



An Upside-Down Kingdom (Matthew 5:3-12)

DONA PARK

Hope Mennonite Church

May 25, 2025

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

We gather as many individuals,

yet we are one body.

We come from many places,

yet we come to one place.

We gather as God's many children,

yet we are one church.

We are one body, in this place, as God's church. Alleluia!

*Songs of Gathering

"Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah"

#95

"God of Our Strength"

#47

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

Sara Dick

Preparing to hear God's Word

Open our ears

to hear your word.

Open our eyes

to see your presence.

Open our arms

to the embrace of community.

Open our minds

to the beauty of truth.

Open our hearts

to the joy of new life.

Scripture (Common English)

Matthew 6:5-15

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

#398

Responding to God’s Word

*“Seek Ye First”#417

- 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
- Prayers of God’s People

Sending

*“The Church’s One Foundation”#397

- *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 series on the Sermon on the Mount.

Worship Participants

- Worship leader: Jim Voth
- Pianist: Ruthie Goering
- Song leader: Galen Fast
- Scripture reader: Chris Bellar
- Worship tech: Michelle Jantz
- Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

- June 1Guest speaker, Josué Coy Dick
- June 8Pentecost Sunday
- June 15Guest speakers

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Tuesday 1-9 pm; Thursday 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 that we are given.

May 18

Attendance 84(Hope 79 Zoom 5)

Offering last Sunday \$1,732

Year to date \$84,080

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$107,692

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 (May 25-31)

Tuesday -7 pm Worship Commission



Mower this week – Randy Pinkerton

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Greg & Dawn Epp



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Jordon & Emily Regehr

Next Sunday: TBD

June 8: Donna Heide, Lily Harder

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (June 1-7)

Monday -9 am 40th anniversary committee

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (we need 14 dozen cookies)

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The 2024-25 Sunday school year has concluded. Classes for all ages will resume after Labor Day following our summer break.

Our next Family Promise hosting will be June 8-15. The Signup will be available on Sunday, May 25. Please look at your calendars and make plans to assist with hosting our families next month. If you have been involved with Family Promise in the past or if you would like to join us as a new volunteer, please see Marcus, Travis, or Vicki for information and links to on-line training. Volunteers are needed to provide meals, drive the van, prepare rooms, stay overnight, and spend time with the families over the supper hour.

Consider this: Coffee with Friends is Cheaper than Therapy! Are you discovering you now have more time for things you love? Perhaps your “to do” list now includes more time gathering with friends and friends you would like to get to know better. This invitation is for Hope women of all ages who enjoy informal conversation with no agenda, no pressure, for an opportunity to connect, unwind, and share informal conversation. Feel free to invite neighbors, relatives, and other friends! The first Hope Women Coffee With Friends was delightful and therapeutic! Please join us for the next gathering Monday, **June 9**, 8:30 a.m. at MOXIE Junction at 319 S. Park in Maize. You might consider visiting their website and reading about their mission. See you there!

The May issue of *Anbaptist World* has arrived and copies are available on the front table. The theme is “Tender Words for Fearful Skeptics.” There are also a few more copies of the devotional “Rejoice.”

There is firewood available to anyone who can use it. You will find a stack on the south of our property. Help yourself!

The May 2025 Nehemiah Assembly was powerful! It brought together 1,250 of Sedgwick County's faithful and with that show of unity, real commitments for justice were won! Thanks to the 40 Hope people that showed up! Here's what was accomplished:

- Four members of the Wichita City Council committed to monthly meetings with Justice Together to improve and expand the Affordable Housing Fund—with the goal of reaching \$10 million in ongoing funding.
- County Commissioner Ryan Baty committed to ensuring that every Sedgwick County resident will have access to a low-barrier photo ID by the end of this year.
- Unfortunately, County Commissioner Baty could not commit to introducing a line item in the FY26 budget for a minimum of \$500,000 cash, annually, for the operating budget at the Multi-Agency Center. But the Commissioner did emphasize that the County Commission is in the process of working with the MAC Board to provide funding for medical services at the Center.

Nursery age update: Please note that the nursery age has been updated. It is for infants through children until they turn 5.

The MCC Lunch & Learn is back! Join us on Tuesday, **June 17** from 12-1 p.m. at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St.). Becky Teiwes, MCC Central State's Borderlands Program Coordinator will share about courage, compassion, and faithfulness as MCC continues to work with partners and churches at the U.S./Mexico border. Lunch will be provided for a suggested donation of \$10-\$15.

Please RSVP by June 9 at mcc.org/events/lunch-learn-mcc-partners-usmexico-border or by calling the office at 316.283.2720.

It's a Party! 🎉 Announcing Summer Story Days 2025. Join WDC Resource Library staff for stories and come & go activities for ages 3-8 and their caregivers. **New this year: Virtual participation with mailed craft kits available**--sign up for virtual participation at forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6. No sign up for in-person activities in North Newton. Join us June 7, July 12, and August 9. See the flyer on the bulletin for more information or contact Jennie at crilib@mennowdc.org.

Prayers for the wider church

...Please pray for undocumented persons in church plants that have anxiety about being able to remain safe. -Western District Conference Church Planting Commission

...Next month, Laura (**former Hope attendee**) and Nick Sharp, and their children, Jesse (8) and Brielle (5), plan to begin a year-long assignment in La Mesa, Colombia, where they will serve alongside the Colombia Mennonite Church and its school, *Colegio Americano Menno* (American Menno School.) Pray for them as they prepare for cross-cultural learning, work with English language enrichment and other roles.

...The Brethren in Christ Church in the United Kingdom is experiencing growth, due to an influx in members who have been immigrating from Zimbabwe. Pray for this church as it recovers its Anabaptist heritage, gains new vitality through the faithfulness of immigrants and learns how to become a multicultural people of God.