnal sampler Sunday
May 6 Preaching text: Mark 10:13-16

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (April 15-21)

Sunday -Family Promise hosting week begins
Monday -6-8 p.m. Sanctuary reserved
Tuesday -9:00 a.m. Women's Bible study
 -3-4 p.m. Sanctuary reserved
Wednesday -6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 @Riverside Café West, 9129 W Central
 -4-8 p.m. Library reserved
 -6:00 p.m. Hope Friends meal
 -6:30 p.m. Middle & High School youth groups
 -6:45 p.m. Choir



*Disciples Class (in the sanctuary): "Half-Truths" led by Cynthia Loganbill. Explore popular sayings that sound Christian yet miss the point in important ways. This Sunday's saying, "God helps those who help themselves."

*Covenant Class (in the library): Joanna Pinkerton will lead the class in studying and reflecting on the Mark passages assigned to Sunday worship. Participants are encouraged to jot down 5 words that catch your attention during the morning service. These words can be from the sermon, scripture or songs. Bring your Bible and come ready to share and creatively reflect on what the Spirit is speaking to us.

*Young adult class meets downstairs in room 2

NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Mike Mayta, Alex Epp
Next Sunday: Annette Chlumsky, Isaac Epp
April 29: Donna Heide, Kendra Gooden



**Coffee next week: Renetta Gooden



Mower this week: Clinton Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (April 22-28)

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

-7:30 p.m. La Leche League

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

@Riverside Café West, 9129 W Central

Guests and visitors last Sunday: Dwight Mueller

Thanks to all who participated in "Our Coins Count" project for the Mid-Kansas Relief sale. Between pounds and pounds of coins as well as paper bills, we collected \$434.78, which almost doubled our total from last year.

A big thanks to our young adults and the preparation of a delicious breakfast last Sunday. Thanks to your participation and generosity, they collected \$2,091 for the Hope Home renovations.

Hope Friends concludes its year on Wednesday, April 18. The menu is pizza pockets, strawberry spinach salad, fruit, ice cream bars/sandwiches. Thanks to Lisa Jaberg, meal coordinator, and assistants Lori Regier & Jan Worley plus the numerous people who helped with food, set-up and clean up.

Church picture directory: The 2018 Annual Directory will include pictures of all regular attendees. We had a great start last week, so let's keep it going! After the service please come downstairs to room 2 to get your picture taken. Natalie Hand is our photographer, and she lets you approve the picture. We will be finishing next Sunday, April 22. If you and/or family are unable to be here either of the next two Sundays, please let Kim Voth know, and we will make special arrangements to get your photo taken.

The Camp Mennoscah scholarship sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. The Discipleship Commission is offering \$75 to each child/youth who attends camp this summer. Sign-up on the appropriate date. The deadline is **May 1**. There is also a place for counselors to sign up and their week.

Miami Ice (cream) - Save the date! Join the High School Youth Group on Saturday, **May 5th** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for their fundraiser to support their service trip to Miami, FL with the DOOR program. Join us for homemade ice cream and more with fun and festivities.

This is the 50th season for the **Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** - started at the same time as the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. In recent seasons, membership has topped 300. KMMC's motto is "We sing that others may live!" and has raised over \$600,000 for MCC. The final concert is **this evening** at 7 PM at Bethel College Memorial Hall. Marvin Schmucker sings with the chorus and has for 48 of the 50 seasons.

First Church of the Brethren (1103 Jefferson) invites you to a concert with Mark Kroos **this evening** at 6:30 p.m. Mark Kroos plays two guitar necks at the same time. His music draws on influences from folk, Celtic, indie and even punk rock. There will be a free will offering. If interested, check out the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhmb8w4sVEE> There is also a flyer on the bulletin board.

The Restorative Kansas conference taking place at Bethel College **April 19-20** includes two public events: April 19, presentation of the documentary Healing Justice at 7 p.m., April 20, Jasmyn Elise Story and David Karp, "How Restorative Justice is informing the #MeToo and #TimesUp movements on college and university campuses," 11 a.m.; both in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

The Pastor Wears a Skirt is Dorothy Nickel Friesen's new book, just published. Dorothy is a previous conference pastor for the Western District Conference. Story Tellers of the Great Plains is sponsoring a Book Signing on Saturday, **April 21**, 10:00 –11:30 at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, Kansas. More information on www.writinglink.org.