
HOPE HEADLINES

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“A Good Word”

“Take a Child to Work Day” is celebrated on April 24 this year, the fourth Thursday of the month. Will any of you be taking a child to work with you that day? I’d love to hear about it from anyone who does!

The day began in 1993 as “Take Our Daughters to Work Day” to “provide a way to make girls visible, valued, and heard in the workforce.” In 2003, the event was expanded to include boys, though boys actually were included long before then. The current purpose of the annual event is to “empower young people to take bold steps toward their dreams, fostering the confidence and resilience they need to succeed.”

When my daughter was younger, I often took her to work with me, occasionally preparing a sermon in the sanctuary while she played with our dog among the pews. (We were hoping for St. Francis’s blessing with a pet in the sanctuary?) I suspect my daughter still didn’t *really* know what I did as a pastor, and I suspect that many of you might also wonder what in the world a pastor does for 30 or 40 hours a week!

My memo of understanding spells out categories of activity for my work week, but much of my work week *looks* like sitting (or standing) still: in front of a computer, in front of a Bible or commentary, in a meeting with coworkers or congregants or other pastors, or in prayer—not very exciting to watch! And not very good for one’s health, if not broken up with a walk or a meal or a friendly visit.

The primary movement in ministry—which is hard to see with one’s eyes or measure at the end of a week—is of the Spirit. That doesn’t let pastors off the hook for doing good work, but it puts the power and the credit where it belongs: with God.

Meanwhile, if I were to take a child to work with me today, I’m afraid it wouldn’t readily “empower them to take bold steps toward their dreams.” It would more likely bore them to tears and leave them asking to play outside or to enjoy a snack!

I pray, though, that Hope’s children (and adults) feel empowered by the Holy Spirit in their time at Hope—through worship, fellowship and faith formation—and with that confidence can explore their talents and find their

path to contribute to God’s reign on earth. Maybe even as a pastor.



SAVE THE DATE

October will mark the 40th anniversary of Hope Mennonite Church.

Please save October 11 & 12 for our celebration.

A committee is working

on more details and will keep the congregation informed with the plans as they develop.

Join Hope’s Easter Choir



Even if you are not a regular participant in our church choir, please consider this special invitation to sing with us on Easter Sunday, April 20.

Rehearsals will be April 2, 9, 16. If you can’t make all three rehearsals, come for those you can. Contact Cynthia Loganbill if you have any questions.

Attention all Hope women!

Care and Nurture has invited Pastor Kay Schroeder to be the guest speaker at our Women’s Spring Salad Luncheon. Kay will speak on the topic of joy and will also minister to us with music.

The date is Saturday, April 26, 2025. Lunch will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by Kay’s presentation.



Please bring a salad to share and think about inviting a friend, neighbor, or relative to join us.

Please R.S. V.P. by Wednesday, April 23 either by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, or contacting the church office.

Let’s celebrate a joyous spring together!

MennoCon 2025

Hope is still seeking 3 individuals to attend as delegates on behalf of the congregation. All registration and travel costs will be paid for by Hope.

The Follow Jesus 25 convention will take place July 8-12, 025, at Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC.

In addition to ensuring Hope has a voice in decisions at our conference level, there are additional opportunities for networking, learning, engaging worship, Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism, and more!

Monday, July 7. National Organizing Training: Mennonite Action is holding a national organizing training in **Raleigh, NC** preceding this year's Mennonite Convention.

Tuesday July 8: Women in Leadership Summit

Wednesday/Thursday July 9 & 10: Conference sessions

Friday July 11: Delegate Session

**Additional Information:

<https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>

Additional info on Mennonite Action Training: [Mennonite Action is holding a national organizing training](#)

If you are interested, please contact Michelle Jantz at Moderator@hopemennonite.org

FOLLOW JESUS 25



Witness and Outreach Commission

Did you know? Government assistance does not cover basic hygiene items such as soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo, feminine hygiene, or laundry detergent.

Simply Hygiene is a local 501(c)3 organization that distributes hygiene products to over 200 schools and 87 organizations in the local area. Family Promise is one of the organizations that benefits from these distributions.

“Our mission at Simply Hygiene is to empower people with essential hygiene products that promote

health and hope.” These products are distributed in a way that protects the dignity of the recipients.

Ways to support this organization include donating products from a list provided, donating money (they actually can buy cheaper in bulk), hosting a Hygiene Drive to collect hygiene items, and volunteering with Simply Hygiene.

One of the small groups at Hope has volunteered at their warehouse several times and found this to be a very rewarding experience.

You can find more information on Simply Hygiene at www.simplyhygiene.com. Also, a few information sheets have been placed on the Witness/Outreach bulletin board.



Justice Together Gets Things Done

Due to the great turnout of over 1,400 people at the May 2024 Justice Together's Nehemiah Assembly, and team work with the Homeless Task Force, ComCare, the Substance Abuse Center of Kansas our local and state officials were encouraged (and prodded) to make some good things happen in a short time:

- *Most recently, the Wichita City Council approved and is in the process of implementing the **City of Wichita ID Card!** This low barrier ID will help many marginalized people when seeing employment, shelter and benefits.*
- *There are now six fully functioning **Integrated Care Teams** (a mental health professions, EMS member and police officer) to answer crisis emergency calls. They can now operate 24/7 instead of just weekdays.*
- ***Substance Abuse Center of Kansas** can hire and train case managers to mentally ill and other individuals make appointments and navigate the*

transportation system to keep up with their physical and mental health issues.

- **ComCare's Psychiatric Care** is now available 24/7 instead of just weekdays.

Justice Together continues working towards a fully funded and sustainable Multi Agency Center to provide both shelter and accessibility to agencies that provide assistance for people in need. Justice Together is also researching and coming up with possible ways to deal with the Affordable Housing issue.

Thanks for all your continued support! Please make plans to attend the 2025 Nehemiah Assembly on Thursday, May 8 at 6 PM at the WSU Metroplex to help build a large powerful voice to keep Justice moving forward!



April Reminders...

Worship Participants

April 6

Worship-Connie
Scripture-Leah
Pianist-Amy
Song-Steve
Prep-Joanna
Tech-Scott
Host-Barb

April 13-Palm Sunday

Worship-Sara
Scripture-Connie
Pianist-Laurie
Song-Galen
Prep-Connie
Tech-Mike V.
Host-Lee

April 17-Maundy Thursday

April 20-Easter

Worship-Mike V.
Scripture-Vicki
Pianist-Ruthie
Song-Trae
Prep-Lori M.
Tech-Galen
Host-Kendal/Marjie

April 27

Worship-Mike V.
Scripture-Greg
Pianist-Amy
Song-Adam
Prep-Russ G.
Tech-Grant
Host-Brenda L.

Nursery

April 6-Clinton & Katie
April 13-Jared & Natalie
April 20-Mike & Val
April 27-Justin & Tiffany

Coffee

April 6-Bob & Delaine
April 13-Jerold
April 20-Annette
April 27-Clinton & Katie

Front Door Greeters

April 6-Justin & Tiffany
April 13-Bob & Delaine
April 20-Jan W.; Wendy
April 27-Myron & Lori

Sanctuary Greeters







April 6-Michelle J.; Margaret
April 13-Clinton & Katie
April 20-Jim & Barb
April 27-Jerold/Donna; Chris T.

Mowers

April 6-Randy P.
April 13-Jerold
April 20-Randy G.
April 27-Travis



April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2:00pm Women's Bible Study	2 Elisha Miller 7:00pm Choir	3 7:00pm Women's Bible Study via zoom	4	5 Sandwich Saturday Reserved Event
6 Leon & Treva Greaser	7 Russ & Berni Ronnebaum	8 2:00pm Women's Bible Study 11:00am 40th Committee	9	10 7:00pm Hopeful Blues rehearsal	11 	12 
Inquiry class-Sunday school-Library						
13 	14	15 2:00pm Women's Bible Study	16	17 6:30pm 	18	19 Cynthia Loganbill
	7:00pm Music Committee	7:00pm Women's Bible Study	7:00pm Choir			
20 Jeremy & Victoria Koop	21 Zoya Koop Leslie James	22	23	24 7:00pm Women's Bible Study via zoom	25 Vicki Howard	26
		7:00pm Worship	7:00pm Choir			
27	28	29 Shelby Kaufman 1:00pm Deacons	30 7:00pm Choir	