



Lent 1

Hope Mennonite Church
February 18, 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

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Lenten Welcome Song

“Sign Us with Ashes, Merciful God”

#304B

Reconciling with God and One Another

Prayer of Confession

God, on Ash Wednesday, we remembered our humanity, our fragility, our limits, our sinfulness, our need for repentance. Today, we come to you with this fresh start on our minds as we continue our Lenten journey.

Be with us in this wilderness.

We so often focus on the difficulty of our walk with Christ.

Forgive our self-focused minds.

Forgive us, Lord, when on our journey, we forget your extensive, covenantal love for the world.

May we partner with you and your church to remember.

Words of Assurance

1 John 4:9-11

*Acts of Reconciliation

You are beloved.

*Songs of Praise

“God, Whose Giving”

#745

“The Word of God Is Solid Ground”

#399

Hearing God’s Word

Time with Children

Scripture reading

Mark 10:17-31

“Lead Me Forth”

#837

Message

“Invitation to Follow”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

*“Will You Come and Follow Me”

#540

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Invitation Song

“Sign Us with Ashes, Merciful God”

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Celebration of Communion

Communion Invitation Song

“Sign Us with Ashes, Merciful God”

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Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

*“Guide My Feet”

#816

*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. This year during Lent, we will follow Mark’s description of the journey Jesus takes toward the cross. We will experience a series of invitations Jesus makes as we learn what it means to follow him. In addition, we will be making connections with Jesus around the table each week. Each celebration of communion will offer a different focus to help us have a richer sense of the meal Jesus shares with us, leading us to Maundy Thursday where we will offer a reminder of the many meals Jesus shared throughout his life. On March 31, we will celebrate our traditional Easter feast, around the table as we celebrate the new life that is ours because of Jesus.

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 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.

February 11

Attendance-109(Hope 99; zoom 10)

Offering last Sunday \$2,855

Year to date - \$19,361

Spending plan year to date - \$30,000

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.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lori Miller
Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill
Song leaders: Lowell Birkey
Scripture Reader: Kendal Warkentine
Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton
Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

Upcoming Worship Services

February 25 Lent 2 Preaching text: Mark 10:32-52
March 3 Lent 3 Preaching text: Mark 12:1-12

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (February 18-24)

Monday -7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee
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
-7:00 pm Vision Council
Wednesday -5:30 pm Deacons
-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: I'm sure most of you know that we
have a fantastic library at Hope. But please join us

in the sanctuary to learn more about it! We will be highlighting
some books from our library with brief reviews – and Joanna
Pinkerton will share information about the amazing mural that she
painted in the library, as well. A special review will be of the book
Thirty-one Miles from Nowhere, written by our own Twila Blakely!
We are blessed with a wide variety of genres and many
intentionally chosen volumes with incredible information both
historical and current, and also an extensive collection of fiction,
children's books and DVDs. Come join us to be inspired to start
checking out materials from our library! Margaret Wiebe will lead
this session.

Coffee preparation next Sunday-Bob & Delaine Stolzle



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

Next Sunday: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

March 3: Donna Heide & Lily Harder

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- Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need 10 dozen)

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Guest & visitors last Sunday- 30 guests on Sunday including the Bel Canto Singers

Thank you! The offering collected for Hesston College last Sunday was \$1,907. The Witness & Outreach Commission added an additional \$500 from their special fund for a total of \$2,407. This represents more than double the amount given in 2023.

The March-May issue of the devotional *Rejoice* is now available. Copies are on the front table.

The February issue of *Anabaptist World* is now available on the front table. Some of the articles this month cover a peace gathering in Washington DC; meeting Jesus through serving; ministering to those who are incarcerated; and much more. Pick up your copy today.

Hope's Justice Together members and all who are interested are invited to meet during Sunday School on **February 25**. There is an info flyer in your mailbox.

The Care & Nurture Commission is hosting an evening to experience the best olive oil and balsamic vinegar in Wichita! Join them at Viva La Olive (300 N. Mead) on **February 27, 7-8:30 pm**, for a 15–20-minute tutorial followed by tasting. There are invitations in your mailbox with additional information. There is limited space so sign up on the bulletin board to reserve your spot. Car pooling from church will be available.

Camp Mennoscah is looking for small crews of three or four people to help with various projects. The work changes from day to day, depending on what is completed and which contractor is coming in the next day. If you are interested in a particular task, call ahead to see what is needed. You can call Olivia 620-297-3290

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Western District Conference congregations and listening teams participating in the conference-wide listening process to learn how God is at work in a diversity of church contexts, and to consider what resources WDC can offer to support congregational hopes and priorities for the future.

...Jakob Lehmann, a one-year volunteer from *Christliche Dienste* the Mennonite Voluntary Service program of the Mennonite Church in Germany, is serving at Hesston College in a unique assignment. Pray for him as he develops community among the college's international students. (**Note:** - Jakob was a member of the Bel Canto Singers who were with us last Sunday)

Sharing Prayers & Praise

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- * Steve Pankratz appreciated singing "We Shall Overcome" and it brought back memories of learning the guitar from Joan Baez.
- * Barb Voth went to the ER in Henderson, NE and then moved to Kansas City for testing. Keep her and Jim in your prayers.
- * Margaret Wiebe, Jared Regehr, Natalie Graber, Lowell & Dianne Birkey were presented symbols recognizing their service with Medical Mission International in the Dominican Republic.