

Hope Mennonite Church
January 8, 2023
Epiphany
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 with gladness magi followed the star
A star that led them to Christ

**So we with joy have come to worship
Worshipping the heavenly King.**

As with gladness magi brought their gifts
Of Gold and Frankincense and Myrrh

**So with joy we give of ourselves
As we lift our voices in song
To praise God in this place and in this time.**

*Songs of Gathering

“Love Has Come”

Voices Together 258

“It Came upon a Midnight Clear”

Voices Together 248

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

Matthew 2:1-12

“As with Gladness”

Voices Together 277

Message

“Sacred Gifts”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

“ O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Voices Together 275

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

“Joseph’s Lullaby”

Rod Kremer & Laurie Regehr

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

* “We Are People of God’s Peace”

Voices Together 797

* 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: Connie Luty

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Barb Voth

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

January 29

Leslie James & Joanna Pinkerton

February 5

Guest speaker



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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.

January 1

Attendance-52

(Hope-38; Zoom-17)

Offering last Sunday \$1,172

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 8-14)

- Tuesday 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (library & zoom)
"Jesus and Women in the 1st Century and Now"
-7:00 pm Vision Council/zoom Melissa Hofstetter
- Wednesday -5:30 pm Deacons
-7:00 pm Choir

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky
Next Sunday: Justin & Tiffany Regehr
January 22: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman



Prek-1st: Room 8/9 downstairs

Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

Adults: What do you know about the Mennonite Church (USA) Disability Resolution? How does it relate to the Americans with Disability Act? Randy Quinn will lead us in a three-part discussion about accessibility and help us explore how welcoming we are to guests who have disabilities.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 15-21)

- Tuesday 10:00 am Women's Bible Study
"Jesus and Women in the 1st Century and Now"
-7:00 pm Worship Commission
- Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (zoom only)

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Guests & visitors last week: Andy & Michelle Newbry



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 10** with Vision Council

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

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

... Pray for generous contributions to Western District Conference as the fiscal year ends in January, to support conference ministries of equipping ministers, resourcing congregations, and networking church planting partnerships.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Peru partner, Mennonite Christian Church of Peru, a young church in Iquitos with children's, adolescents' and youth ministries in 4 locations.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Venezuela partner, Network of Mennonite Missions of Venezuela, a conference of churches established on Isla Margarita, as well as study centers and churches on the mainland.