

Hope Mennonite Church  
January 14, 2024  
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

We have gathered in this place to worship,  
**because Jesus invites us to come.**

We come as we are, with our faith and our doubts,  
with our successes and our failures,

**because Jesus invites us to come.**

We come with what we have, bringing with us the events  
and experiences of this past week,

**because Jesus invites us to come.**

“Come to me,” Jesus says,

“all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.”

**Let’s worship God together.**

\*Songs of Gathering

“Come, We That Love”

#31

“Come On, Children to the Gospel Feast”

#511

Hearing God’s Word

Time with Children

Randy Quinn

Scripture reading

Mark 2:1-12

“Sing a New World into Being”

#809

Message

“Radical Hospitality”

Randy Quinn

## Responding to God's Word

\*"Bless the Arms That Comfort"

#527

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

\*"Go, My Children"

#830

\*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 begin a series on the Gospel of Mark that will lead us from now until Easter.

### Worship Participants

Worship leader: Connie Luty

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Treva Greaser

Scripture Reader: Randy Pinkerton

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom hosts: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

### Upcoming Worship Services

January 21

Preaching text: Mark 4:1-34

CROP Walk banner presentation

January 28

Preaching text: Mark 5:1-20

### Stay in Touch with Hope

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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](http://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.

January 7

Attendance-90(Hope 78; Zoom-12)

Offering last Sunday \$6,223 Year to date - \$6,223

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 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

Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study-Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness by Kevin Nye and led by Brenda Glanzer Lilliston(zoom only)  
-7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee - library



\*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. 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. Today's class will be led by Laurie Regehr

Coffee preparation next Sunday- Chris Bellar

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 21-27)

Sunday -Noon – 5 pm Reserved event

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NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

Next Sunday: Val & Mike Mayta

January 28: Jordon & Emily Regehr

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Last Sunday, each individual in the congregation was invited to select a Star Word for 2024. If you were not present, you are invited to come forward during our offering time and select your star word from the basket beside the offering basket.

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 this week. 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. Please purchase your own book(s).

Come hear a short concert of choral music presented by the Occasional Singers, a chamber ensemble of talented musicians who don't have a lot of time on their hands! Led by Andrew Voth, they will be singing choral standards as well as more contemporary pieces. The concert will occur at 2:00 pm on Sunday, **January 21st** at First Mennonite Church in Newton and will be free to attend.

Mid-Kansas Relief Sale: WANTED—Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the KS MCC Sale. Items you no longer need can help feed and clothe those in desperate living conditions. Donations are tax deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620-367-8257. Help make a difference.

The next meeting of the **Mennonite Public Educators** group is Thursday, January 25 at 7pm eastern time. This group is intended for all Mennonite education professionals working in public school settings. The conversation topic will be "CRT, Social-Emotional Learning, & book banning." Registration is required; contact email is [info@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:info@MennoniteEducation.org)

### Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for the Western District Conference Executive Board and Commissions as they meet this month to provide guidance, leadership and vision for our conference.

...Tomorrow, we remember Martin Luther King Jr., who followed Jesus' way of nonviolent civil disobedience by bringing hope to people who have been denied justice. Pray for Mission Network's ministries of dismantling racism in the United States and around the world.

... Odessa Theological Seminary requests additional prayer for the people of Ukraine, after a blizzard tore roofs off homes and damaged the power grid, creating further suffering to an area already inflicted by war. Pray for an end to the war.