

Hope Mennonite Church
January 21, 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

North: Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.

**South: Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

North: When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

South: When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

North: When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

South: Lord, let my heart be good soil.

*Songs of Gathering

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” #25

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer” #34

Hearing God’s Word

Time with Children Randy Quinn

Scripture reading Mark 4:1-9, 21-34

“Seed” #777

Message “Bringing forth the Kingdom” Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

*“You Are Salt for the Earth” #297

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
Presentation of CROP Walk banner
Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Alice Price

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

#812

*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. Pastor Randy will lead us in a series on the Gospel of Mark through Easter.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Kendal Warkentine
Pianist: Laurie Regehr
Song leader: Galen Fast
Scripture Reader: Ron Headings
Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton
Zoom hosts: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

January 28 Preaching text: Mark 5:1-20
February 4 Preaching text: Mark 5:21-43
February 11 Bel Canto Singers – Hesston College



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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.

January 14

Attendance-59 Zoom only

Offering last Sunday n/a 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 21-27)

Today -Noon – 5 pm Reserved event

Tuesday -10 am Women's Bible Study – The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong by Karen Gonzalez; 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; led by Brenda Glanzer Lilliston(zoom only)



*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 Lori Miller.

Coffee preparation next Sunday-Care & Nurture

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 28-February 3)

Sunday -Annual congregational meeting following worship
-Fellowship meal following the meeting

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NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Val & Mike Mayta

Next Sunday: Jordon & Emily Regehr

February 4: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

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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 can pick up a star on the front table.

Our 2024 Banner plays with interconnected lines. Celtic knotwork reminds us of our inter connectedness with God, others, self and the world we live in. May love be the connection in all and through all. The banner was designed and made by Joanna Pinkerton.

Family Promise is moving to its new campus at 1111 N. St. Francis. A ribbon cutting (4:00) and open house is scheduled from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, Friday, **January 26**. Come join the FP staff as we celebrate. This new space will bring many improvements, as we continue to empower families with children to overcome homelessness and housing insecurity in our community.

Next Sunday is our annual congregational meeting. The annual books were sent out via email; however, hard copies are available on the front table. The meeting will be held during Sunday School. Following we will join together in a fellowship meal. The Care & Nurture Commission will provide different kinds of soup and you are asked to bring a side or bread or dessert.

Please prayerfully consider the decision of our church to sign the Justice Together Network's Covenant. The congregation will vote on January 28 at our Annual Business Meeting. Information about our involvement and the Justice Together Network can be found in the Report Booklet and in January's Hope Headlines. A copy of the covenant is posted on the bulletin board. In January, Justice Together's volunteer research teams are in the process of delving into the chosen priorities of mental health and homelessness and gathering information. This involves interviewing local experts such as the Sedgwick County Sheriff, Chief Public Defender, Director of Behavioral Health at St. Joseph, Chairman of the Homeless Task Force, and various mental health and homelessness service providers. The work quietly continues.

Sandwich Saturday help – Please consider signing up to coordinate this ministry in the next two months. We need help on February 3 and March 2. We only need 2 dozen cookies for February to fill our quota of 14 dozen.

The January 2024 issue of the *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. Articles include the history of the Mennonite witness in Palestine & Israel; information on an iconic Anabaptist hymnal, the *Ausbund*; a new group seeking to close the racial wealth gap; and much more. Pick up your copy today!

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.

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

Prayers for the wider church

...Give thanks for generous financial contributions to Western District Conference, supporting our mission of empowering Anabaptist/Mennonite congregations to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world.

... Praise God for the 32 people who are serving with SOOP (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) in January! Pray that they will be blessed, even as they bring blessings in five locations across Arizona, Florida and Indiana.

... The German Mennonite Peace Committee partners with Community Peacemaker Teams and Mission Network. Pray for this group, which coordinates the Anabaptist peace witness in Germany, especially in the context of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Western District Conference invites you to a come-and-go Open House on Saturday, **February 10**, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at the WDC office, 2517 North Main Street, North Newton, KS. This is in addition to the WDC Library Open House and Book Sale already announced. Check out what's new in the Resource Library, browse the used-book sale, enjoy refreshments, chat with staff, and celebrate WDC's newly renovated office spaces!