

We are journeying through Lent. Lent is a season of the church year, from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday. It is a time for remembering and "joining" Jesus' journey to the cross and resurrection, for renewed attention to God's Word, for confession, and receiving God's forgiveness. This Lenten season, our calls to worship highlight God who makes **covenant**—who commits to faithful relationship.

Cookies: Sandwich Saturday is just around the corner. We need 14.5 dozen cookies for March 6.

Plants and Things Planning is now underway for the 2021 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale to be held July 2 and 3 at the fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

One of the most popular booths at the KMRS is "Plants and Things". As many of you know, this is the place to purchase a variety of things for your gardens. You traditionally have been able to buy flowers, shrubs, and garden plants. Many people have counted on being able to get their tomato plants, cabbage starts, melon seedlings, annual flowers, bulbs, etc. at the KMRS. Because July 2 and 3 is a bit late to be thinking about purchasing plants and starting or adding to a garden, the "Plants and Things" booth will be open on April 10, the time our sale is regularly scheduled. "Plants and Things" will be set up at the MCC Building in North Newton utilizing the parking lot and the warehouse facilities. Some things are yet to be decided such as opening and closing times, drop off hours, flat pick up, etc., but we wanted you to know that we will be accepting the plants that you wish to bring to the sale. So please start the seeds that will become a part of your contribution to MCC and the sale event. For more information and answers to questions, please contact Kristi Uhrnh at 620-3456867 or by email at kdunruh97@gmail.com or you can contact Jim Robb at 620-747-0186 or by email at jimandbeatyrobbs@gmail.com.

Western District Conference extends prayers and encouragement for all congregations and communities impacted by recent weather-related crises in our region. The resulting power outages, water shortages, need for emergency shelter, and loss of work and income are also exacerbating the vulnerabilities and risks of the ongoing COVID pandemic. In the face of these needs, congregations may apply for assistance grants of up to

\$2,500 from the WDC Hope Fund, and donations to the fund are also invited. Grant applications and contributions may be made online at [Hope Fund](http://HopeFund.org), or sent to WDC at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. May God strengthen the church's witness, caring and fellowship as we share together in this way.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Western District Conference congregations reaching out to support members and neighbors suffering economic hardship during this time.

...Pray for those nurturing new peace churches in the United States by finding innovative ways to call people to faith.

...Pray for Felipe Preciado & Diana Cruz serving in Allada, Benin since 2018. Diana teaches English and Spanish and has developed a computer lab at *La Casa Grande*, a ministry that cares for children in difficult circumstances. Felipe helps develop experimental agriculture and animal breeding project with *La Casa Grande* and Benin Bible Institute. Their home congregation is Iglesia Menonita de Teusaquillo, Bogota, Colombia.

Sharing Praises and Prayers

February 21, 2021

- * Linda Miles placed a symbol on the banner recognizing her retirement from Dillons after 35 years in the floral department.
- * Congratulations to Jordan & Emily Regehr on the birth of Holden Lawrence on February 18. He joins his brothers, Hudson & Haydon. They are thankful for a safe delivery and request prayer during this time of adjustment with 3 children.
- * Ruthie Goering is organizing meals for the Regehr family. Please contact her if you are able to help out.



Dustin Stalder is the Working Men of Christ director of the House of Paul here in Wichita. With his guidance, participants in WMOC have put away their old lifestyle and begun a new journey with Christ. Shannah Ikenberry is director of the House of Ruth for women in Topeka. Having completed the program herself, she knows what makes a resident successful in their search for a closer walk with Christ. Dustin and Shannah will be joining us for Sunday school in March.

Witness and Outreach has partnered with Working Men of Christ and has set a goal of \$12,000 for financial support. To date \$6,350 has been received and \$6,000 distributed. This goal is above and beyond their 2021 budget. We want to encourage you to consider giving to this ministry. Learn more about WMOC by exploring their website: <https://www.workingmenofchrist.org>

Welcome to worship at Hope Mennonite Church whether you are joining us in person or on Zoom. The service is available on Zoom recordings Monday-Thursday as well as YouTube.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden
Pianist: Amy Bellar
Scripture reader: Joan Stambaugh
Worship tech: Galen Fast
Zoom host: Marvin Schmucker

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (February 28-March 6)

Today -Faith Seekers
Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible Study: "Signs of Life" by Stephanie Lobdell; Contact person: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston
Wednesday -7:00 pm Worship Commission
Thursday -7:00 pm Faith Seekers
-7:00 pm Women's Bible Study: "Who Will Be A Witness" by Drew Hart; Contact person: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (cookies needed)



You are invited to the series "Outrageous Justice" led by Marcus Loganbill. This curriculum was developed by Prison Fellowship. The class will meet in the sanctuary and be available to Zoom participants 15 minutes following worship. Today, we welcome Sheriff Jeff Easter who will share from the perspective of law enforcement.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 7-13)

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible Study: "Signs of Life" by Stephanie Lobdell; Contact person: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston
-7:00 pm Worship Commission
Wednesday -7:00 pm Youth group
Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study: "Who Will Be A Witness" by Drew Hart; Contact person: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

SECOND SUNDAY IN
LENT



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 am Worship
February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent

Gathering to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

"God's Covenant of Blessing with All the Families of the Earth"

Based on Genesis 12:1-3

Come, people of God! Let us worship the God of relentless promise. Let us praise the God of everlasting covenant.

God makes his covenant with Abraham and his descendants and all who trust in God with Abraham's faith.

God blesses the children of Abraham with family, a place on earth, and God's guiding presence. And ... there is *more*.

God extends his blessing: Through Abraham and his faithful children, all the families of the earth will be blessed.

God's promises are for you and me and everyone. God's faithfulness endures forever.

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Opening Prayer

Songs of gathering

"Summoned by the God Who Made Us"

Voices Together 1

"Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"

Voices Together 7

Confession of Sin and Assurance of God's Forgiveness

O God, today we confess to you our limitations.

They are many. We have limitations in our skills and energy. We are limited in our willpower and follow-through. We are limited in our understanding of others, and patience with them, and with ourselves.

We are limited in our ability to be non-anxious with things we can't control.

[Silent prayers to God]

O God, thank you for accepting us in our limitations.

Thank you for your abiding presence and grace. Continue to give us confidence in you, when you call us beyond our comfort zones; when you call us to new challenges, new ways of thinking, and new places of service. Amen.

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Voices Together 5

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

Mark 2:13-17

Sermon

"Coloring Outside the Lines"

Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

"Together"

Voices Together 389

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Greeting our Guests

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Sending

"Go, My Children"

Voices Together 830

Colors of Covenant

Jesus embodies God's covenant, God's promise of life, and yet that promise is increasingly threatened. Each Sunday of Lent we remove a strip of cloth from the worship center to symbolize the threat and God's enduring promise.

*Benediction

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Dave Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 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.

February 21

Attendance-82

(Hope 27; Zoom live 49 ; Zoom recorded 6)

Offering \$3,380

Year-to-date \$21,609

Spending plan year-to-date \$38,462

Working Men of Christ - \$50

Our Purpose:

As an Anabaptist community of faith empowered by the Holy Spirit, Hope Mennonite Church is calling and making disciples who love God, love one another, and love the world.

That for which you have sacrificed your lives by your obedience to the living and enduring word of God" (1 Peter 1:22-23, NKSV). Bible readings for today: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23 (22); Luke 24:13-35.

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