



Esau Forgives Jacob (Genesis 33:1–11)

SARAH FULLER

Hope Mennonite Church
January 26, 2025
9:30 am Worship
Renewal through Repentance

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

Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying:
"Now is the time."

Now is the time?

Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom!
Change your hearts and lives."

Change our hearts and lives?

Yes. Repent, and come clean with what you've done wrong
and the sin that weighs you down.

And this is good news?

God said, "If my people who belong to me will humbly pray, seek
my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from
heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

***Ah, this is good news! God's kingdom is now. Now is the
time to humbly pray, seek God's face, and turn from our
wicked ways. Then we will be forgiven and our land will be
healed.***

*Songs of Gathering

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns"

#101

"Could It Be that God Is Singing"

#42

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

Lori Miller

Scripture readings

Psalm 51:1-3,10-12; Mark 1:14-15;
2 Corinthians 7:8-11

"All My Trials" Gwyneth Walker

Choir

Message

"Have Mercy"

Sara Dick

Responding to God's Word

Intergenerational ritual: Repentance

"We Remember Them" Susan Labarr
(in honor of Anabaptism at 500)

Choir

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Seeing and Seeking Gods

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*"Lead Me Forth"

#837

*Benediction

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*Stand as you are able

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom. We continue with our worship series on the theme of renewal as we commemorate the five hundred years of Anabaptism.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Jim Voth

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader & choir director: Trae Gehring

Scripture reader: Wendy Wiens

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

Upcoming Worship Services

February 2 Anabaptism at 500 #3

February 9 Anabaptism at 500 #4

Ruth Harder – pastoral candidate

February 16 Guest speaker – Cleo Koop

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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Tuesday 9-4 pm; Friday 9-4 pm

Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9 -1:30 pm

Kim Friday 9-1 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 19

Attendance 96 (Hope 79 Zoom 17)

Offering last Sunday \$1,178

Year to date \$5,727

Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithe.ly**.
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 26-February 1)

Today -Annual congregational meeting
-Noon Fellowship meal

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study: Jesus takes a side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Jerold Heide



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Ben & Grace Parker Sutter

Next Sunday: Jared & Natalie Regehr

February 9: Donna Heide & Lily Harder



*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Adults in the sanctuary: The annual congregational meeting will be held during this time.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (February 2-8)

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study: Jesus takes a side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel

Friday/Sat -Ruth Harder candidating weekend

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Visitors & guests last Sunday: Greg & Nancy Parker; Maggie, Lily & Izzy Yoder; Dave Sutter

Star Words - If you were unable to pick up a Star Word for 2025, they are available on the literature table. You are encouraged to pick one up without looking at it first.

Thank you to the Pastor Search Committee for their faithful and diligent work in identifying a pastor candidate. We look forward to the next step of the candidating weekend. Pastor Search Committee members: Katie Chlumsky (chair), Chris Bellar, Ruthie Goering, Jason Jantz, Scott Luty, Tiffany Regehr and Myron Regier.

Everyone is invited to the annual congregational meeting. All regular attendees, whether members or not, are encouraged to participate and vote. Following the meeting, we will gather for a soup luncheon provided by our Care & Nurture Commission. Thank you to those who brought salads/dessert.

You are invited to the 2025 Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Annual Celebration on **February 14 – 15**, at the Ridgepoint Church, 8000 W 21st St, in Wichita, KS. MDS is celebrating 75 years of Responding, Rebuilding, Restoring after disasters. The event is FREE, including meals. Tours have a fee. For more information go to the website MDS.ORG. Registration deadline is **tomorrow**, January 27. See Eldon Chlumsky for registration forms and more.

The Great Winter Warm-Up is back! Spread warmth around the world this winter by helping MCC reach a goal of 7000 comforters by the end of March. You can sponsor, donate one (or more!) comforters, or attend a comforter event to tie in community with others! If you host an event in your home, church or community please let tinaschrag@mcc.org know about it (we've got some small gifts for those who host events!). Check mcc.org/great-winter-warm-up for instructions, coloring pages for kids and more!

Prayers for the Wider Church:

... Please pray for members of Western District Conference Church Planting Commission as they express financial needs to match their creative thinking and planning.

... Pray for the Mennonite churches in Uruguay as they support leadership transitions to younger generations and discern ways to share their faith in a highly secular context.

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ANABAPTISM
at **FIVE HUNDRED**

Sharing Prayers & Praise
January 19, 2024

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Work of the Church

- * Ruthie Goering shared some history on our “Sharing Our Hope” banners. The tradition was started in 1985 by our founding pastor, Marvin Zehr and the first ones were made by Jeannie Zehr. Since then, 33 people have been involved in creating our banners. The individual symbols recognize significant events in the life of members of the congregation.
- * Myron Regier shared about the role of the Pastor Congregation Relations Committee. They enhance communication with the pastors; coordinate congregational reviews; and are open to ideas from the congregation. Members include Lee Schmucker and Bob Stolze.

“We Remember Them”

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer;
At the op’ning of the buds and in rebirth of spring;
At the rising of the sun and at is going down;
We remember them, we remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter;
At the rustling of the leaves and beauty of autumn time;
At the start of the yeas and when it ends;
We remember them, we remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live.
We are a part of them.

When we are weary and in need of strength;
When we are lost and sick at heart;
When we have joy we crave to share;
We remember them, we remember them.

We are excited to welcome Ruth Harder as a pastor candidate at Hope. She and her husband Jesse will be here February 7-9 for a candidating weekend. Please see the schedule below. Please note the specific time slots for certain groups as well as opportunities for the entire congregation to participate. The Pastor Search Committee and Vision Council Hope that you can join us.

Friday Feb 7th:

- 4:30 –5:30 pm Meet office staff
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm Pastor Search Committee (welcome to stay for dinner)
- 6:30 – 8:00 pm Dinner with Vision Council (Jesse invited)

Saturday Feb 8th: Open House - specific meeting times with groups

- 8:30 – 9:30 am Worship Commission
- 9:30 - 10:30 am Deacons and PCRC
- 10:30 – 10:45 am Break
- 10:45 – 11:45 am Stewardship and Witness and Outreach
- 11:45 am - 1 pm Lunch break on own
- 1- 2 pm Discipleship and Care & Nurture
- 2- 3 pm Young Adults (provide childcare)
- 3 – 3:45 pm Tour the facility (tour offered by children)
- 3:45– 4 pm Break
- 4 – 6 pm Open Reception Coffee hour With Cuppa Hope (Jesse Invited)

Sunday February 9th

- Ruth will provide a sermon during worship
- Final dessert auction – Cuppa Hope
- Sunday School Hour (virtual option available)
 - Discipleship Studio for Ruth and Jesse

Monday February 10th

- Send any additional or follow up questions to Moderator
- Encourage Small groups to meet
- Absentee ballot distributed – due by 5 pm Friday, February 14th

Sunday February 16th

- Congregational meeting to vote on calling Ruth to ministry