

Hope Mennonite Church
January 1, 2023
First Sunday of Christmas
9:30 am Worship

Gathering to Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

As our year changes, we come to you, O God.

You, O God, are from everlasting to everlasting.

You do not change. Your steadfast love is our stability.

We stop and consider as we begin this New Year.

There are old fears but new boldness;

there are old controversies but new options;

there are old problems but new potential.

You are a God of hope; show us new dreams.

You are a God of promise; show us new possibilities.

*Songs of Gathering

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Voices Together 265

“To Us a Child of Hope Is Born”

Voices Together 259

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

Matthew 2:13-23

“What Child Is This”

Voices Together 267

Message

“Lost Footing, First Footing”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

“A Voice Was Heard in Ramah”

Voices Together 278

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

“Christmas Medley”

Kathleen Lehman

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pad)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Sending

* "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Voices Together 249

* Benediction

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom. The YouTube recording becomes permanently available on Monday.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Natalie Hand

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Randy Pinkerton

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Upcoming Worship Services

January 8

Epiphany

January 29

Guest speaker

First
Sunday after
Christmas



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Church Office Hours

Randy Tuesday-Wednesday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Monday, Thursday – work from home
Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-1:30 pm
Kim Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Staff meeting Tuesday 9:30 am

Hope on Facebook: Follow the link at 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.

December 24

Attendance-86

(Hope-67; Zoom-19)

Offering as of December 31 **\$14,615**

Year-to-date \$249,472

Spending plan commitment 2022 \$255,000

Difference is -\$5,528.00

Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithely**.
Contact the church office for instructions.

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

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (January 1-7)

Tuesday -6:30 pm Music Committee

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

Thursday -7:00 pm Congregational zoom & Melissa Hofstetter

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need coordinator and cookies)

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Alison, Kloie, Hailey Boese

Next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

January 15: Justin & Tiffany Regehr



No Sunday School today. Classes resume next week.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 8-14)

Tuesday -7:00 pm Vision Council/zoom Melissa Hofstetter

Wednesday -5:30 pm Deacons

-7:00 pm Choir

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Last Call: The Youth Group is selling 2023 God's Creation calendars & notepad are now half price; \$5 & \$2 respectively. You can find them on the entrance table. Remit payment to the church office.



The Trinity knot is an ancient symbol representing the eternal, unbroken presence and interconnectedness of the triune God. Like a circle, there is no beginning and no end. Melissa Hofstetter, transition advisor, explained that in Hebrew the word for "hope" (Tikvah) is the same word used for "rope" or "cord" - that which holds together and brings hope. This symbol of the rope

in the shape of a Trinity knot will be used in our conversations with Melissa, as God is the One in whom we find Hope. Zoom meeting this week with Melissa Hofstetter: **January 5** with the congregation (last one).

Sandwich Saturday – The 2023 calendar has been posted on the bulletin board. Will you consider signing up for one of our Saturdays? We need 14 dozen cookies.

Annual reports – If you are the chair of a commission or committee, please prepare your 2022 report. The deadline is January 12.

The December 23 issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front literature table. The theme is “Everlasting Light.”

Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible starts January 10 with the book by Kristi McLelland, Jesus and Women in the 1st Century and Now. **Come and join us** as the author takes us back to Jesus’ first-century world, explaining the historical and cultural climate of His day to help you know Him more dearly. This 7-session study will begin on Tuesday, January 10, at 10:00 a.m. We will meet concurrently in the church’s library and on Zoom. The study will be led by Brenda Glanzer Lilliston. The cost of the book is \$25, (you also have video access to the teaching sessions by Kristi). The books will be handed out at the first class and your payment will be collected then. If this will be your first time attending, please inform the church office so a book can be ordered for you.

Prayers for the wider church

...Father, as this New Year begins, we thank you through your Son Jesus Christ for all that you are doing and all that you are going to do in the communities, and people of Western District Conference, through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, using the blessing of Church Planting as an instrument. We thank you in advance for being with us, for being our deliverer and our healer, thank you, Christ Jesus. - Church Planting Commission

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network Paraguay partners: CEMTA (Center for Evangelical Mennonite Theology); CONEMPAR (Evangelical Mennonite Conference of Paraguay).

...Pray for the Mennonite Mission Network Uruguay Partner: Uruguay Mennonite Church-a conference of 11 churches.