
HOPE HEADLINES

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“A Good Word”

Install (and uninstall); (catch) and release.

Hope’s Vision Council had some good laughs a couple of months ago thinking about the odd way the church talks about pastors beginning (being “installed”) and ending (being “released” from) ministry with a congregation. At the end of June, I’ll be released from ministry at Hope (or *uninstalled*, if you like!) and you’ll be without a pastor for just a few weeks before Ruth arrives and is installed (or *caught*, if you like!).

Plans are in the works for worship during the gap, including your own Hopeful Blues and chaplain Dawn Yoder Harms from Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton. Hope’s worship commission has worked extraordinarily diligently over the past three years, first to support sabbatical pastor Susan Jantzen during pastor Dave’s sabbatical, and then to support your interim pastors after pastor Dave’s passing.

Deacons will be available to you during the gap between pastors, as they generally are, for care needs. If you’re not sure who your deacon is or how to contact them, please check the deacon list included with this newsletter or on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall (bright yellow paper). If you don’t find your name on the list, perhaps because you’ve declined having a mailbox, please let the office know that you’d like to be added to a deacon’s list! The deacons, too, have put in “overtime” helping to orient your short-term pastors.

The time of waiting for a new settled pastor has gone longer than surely you had hoped, with every commission and committee working faithfully to sustain the many ministries of Hope Mennonite Church during this extended pastoral transition time. The time is now short until your next settled pastor arrives! I trust these last weeks of waiting will be joyful as you welcome guest preachers and those among you sharing your many gifts in ministry.

My time with you since last August has been a rich blessing to me. After an eight-year break from church ministry, I’ve been so grateful to Hope for your warm welcome of my presence with you in worship, in work, in

fellowship, and in prayer. I’m already feeling the pangs of grief as well as the swell of gratitude for this church. Your acceptance and embrace as a congregation has left its imprint on me and will serve me well as I exit Hope and enter ministry elsewhere

On July 7, I’ll begin working at Manhattan Mennonite Church to cover for their pastor Melissa Atchison’s three-month sabbatical. I’ll be a part-time Manhattan resident, staying with a congregant a few nights a week and at my home in North Newton the rest of the time. During those three months, I’ll spend a week at the KINEO Center in Puerto Rico with my husband Eric Buller, who will also be on sabbatical this fall.

I’m not sure yet if I’ll be able to join you for your 40th Anniversary Celebration in October, but you will be in my prayers as you prepare for this celebration. I’m confident that you will be blessed by the presence of your past *and present* settled pastors, as well as the connections you’ll make and the stories you’ll tell!

May God bless you, Hope Mennonite Church, as you continue becoming the church God calls you to be!

~~Interim pastor Sara Dick



Our spring graduates

Lily Harder-May 18, Maize South High School

Kaci Wilson- May 18, KU with a Doctor of Medicine

Natalie Regehr- May 18, KU with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy



MC USA Convention

We are entitled to send three delegates to our denomination’s biennial convention July 8-12 in the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. This year Barb Voth, Renetta Gooden & Lee Schmucker will be representing us in the delegate session which will be held on Friday, July 11.



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!



Care and Nurture Announcements

Upcoming are some significant events in the life of our Hope congregation. You will want to mark your calendars for these fellowship opportunities!

1. Sunday, **June 29** will be Pastor Sara's last Sunday with us. Several of our in-house Grill Masters have consented to grill up burgers and hotdogs to make our picnic farewell more festive. Care and Nurture will provide the meat, buns, chips, drinks, and dessert. The congregation is asked to bring sides/salads to compliment the picnic meal. Bring blankets to eat outside and dress casually to enjoy the outside lawn games. Tables and chairs will also be set up.
2. Pastor Ruth will be starting July 21 with her installation service on Sunday, **August 3**. During coffee time on August 3 there will be a light breakfast reception of breads, fruits, nuts, and cheese to welcome her.
3. Pastor Ruth's first Sunday at the pulpit is **August 10**. Cuppa Hope will be serving delightful hot and cold drinks starting at 8:45 through coffee time.
4. Just a reminder of Hope's 40th Anniversary Celebration. Saturday, October 11 will be a social time with a reception and Sunday, October 12 there will be a catered lunch following the service.
5. Our annual church retreat to Camp Mennoscah is Sunday, **October 26**. This will again be a one-day event due to the ongoing construction of the Retreat Center.



Mennonite
Central
Committee

Upcoming opportunities!

MCC school kits for South Texas, June 18, 6-8 p.m. Bring your kids, grandkids, and friends to MCC (121 E. 30th St, North Newton) for a fun evening of packing school kits for MCC partner The Sidewalk School. Hear about this partner from MCC Borderlands Program Coordinator, Becky Teiwes and for extra summer fun, enjoy hand-made ice cream from Salted Creamery at the end of the evening. Donations welcome to help cover the cost of school kit materials. For more info: mcc.org/events/school-kits-south-texas or call 316.283.2720.

Sewing Days of Summer, June 20 from 5-8 p.m. and June 21 from 8:30 a.m. -12 p.m. All sewers are welcome to come to MCC (121 E. 30th St, North Newton)! Bring your own projects or sew kit bags/comforters/dignity kits for MCC, everyone from beginners to experts are welcome! Bring your kids or grandkids and pass along the joy of sewing. Please RSVP online at mcc.org/events/sewing-days-summer or call Brocia at 316.836.5054.



UPDATE by Louis Gosland,
Lead Organizer
The 2025 Nehemiah
Assembly brought together

1,250 of Sedgwick County's faithful, and with that show of unity, we won real commitments for justice. Here's what we accomplished together:

- Wichita City Council Members Ballard, Hoheisel, and Tuttle committed to monthly meetings with us 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.
- While we did not secure his support to fund the Multi-Agency Center, Commissioner Baty gave us a clear "no"—which helps clarify the next steps in our campaign.

These commitments build on the powerful wins from just one year ago, at our first Nehemiah Assembly:

- A peer support and transportation program has expanded to serve over 300 people facing addiction and mental illness.
- A low-barrier photo ID program is now available to every resident of Wichita.
- COMCARE's 24/7 mobile mental health crisis team has responded 632 times in the past six months alone—providing trauma-informed care and helping 352 people recover safely at home.

All of this is the result of people of faith coming together to answer the sacred call to “do justice.” We want to celebrate *you*—and all that you and your fellow network members have done in this shared labor of love.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for our Annual Celebration: Thursday, June 12th

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

7901 W. 21st, Wichita 🕒 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

And because no good party is complete without good food and great company, let us know you're coming—by filling out this brief form

tinyurl.com/celebratejusticetogether

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Deacon list

Eldon Chlumsky

Byron & Leona Adrian

Chris & Amy Bellar; Luke

Donna Bradbury

Ruthie Goering

Jason Jantz; Daniel

Heidi Johnson

Karin Koch

Dave & Lori Miller

Katrina Miller

Elisha Miller

Steve & Sharon Pankratz

Randy & Joanna Pinkerton

Jordon & Emily Regehr; Hudson, Haydon, Holden

Justin & Tiffany Regehr; Logan, Landon, Leyton

Carole Stevens

Bob & Delaine Stolzle

Hailey & Chase Stucky; Emberlyn

Kim & Mike Voth

Margaret Wiebe

Jan Worley

Jim & Barb Voth

Randall & Amy Zerger

Jim & Barb Voth

Samuel & Jessica Agoitia; Oso, Boaz

Lowell & Dianne Birkey

Annie Carlson

Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

Mary Ford

Russ Gooden

Randy & Shirlyn Graber

Leon & Treva Greaser

Ryan & Brenda Henneberg; Oaty

Rod Kremer

Lauren Kremer

Cecil & Brenda Lilliston

Scott & Connie Luty

Donovan & Laurie Regehr

Dave Schmidt

Marvin & Lee Schmucker

Shenise & Cris Weimer; Hadly, Emlyn

Wendy Wiens

Karen Zehr

Steve & Sharon Pankratz

Jim & Twila Blakely

Greg & Dawn Epp; Isaac

Galen & Cindy Fast

Bethany Gipson

Tammy Goering

Renetta Gooden

Kendra Gooden

Natalie Hand

Scott & Stephanie Harder; Lily

Leslie James

Jeremy & Victoria Koop; Amelia, Zoya

Adam Kroeker

Carol Preheim

Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill

Jared & Natalie Regehr

Myron & Lori Regier

David Schmidt

Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

Gordon & Sherry Tolle

Joanna Pinkerton

Grant Bellar

Alison Boese; Hailey, Kloie

Clinton & Katie Chlumsky; Ellie, Owe

Travis Cox & Charity Kennedy

Jerold & Donna Hei

Steve & Vicki Howa

Arlene Jantz

Michelle Jantz

Heidi Johnson-Law

Tyler & Shelby Kaufman; Charlott
 Mick & Kathleen Lehman
 Carol Matulka
 Mike & Val Mayta
 Ben & Grace Parker Sutter; Simeon, Miles
 Laura Quezad
 Russ & Berni Ronnebaum
 Kevin & Taylor Sechrist; Hudson, Riley
 Chris Teufel
 Audrey Unruh
 Kendal & Marjie Warkentine



For June...

Worship

June 1

W Leader-Jim V.
 Scripture-Justin
 Pianist-Cynthia
 Song-Adam
 Children Story-Katie
 Prep-Russ G.
 Tech-Scott
 Host-Brenda

June 8

W Leader-Renetta
 Scripture-Lee
 Pianist-Laurie
 Song-Adam
 Children's Story-Ruthie
 Prep-Ruthie
 Tech-Mike V.
 Host-Lee

June 15

W Leader-Sara
 Scripture-Lowell
 Pianist-Amy
 Song-Galen
 Children's Story-Sara
 Prep-Joanna
 Tech-Michelle
 Host-Kendal/Marjie

June 22

W Leader-Lori M.
 Scripture-Ruthie
 Pianist-Vicki
 Song-Adam
 Children's Story-Natalie R.
 Prep-Connie
 Tech-Galen
 Host-Barb

June 29-Sara's last Sunday

W Leader-Lori M.
 Scripture-Barb
 Pianist-Ruthie
 Song-Steve
 Children's Story-Sara
 Prep-Lori M.
 Tech-Grant
 Host-Renetta

Front Door Greeters

June 1-Jared & Natalie
 June 8-Steve & Vicki
 June 15-Clinton & Katie
 June 22-Eldon & Annette
 June 29-Greg & Dawn

Sanctuary Greeters

June 1-Marvin & Lee
 June 8-Steve & Sharon
 June 15- Jared & David S.
 June 22-Donovan & Laurie
 June 29-Emily & Jordon

Nursery

June 1-TBD
 June 8-Donna H.; Lily
 June 15-Donovan & Laurie
 June 22-Ben & Grace
 June 29-Justin & Tiffany

Coffee

June 1-Greg & Dawn
 June 8-Greg & Dawn
 June 15-Joanna
 June 22-Chris B
 June 29-Scott & Connie

Mowers

June 1-Randy P.
 June 8-Jerold
 June 15-Randy G.
 June 22-Travis
 June 29-Grant

