



*Second Sunday
of
Easter*

Hope Mennonite Church

April 7, 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

The Lord reigns over all the earth.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.

Let the earth be glad and the distant shores rejoice!

All who believe in the Lord Jesus are saved.

Whoever wishes can take the free gift of the water of life.

We are filled with joy

because we have come to believe in God.

Jesus says, "I am coming soon."

Death and evil and brokenness will be no more.

Let the earth be glad and the distant shores rejoice!

God's love has been made known to us

and Jesus himself abides within us.

**We will share the good news of how God is saving us,
so that the world may believe!**

*Songs of Gathering

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!"

#341

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

#359

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 3:10-12

Christ Who Left His Home in Glory"

#361

Message

"Foundation Work" Tammy Duvanel Unruh

Responding to God's Word

*"How firm a Foundation"

#592

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

Sending

*"Thine is the Glory"

#355

*Benediction

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with this morning in person or on Zoom. We welcome Tammy Duvanel Unruh as our guest speaker today. Tammy is currently the development director of Camp Mennoscah.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Mike Voth
Pianist: Vicki Howard
Song leader: Lowell Birkey
Scripture Reader: Ron Headings
Worship tech: Michelle Jantz
Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

April 14 Trent Voth-Bethel College
April 21 Preaching text: Acts 17:1-9
April 28 Preaching text: Acts 18:1-4



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.

March 31

Attendance-137(Hope 132; zoom 5)

Offering last Sunday \$3,853

Year to date - \$43,386

Spending plan year to date - \$65,000

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 (April 7-13)

Tuesday -10 am Women's Bible Study-Courageous Simplicity:
Abide in the Simple Abundance of Jesus

Wednesday -7 pm Choir

Friday -7:30 Reserved event - Doxology concert



*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Adult Sunday: The class for the month of April is a study entitled *The Parables – Why do we love stories and how did Jesus know?* Today, April 7 is an introduction to the Parables; April 14: The Parables of Matthew; April 21: The Parables of Mark and April 28: The Parables of Luke. We will meet in the sanctuary following worship. Jim Voth is the teacher. All are welcome!

Coffee preparation next Sunday- Chris Bellar



Mower this week: Randy Graber



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Jordon & Emily Regehr

Next Sunday: Val & Mike Mayta

April 21: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (April 14-20)

Tuesday -10 am Women's Bible Study-Courageous Simplicity:
Abide in the Simple Abundance of Jesus

Wednesday -6:00 pm Mexican meal (please sign up)
-7:00 pm Choir

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Guest & visitors last Sunday – 28 Easter guest & visitors

Pastor Randy will be on vacation April 1-15. If you have pastoral concerns, please contact your deacon or the church office.

The Easter quilt in the fellowship hall is being shared with us by Heidi Johnson-Laws for the Easter season.

MCC Sale T-shirt booth needs volunteers sign up by following this link: [2024 T-Shirt Booth Signup](#) or contact Michelle Jantz at micjantz@yahoo.com Friday is full but Saturday, April 13 is empty.

CARE AND NURTURE EVENTS

You asked for it, so here it is - More social and fellowship time together!! In the spirit of Easter time, we are "resurrecting" a Hope Friends evening. This will be Wednesday, **April 17** at 6:00 pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we can plan for the meal of Mexican delights. Choir, you plan to meet that night, so come early and enjoy the meal. For those not in choir, please come for dinner and stay to visit, bring a craft to work on, or bring a game to engage with someone. We hope to see you there!

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, **April 25** at 6:30 pm. The evening will focus on "Eating to Promote Mental and Physical Health." This evening is open to the congregation and any friends and family you wish to invite. Four of our congregational members will share actions they have taken in modifying their dietary habits to improve their health. It will be educational, positive, and enlightening as we listen to ideas to minister to your health and well-being. Innovative snacks will be served for you to sample with the recipes provided. Be curious and brave! Please sign up for this event. Contact Annette Chlumsky or Treva Greaser if you have any questions.

Discernment and Volunteer Form: Please complete the Discernment and Volunteer Ministry form by **April 15**. Indicating your interest in the work of our congregation will help Vision Council fill positions and engage individuals in areas of interest. Complete the form online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WXM858D> or pick up a paper copy from the literature table and submit to the church office. All members, associate members, and regular attendees, age 12 and above are invited to fill out a form.

The Doxology Ensemble and Chamber Choir with Pilgrim Choral Artists presents "Nearer to Thee," a journey through death and redemption, at Hope on Friday, **April 12**, 7:30 pm. This group was here a couple of years ago and collaborated with Hopeful Blues.

Mental Health First Aid: Saturday **April 27**, from 8:30am-5pm Prairie View will conduct a Mental Health First Aid Training at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave, Moundridge, KS. \$30 covers the training, materials, and lunch. There is space for 30 people. Register online [here](#) by April 19.

We realize the **2024 Justice Together Nehemiah Assembly on Thursday, May 9th at 6 pm at Century II Convention Hall located at 225 W. Douglas** feels like a long way away. But the Justice Together leadership needs to know how we are doing toward achieving our goal of having 2,000 people attend. As you remember, we want to show up with a vast number of individuals so that local officials will take notice. We want to demonstrate that a large group of people is behind the proposals and truly do care about justice for those on the margins. We will seek commitments from local officials to act on our well-researched proposals on homelessness and mental health. ****If you are not able to attend the **April 11 Solutions Rally at First United Methodist Church at 330 N. Broadway, Wichita, at 6 pm**, please let a team member know if you will be able to attend on May 9, and any individuals you have confirmed who will be attending with you. Glad to be on this journey together! Lowell Birkey, Vicki Howard, Brenda Lilliston, Marcus Loganbill, Randy and Joanna Pinkerton, and Jared Regehr, Wendy Wiens

Women & Girls Save the Date! "Edimental Gardening for Every Growing Space," featuring Renata Goossen will be sponsored by Western District Women in Mission at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton KS on Friday, **April 19**. The schedule is: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Browse and purchase plants from Renata's Plant Bus. Bring a salad to share for supper to start at 6 p.m. followed by the program. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details about the evening schedule and or other WDWM activities.

Our next study for the Tuesday Morning Bible Study will start at 10:00 am on April 9 and end on May 14. It will run concurrently on Zoom and in person in the church library. We will study, **Courageous Simplicity: Abide in the Simple Abundance of Jesus** <https://a.co/d/3t6cuVK>. *For our first session on April 9, please come prepared to discuss "Week 1."* Please order your book, or let Brenda Glanzer Lilliston know ASAP and she will place an order. Do you want to be able to face daily burdens and the chaos of this world and say with confidence, "It is well with my soul." But how? (in)courage is ready to come alongside you through Courageous Simplicity, a six-session Bible study on living in the simple abundance of Jesus. This study will help you release control of what frays your soul and will lead you to true refreshment.

The April issue of *Anabaptist World* is available. The feature articles address diversity and inclusion. Pick up a copy today.

Kansas MCC Relief Sale April 12-13
"Sowing seeds of hope, sowing seed of love"
I Corinthians 13:13
State Fair grounds, Hutchinson, KS

- * My Coins Count: We will be collecting coins (and bills) during our regular offerings during the month of March. The collections will go to MCC water projects around the world. **Currently we have donated \$259. Last year's total was \$598.**
- * Pie tins and bread bags are available for Hope's donations of pies (15s) and zwieback.
- * Consider donating baked goods to the sale.
- * Donations of cookbooks, crafts & Quilter's Corner items can be placed in the basket in fellowship hall.
- * Volunteer at Hope's T-shirt booth; sign up via SignUp Genius.
- * **MCC Sale Children's Auction** - Consider donating new, in-the-package, items to this year's auction! Talk with the youth in your church to see what items they would like to bid on, but you can never go wrong with Hot Wheels, Barbie, board games, Lego sets, art kits, and sports equipment. Items may be given to your MCC Liaison for delivery to Sale.
- * If you are interested in any kind of volunteering, please visit <https://kansas.mccsale.org/volunteer/>

There are informational flyers on the table for you to pick up.

For further information on any of the above items, talk to Margaret Wiebe, our MCC contact representative.

Prayers for the wider church

...During this Easter season, give thanks for the living presence of Christ embodied by WDC congregations within their local communities.

... On April 9 members of the New Holland (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church are beginning a week-long Just Peace Pilgrimage. Pray for open minds and hearts, as they focus on the civil rights and how Jesus is calling his followers to respond.

...Odesa Theological Seminary (Ukraine) joins other Christian institutes in Eastern Europe in wrestling with leadership in times of crisis. Pray for them as they try to help their students and churches find hope, despite prolonged suffering.