
HOPE HEADLINES

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Greetings to my siblings in Christ at Hope Mennonite Church!

I'm excited to join your congregation for a while as your next interim minister! It's been eight years since I've been a congregational pastor, so I'll be rusty at some of the tasks you'll need from me, but I trust that the Spirit will be at work among us.

I preached occasionally as part of my job as general manager at Newton Et Cetera Shop over the seven years I worked there, and over the past year I've led two spiritual retreats, preached here and there, and met with a couple for premarital counseling for their August wedding. I've also done a lot of substitute teaching, praying, walking and reading in the last year.

I'm looking forward to taking a short course from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary this fall entitled "Leading Congregations in Transition." I hope to gain a deeper understanding of how I can walk most faithfully and effectively with your church during our time together and also test out if I feel a call to this type of ministry.

I consider myself a lifelong learner and I expect to learn much from you all, as I have from each of the churches I've been part of. If you have a story or scripture passage that you feel reveals something about the life or culture or history or future or mission of Hope, I'm all ears!

I'll usually be at the church two days each week, and working from home another day, gladly receiving your calls. I'll learn from your congregation's way of being church—of discussing and discerning and worshiping and breaking bread and grieving and resting and serving and celebrating—and I'll offer you what I can.

A bit about me personally: I have three young adult children and I've been married for almost two years. I have a sweet older dog and am trying to convince my spouse to adopt a cat from the local Humane Society. I kept chickens for many years, but gave them to friends when I got married and started living between two homes. (I only have one home now, which is in North Newton.)

I love Jesus, roller coasters, dark chocolate, games, travel, music, gardening, eating and swimming. And I love the church, the body of Christ, for all its frailty, messes, wisdom and beauty. See you soon!
~~Sara Dick





We are happy to announce Hope Mini-Bible School will be held Saturday, August 17, 9:00 am- 12:00pm, and Sunday August 18, 12:00-3:00pm with a congregational lunch following the church service.

We suggest participation for ages 3-8. Activities will include story time and Bible verses, service projects, music, crafts, snacks, recreation. We will plan for approximately 15 children and also invite other grandparents to join us to help with the activities. The cost will be \$5 per child, payable on Saturday. The following Sunday the children will share what they learned with the congregation. Please register with the church office. We anticipate great fun and blessings with the children as they learn about Serving God and Serving Others. Mark your calendar for this event and register soon!

Laurie Regehr
 Connie Luty
 Shirlyn Graber
 Annette Chlumsky



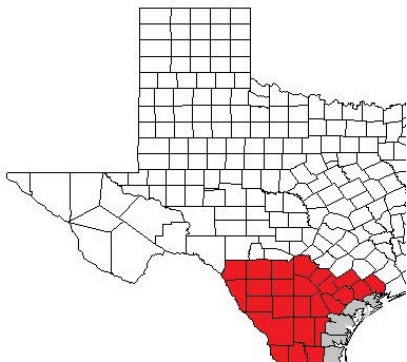
150 Years of Mennonites coming to the US – 1874-2024

Join in the celebration August 23-25 at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge KS
 August 23,

- ✓ 7 pm A keynote speech by Dr. Wynn Goering and “Singing 150 year of Schweitzer Mennonite Heritage” led by Dr. Austin McCabe Juhnke and Dr. William Eash.
- ✓ August 24 will have events all day including seminars, demonstrations, ethnic supper.
- ✓ At 7 pm come to Menno Night Live, a musical extravaganza with the Six Swiss Sisters, Chris Shaw (pipe organ), Flannelbacks, and September River.
- ✓ August 25 worship at 9:30 including a mass choir led by Dr. Nathan Stucky

Register at www.swissmennonite.org and sign up for the ethnic meal (\$25/plate; \$10/children)
 For many more details, check out the flyers on the bulletin board.

MCC immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas, Aug. 18-23: MCC learning tours present a unique opportunity to engage directly with the work done by MCC and partner organizations. The tour will give participants the chance to meet with law enforcement officials from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), gain insights into the complexity of immigration enforcement, including deportation and apprehensions, and visiting migrant response shelters. The tour will shed light on the challenges faced by migrants on their journey and raise awareness about the asylum process, and conditions faced by displaced and uprooted individuals. [Find out more and register for the trip by August 9. https://mcc.org/events/immigration-learning-tour-south-texas](https://mcc.org/events/immigration-learning-tour-south-texas) Questions, please contact Abraham Diaz Alonso, MCC Central States Immigration Program Coordinator at abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org.



Reminders...

Worship

August 4

Worship-Mike V.
Scripture-Margaret
Pianist-Ruthie
Song-Treva
Tech-Galen
Host-Brenda
Contact-Lori

August 11

Worship-Connie
Scripture-Ben
Pianist-Laurie
Song-Lowell
Tech-Mike V.
Host-Lee
Contact-Greg

August 18

Worship-Natalie
Scripture-Jim V.
Pianist-Cynthia
Song-Lowell
Tech-Randy P.
Host-Kendal/Marjie
Contact-Leslie

August 25

Worship-Mike V.
Scripture-Donna H.
Pianist-Vicki
Song-Lowell
Tech-Michelle
Host-Barb

Greeters

Aug. 4-Chris & Amy
Aug. 11-Jerold & Donna
Aug. 18-Jared & Natalie R.
Aug. 25-Marcus & Cynthia

Sanctuary prep

Aug 4-Connie
Aug 11-Lori M.
Aug 18-Russ G.
Aug 25-Ruthie

Nursery

Aug 4-Tyler & Shelby
Aug 11-Donna H. & Lily
Aug 18-Kevin & Taylor
Aug 25-Lori R, Amy

Coffee

Aug 4-Jerold
Aug 11-Cindy
Aug 18-Travis & Charity
Aug 25-Mike & Kim

Mowers

Aug 4-Jim B.
Aug 11-Grant
Aug 18-Scott
Aug 25-Randy P.

Memorial Garden

Aug 1-10-Marcus
Aug 11-24-Connie
Aug 25-31-Joanna