



*Epiphany*

Hope Mennonite Church  
January 7, 2024  
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

“In the Beginning” #270

“To Us a Child of Hope Is Born” #259

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading Matthew 2:1-13

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” #265

Reflections on our Star Words

Connie Luty, Treva Greaser, Katie Chlumsky

Star words for 2024

Responding to God’s Word

\*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” #261

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Seeing and Seeking God  
Work of the Church  
Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Sending

\*"O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

#275

\*Benediction

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\*Please stand if you are able

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us today in person or on Zoom. Today we celebrate Epiphany with sharing from three of our members.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Connie Luty  
Pianist: Ruthie Goering  
Song leader: Lowell Birkey  
Scripture Reader: Jim Voth  
Worship tech: Scott Luty  
Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

January 14      Preaching text: Mark 2-1-22  
January 21      Preaching text: Mark 4:1-34



The bulletin cover reflects the Christmas star in the panels of the cross.

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Church Office Hours

Randy Tuesday-Wednesday 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
Monday, Thursday – work from homes  
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 & updates on church life.

First Fruits Giving

Giving the first and best of what we are given.

December 31

Attendance-78(Hope 66; Zoom-13)  
Offering last Sunday \$3,371 Year to date - \$264,965  
Spending plan 2023 - \$260,000

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*

**Hope Mennonite Church Statement of Welcome and Inclusion**

We believe all people are created in God’s image and we covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we seek to follow Jesus. We gather around God’s table as an open and affirming congregation, embracing all people to full participation in the life and ministry of our church regardless of age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, economic status, gender identity, citizenship, ability, ethnicity, or any other factor subject to discrimination or exclusion in our world. We recognize and give thanks for the diverse opinions among us and are united as we strive to model a community of faith offering justice, peace, love, and compassion in the name of Christ.

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK (January 7-13)

Sunday -Music Committee  
Tuesday -7:00 pm Worship Commission  
Wednesday -6:00 pm Inquiry Class  
-7:00 pm Choir  
Thursday -7:00 pm Vision Council



\*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

\*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

\*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

\*Adult Sunday: Join us for a series on "The Sin of Certainty; Why God Desires Our Trust More than Our 'Correct' Beliefs" by Peter Enns. Over four Sundays, we'll discuss what Enns means by the sin of certainty and how we got to where belief became more important than trust. We'll also take a look at Biblical examples of struggles with doubt; discuss the differences between trust and belief, and some obstacles to trust; and discuss the sacredness of doubt and how to cultivate trust. Peter Enns is a podcaster (check out The Bible for Normal People), the author of "The Bible Tells Me So", and is professor of Biblical studies at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania.

Coffee preparation next Sunday- Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 14-20)

Tuesday -10 am Women's Bible Study - THE GOD WHO SEES: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong by Karen Gonzalez and led by Brenda Glanzer Lilliston  
Wednesday -6:00 pm Inquiry Class  
-7:00 pm Choir



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

Next Sunday: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

January 21: Val & Mike Mayta

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Thank you to all of our Family Promise volunteers this past week. 22 of our 49 trained Hope volunteers filled 48 slots, as we hosted three families. You drove, slept over, cooked, served, played, and visited. Your unselfish gift of time and energy is helping families who would otherwise be in desperate situations. Thank you for giving hope at Hope. Marcus Loganbill & Travis Cox, coordinators

In the January newsletter, Hope's Justice Together Leadership Team addresses in detail some questions that have been asked since our December congregational meeting. Some questions addressed are: **\*\*Why do we believe that joining a Justice Ministry is important? \*\*What does signing the Justice Together Covenant do for us?** We realize the newsletter report is very detailed but we want to make sure we thoroughly answer your questions about the organization, the covenant signing and Hope's responsibilities.

Two exciting women's Bible studies will be starting in January. All members, visitors, and friends are invited to attend one or both groups. Women of all ages are invited to join! The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will meet **January 16-February 27**, 10:00 am. We will be meeting concurrently. You can join us via Zoom or in person in the church library. We will study the book, THE GOD WHO SEES: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong by Karen Gonzalez. The Thursday evening Women's Bible Study will meet **January 18-March 7**, 7 pm on Zoom. We will be studying Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness by Kevin Nye. Both studies will be led by Brenda Glanzer Lilliston.s

Footsteps of Paul in Greece + 3-Night Cruise May 27 – June 6, 2024. Led by Pastor Weldon Martens, Grace Hill Mennonite Church; Whitewater, KS. This is a 11-Day Tour & Cruise to Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, Crete, Patmos, Ephesus, Mykonos & Santorini. Cost: \$3,219 + flights. Registration: Due by January 18, 2024. Contact info at: [weldon.martens@gmail.com](mailto:weldon.martens@gmail.com) / 402-202-9276. Complete tour information & registration at [www.tourwithweldon.com](http://www.tourwithweldon.com)

## Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Western District Conference and all its congregations as we begin a new year, remembering that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, and God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning!

...Milo Jones, Rachel Miller, Laura Ullom-Minnich and Savannah Walter are serving with Mennonite Voluntary Service in San Francisco, California. Pray for them as they extend the ministries of First Mennonite Church of San Francisco, through housing advocacy, a prenatal program and Interfaith Power and Light, an organization that engages faith communities in environmental stewardship.

...The Center for Justice and Peace, a ministry located at the University of the Christian Alliance in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, and supported by Mission Network and 13 other institutions, began offering a master's degree in conflict transformation last year, with an online course. This month, the first in-person course will be held. Pray for the professors and students.

### Sharing Prayers & Praise December 31, 2023

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#### Work of the Church

- \* Witness & Outreach provides some financial support for people who participate in ministries outside of Hope and will do so for those going on the medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic.
- \* Please consider signing up for Sandwich Saturday in 2024.