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Randy's Ramblings

Thank you.

Thank you for bearing with me while I healed from my grief.

Thank you for trusting me with your grief as we walked together and found mutual healing.

Thank you for helping me understand what it means to be an Anabaptist. It not only enriched my understanding of our faith; it also helped me understand more about my United Methodist traditions.

When I came here, I often told the story of how God got my attention using the story of Jonah. It's part of why I used a "whale" as the symbol of my ministry here. You see, when God called Jonah the first time, he avoided the call. Only when God called a second time did Jonah go to Ninevah, that foreign city. Then, unlike Jonah, I heard God calling me a third time. It was God's marvelous, delightful humor at work.

What I didn't tell you about Jonah's story is that when I took a Sabbatical in the late 1990s, I memorized the book of Jonah. And in doing so, I realized the bane of many pastors, including myself, was captured in the last chapter of the book. In that part of the story, Jonah pouts because God is doing things Jonah didn't want God to do. And God was gracious to Jonah, anyway, providing much needed shade while he sat with his raw emotions.

Back when I memorized the story, I recognized my jealousy of church members who were able to take a Sunday off any time they wanted. And I heard God saying, "So? I have called you to do this, go and do it." I could pout all I wanted, but God was still going to love them – and me. My calling was not dependent on their response. I was only responsible for my own response.

You have helped me see how I can join a congregation and be involved without feeling jealous of those who take time to travel. You helped me see that I can experience the love of God in the pew as well as in the shade of the trees overlooking the city.

Thank you.

You helped me finish my pastoral ministry with a sense of joy, and I will always be grateful for that gift.

I wish I could say it more eloquently, but the words thank you seem to capture it best

Thank you. Randy Quinn

GUEST SPEAKER SCHEDULE IN JULY

July 7	Michelle Jantz – Hope Mennonite
July 14	Trent Voth – Bethel College
July 21	Louis Goseland- Justice Together
July 28	Kendal Warkentine – Hope Mennonite



Opportunities for fellowship for Hope's Women in July. Join us for one or both!

The TUESDAY MORNING Women's BIBLE STUDY invites all women to join us on Tuesday, **July 9**, for lunch at noon at Jan Worley's home, 1642 N. Blackstone Ct. Wichita, KS 67235 Jan will provide pulled pork or brisket and something to drink. *Please bring a salad or a dessert.* Please RSVP to Jan Worley by Friday, **July 5**.

The THURSDAY EVENING Women's GROUP invites all women to join us on Saturday morning, **July 13**, at 9:30 am for Brunch at Lee Schmucker's home, 9404 Wyncroft, Wichita, KS 67205. Lee will let us know what to bring closer to the date. Please RSVP to Lee Schmucker by Wednesday, **July 10**.

NEW INTERIM PASTOR

On Sunday, July 23, it was announced that Sara Dick will be our next interim pastor starting on August 5. She'll begin preaching on August 25. Her position will be $\frac{3}{4}$ time (as was Randy's) through February 23, 2025, with the option of extending. Sara formerly served as pastor at Shalom Mennonite in Newton and the manager of The Etcetera Shop in Newton. She is married to Eric Buller who was our sabbatical pastor the summer of 2018.

New Books in the Library

- *All Are Neighbors by Alexandra Penfold (picture book)
- *The Beginning of the Story by Timothy Geddert
- *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes by Cynthia Campbell
- *Divine Gravity by Meghan Good
- *Dr. Matt's Gutsy Guide to Reading in College by Matt Friesen (former pastor)
- *The Mennonite Story in Ukraine by Paul Toews
- *So We and Our Children May Live by Sarah Augustine
- *Together We Rise by Paul Raushenbush (picture book)



Justice Together Update

On June 20, Justice Together (JT) hosted the **Justice Ministry Celebration and Investment Drive** at Chapel Hill UMC. Exciting updates were provided and will be outlined in a later article.

Hope was recognized with the **FIFTY-TWO: ONE AWARD**. The 52 stands for how we attend worship 52 Sundays a year and mobilized 100% or more of our worship attendance to attend the Nehemiah Assembly one night for justice a year. Hope was one of three churches that received this highest award! Great Job Hope!!

Lee Schmucker and **Marcus Loganbill** also received the **Nehemiah Award**, given to individuals who had 10 or more guests attend because of their invitation. **Marcus Loganbill** was recognized for having 17 individuals which was the second highest. Way to go Lee and Marcus!!

Individuals who were present invested \$29,000 in doing the Justice Together work. The goal that Justice Together has set this year for individuals to devote is \$76,000. While we have invested as a congregation, they also want to encourage ownership by individuals. If you feel called to invest in justice work in Sedgwick County, go to the Justice Together website, www.dojusticetogether.org and there is an "invest" tab in the upper right-hand corner. Prayerfully consider what is the right amount for yourself.

Justice Together will also be seeking corporate donations. If you work for an organization interested in justice work in Sedgwick County, contact Louis Goseland, Lead Organizer at Justice Together. At 316-204-4315; or louis@thedartcenter.org

Thank you for your interest and willingness to show up for justice.



CONFERENCE NEWS

Our annual Western District Conference Assembly will be held **August 2-4** at First Mennonite in Beatrice, NE. The theme is "In Community We Transform"/ "Nos Transformamos en Comunidad." We are entitled to send 9 delegates and the church will cover expenses. If you are interested, please contact the church office. <https://mennowdc.org/2024-annual-assembly/>.

Save the Date! Western District Women in Mission's annual Women's & Girls' Retreat will be Saturday/Sunday **September 7-8** at Camp Mennoscah. The keynote speaker will be Kristine Regehr on the topic of Peaceful Practices. More information will follow in July. Activities will be available for girls age 5th grade - high school and women of all ages! Come for a time of relaxation, peace, and friendship! Email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.





July Reminders

Worship

July 7-Michelle Jantz
Worship-Jim V.
Scripture-Randy P.
Pianist-Laurie
Song-Galen
Tech-Scott
Host-Brenda
Worship contact-Greg



July 14-Trent Voth
Worship-Jim V.
Scripture-Clinton
Pianist-Cynthia
Song-Galen
Tech-Mike
Host-Lee
Worship contact-Ruthie

July 21-Louis Goseland
Worship-Lori M.
Scripture-Katie
Pianist-Vicki
Song-Galen
Tech-Randy P.
Host-Kendal/Marjie
Worship contact-Lori M.

July 28-Kendal Warkentine
Worship-Linda
Scripture-David S.
Pianist-Amy
Song-Galen
Tech-Michelle
Host-Barb
Worship contact-Leslie

Greeters

July 7-Justin & Tiffany
July 14-Bob & Delaine
July 21-Jan; Wendy
July 28-Lori & Myron

Sanctuary Prep

July 7-Lori M.
July 14-Russ
July 21-Ruthie
July 28-Joanna

Nursery

July 7-Eldon & Annette
July 14-Jordon & Emily
July 21-Donovan & Laurie
July 28-Justin & Tiffany

Coffee

July 7-Bob & Delaine
July 14-Joanna
July 21-Chris B.
July 28-Clinton & Katie

Mowers

July 7-Randy P.
July 14-Jerold
July 21-Randy G.
July 28-Travis

Memorial Garden

July 1-13-Connie
July 14-27-Heidi H-L
July 28-July 31-Marcus