# Celebration Weekend October 11-12, 2025

Sharing and Fellowship Saturday, October 11, 2025 2:00-5:00 pm

2-3 pm Sharing and stories from our former pastors
Marvin Zehr, Matt Friesen, Linda Ewert, Doug Luginbill,
Brett Dewey, Carole Stevens

Worship Sunday, October 12, 2025 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Gathering to Worship

Preservice Music Hopeful Blues

Prelude Hopeful Blues

Welcome Ruth Harder

Call to Worship Marvin Zehr

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Invocation Marvin Zehr

\*Songs of Gathering Living Stones Great is Thy Faithfulness

#### Hearing God's Word

Children's Time Carole Stevens

Children's Choir

I Peter 3:15 by Nathaniel Yoder Choir

Scripture litany

Meditation Back to the Future Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Goodness

\*The Lord Lift You Up

Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Prayer Linda Ewert

L: God of life, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

N: We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs.

S: We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love to this world.

All: And with these offerings, we give ourselves; may we live with generous hearts and open hands. Amen.

Words of Welcome and Greeting

Praise His Holy Name by Keith Hampton Choir

Prayers of Gratitude and Praise

Matt Friesen Brett Dewey

Give thanks to God, who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the church universal, and for this congregation of your people, thank you, God.

<sup>\*</sup>Rain Down

For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer, witness and service, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank you, God.

For disciples young and old who have been nurtured here in faith, thank you, God.

For the faithful who have led and loved us, and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us all for the work of ministry, thank you, God.

For all the saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness, thank you, God.

Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through which you have led us, and open us to the future you promise. Give thanks to God, who is good. God's love is everlasting. Praise be to God.

Invitation and Prayer for the meal and fellowship

\*Praise God From Whom

\*Benedictions

Postlude Hopeful Blues

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Worship leader: Ruth Harder

Hopeful Blues musicians: Laurie Regehr, Rod Kremer, Eldon Chlumsky, Leon

Greaser, Galen Fast

Song leader: Treva Greaser

Choir directors: Trae Gehring; Laurie Regehr

Worship tech: Mike Voth Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Fellowship meal

12-2 pm

# Hope Mennonite Church Meeting Places



McCollom Elementary School 1985—1986



Medical Arts Building 1986—1989



868 N. Maize Road 1989—Present

#### **Charter Members**

(In original signatory order)

Marvin Zehr \*Marjorie Warkentine
Jeannie Zehr \*Kendal L. Warkentine

William L. Goering
Sharon K. Goering
\*Ruth Goering
Turned L. Trail
\*Wendy Wiens
Russ Fast
Jim Goering
Lucy Gerber
Norma Jean Goering
Grant Unrau
Richard Goering
Janelle Unrau

Ida Oliphant\*Bernice RonnebaumDe Vonne Abrahams\*Annette ChlumskyRex W. Abrahams\*Eldon L. ChlumskyCindy Pauls\*Donna Funk-HeideRod Pauls\*Jerold HeideSidney NeufeldKathryn RegierStan NeufeldGary Regier

\*Lori Regier Douglas Voran Gloria Jost \*Myron Regier Viola Kuhns **Garry Jost** Stan Kuhns Angela S. Miller Harvey Bradbury Bruce A. Miller Hadley Bradbury Rosalie Voth \*Donna Bradbury Don Regier J. Clyde Bradbury Lisa Regier Marjorie Bradbury Robin T. Wray

Douglas C Bradbury

Yvonne Coulter

Carla J. Brooks

Lance E. Brooks

Craig C. Coulter

Kathy Knak

Ron Knak

Robert Dietterich

\*Mary Stucky

## All-Staff List

1985-2025

**Pastors** 

Marvin Zehr January 1985 – August 1992

Founding pastor

John Gaeddert 1989 -1991

Pulpit Supply Pastor

Richard Ratzlaff September 1992 - January 1994

Interim pastor

Matthew C Friesen January 1994 – April 2001

Second pastor

Linda Ewert July 1999 - June 2006

Associate pastor

<sup>\*</sup>indicates charter members still attending Hope Mennonite Church, 2025

Don Steelberg April 2001 – April 2002

Interim Pastor

Douglas Luginbill July 2002 - July 2009

Third pastor

Ray Reimer September 2009 – February 2010

Interim Pastor

**Brett Dewey** March 2010 – June 2013

Fourth pastor

Mike Bogard August 2013-November 2014

Interim pastor

Dave Stevens November 2014-September 2022

Fifth Pastor

Randy Quinn October 2022-May 2024

Interim pastor

Heidi Greenwood Doell July-August 2024

Summer preacher

Sara Dick August 2024-June 2025

Interim pastor

**Ruth Harder** July 2025-present

Sixth pastor

Sabbatical Pastors

Rich Ratzlaff June 15 – July 20, 1997

**Howard Habegger** February 13 – March 5, 2000 April 8 – August 5, 2007 Leslie James Brenda Glanzer Lilliston April 22 – August 5, 2007 Eric Buller June-September 2018 June-September 2022

Susan Jantzen

**Interns & Ministry Students** 

Duane Miller June – August 1991

Pastoral Ministries Program – Hesston College

June – August 1992 Mark Frye

Ministry Inquiry Program –Bethel College

June – August 1994 Regina Henry

Ministry Inquiry Program – Bethel College

Minda Kaufman June – August 1998

Ministry Inquiry Program – Eastern Mennonite College

Ruth Penner Spring 1999

Field Experience – St. Paul School of Theology

Leslie James January - June 2004 Pastoral Intern – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Peter Goerzen June – August 2006

Ministry Inquiry Program – Bethel College

Jennie Warkentine Summer 2007

Explore program – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Spring - Summer 2009 Gary Brown

Pastoral Ministries Program

Office Secretaries

Robin Wray Fall 1985-1992 Donna Bradbury 1986-1989

Cynthia Loganbill October 1989 – present Kim Voth February 2003 - present

**Choir Directors** 

Bo Howard April 1987-May 1995

Larry Penner September 1995-May 1996
Diana Funk September 1996-May 2003
Joel Garber September 2003-May 2004
Chris Shaw September 2004-May 2005

William Eash Fall 2005

Dan Graber January 2006-May 2008

Nate Yoder September 2008-December 2011

Evan Koch January 2012-May 2015
Braden Unruh September 2015-May 2018
Kendrick Weaver September 2018-May 2022
Trae Gehring September 2022-present

### Significant Events

1985 - present

1985 February 2 --First small group meets with founding pastor Marvin Zehr

April 20 -- Church named during retreat at Camp Mennoscah

May 19 -- First Sunday morning service at McCollum Elementary School

October 6 -- Hope Mennonite Church Charter Sunday

December -- Hope Headlines begins.

1986 July 13 -- Hope moves to medical building at Maple & Maize Road

December 15 -- Land purchased for church building

1987 July 26 -- Land dedication and service of the stones

1988 July -- South African worship service and dinner with Jonathan Larson

1989 March 5 -- Groundbreaking service (very cold!)

April 7 -- T-Shirt booth begins at Kansas MCC Sale

July 16 -- Cornerstone is laid

October 8 -- Church building dedication.

1990 February -- 10<sup>th</sup> Man presents \$20,000 toward the building

March -- Hope people help clean up after the Hesston tornado

September -- \$15,000 given by 10<sup>th</sup> Man September -- Venture Club begins

November -- Children plant trees bought from their offerings

1991 January -- Longest church meeting in history to discuss whether or not

blinds should be hung at the front of the sanctuary

June 9 -- Dedication of the basement

1992	April 21 First Annual Women's Salad Supper August 30 Farewell service for Marvin & Jeannie Zehr September 6 Rich Ratzlaff called as transitional pastor (January 9,1994)
1993	March 10 Wednesday night Hope Friends begins June Hope hosts 1 <sup>st</sup> Vacation Bible School – Marketplace AD December 12 – Brenda Glanzer's ordination
1994	January 9Matt Friesen called and licensed as pastor (April 2001). September 3"Youth Fellowship" begins
1995	October Congregation approves mission statement: "Hope Mennonite is an Anabaptist family of believers whom God calls to follow Jesus Christ and to discern the activity and direction of the Holy Spirit in our lives and community."  December 17 Matt Friesen's ordination
1996	November 2 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Craft Bazaar November 24 Completion of church interior
1997	May 14 First trip to Mosey Challenge Course by Middle School youth group
1998	May Church consultant Eddie Hall meets with Hope congregation
1999	February 21Praise Band begins May Hope people help clean up after the Haysville tornado July 6 Linda Ewert joins staff at Hope (June 2006) August 2 Hope begins participation in Heartland Shares
2000	February 13 – March 5 – Howard Habegger serves a sabbatical preacher
2001	April 22 Matt Friesen's last Sunday at Hope April 29Don Steelberg called as transitional pastor July Mennonite Church USA is born at Nashville 2001 Convention September 9 – Grand piano dedicated
2002	April 30 Don Steelberg completes term as transitional pastor. July 1 Doug Luginbill begins at Hope (July 2009) September Growing Hope Campaign begins
2003	March 16 Lighting of the Iraq Peace candle
2004	January 4 x 4 groups begin
2005	July Sandwich Saturday begins. October 16 – Memorial Garden dedicated
2006	February 26 Church mortgage burned June 11 Linda Ewert's last Sunday at Hope
2007	MayHope people help clean up after the Greensburg tornado August "Work of our Hands" art exhibit in Fellowship Hall April 8 – August 5, 2007 Leslie James serves as sabbatical staff April 22 – August 5, 2007 Brenda Glanzer Lilliston serves as sabbatical staff

2008 June -- Acoustical panels installed in Fellowship Hall July 26 -- Doug Luginbill's last Sunday at Hope 2009 August – Fellowship hall, offices, nursery & library updated September 6 -- Ray Reimer called as transitional pastor February – Ray Reimer completes term as transitional pastor 2010 March 1 – Brett Dewey begins at Hope July – Sanctuary re-painted Fall – 14 youth receive church scholarships to attend Mennonite colleges Fall – joined with Lorraine Avenue and Mennonite Church of the Servant to support a new Hispanic church plant in Wichita – Manos de Cristo-1st pastor Jerry Acosta September – Life of Christ mural painted October 1-3 – 25th anniversary weekend Mary Raber becomes our mission partner in Ukraine "Inside the Disciples Studio" begins 2011 Women's Ministry – Hopeful Women meet monthly July – Youth attend MCUSA convention in Pittsburg 2012 Reading the Bible in 90 days challenge March – Hope hosts "Citizens of God's Kingdom" regional event sponsored by WDC, MCC, MCUSA discussing immigration Small Group taskforce formed Twenty-three scholarship for children/youth attending Camp Mennoscah Amy Regier completes voluntary service term in San Antonio June - Bret Dewey ends his pastorate 2013 August - Mike Bogard begins interim pastorate Memorial Garden patio and garden installed New carpet and paint downstairs Peace Packets to high school juniors and seniors Byron Pellecer called to pastor Aposento Alto (formerly Manos de Cristo) New small groups begin 2014 Middle School youth attend Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Camp Contract with outside cleaning company – Service Master Young adult Sunday School begins Summer - Youth trip to DOOR in Miami Installation of columbarium plus stone wall and benches New church sign November - Mike Bogard concludes interim pastorate November - Dave Stevens begins his pastorate (September 2022) February/March – "Becoming an Instrument of Peace" – Gary Flory 2015 Marriage retreat held at Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston Hired Laura Peck to lead Hope Friends children's programming New sanctuary carpet 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Craft Bazaar Hosted Western District Conference Reference Council July – Youth attend MC USA convention in Kansas City

2016 Family Promise begins as a new ministry for Hope July youth trip with Mennonite Disaster Service to Bastrop, TX Downstairs bathrooms renovated Trustees disbanded and new property maintenance structure begins Hospitality Team implemented 2017 Middle School youth attend Know Jesus in January Departure of 30 people from Hope including our families with young children looking for more extensive children's programming July – Youth travel to Boundary Waters for a spiritual adventure trip Front lawn planted with buffalo grass Purchase of a banner welcoming our neighbors in Spanish, Arabia, English July – Prairie Land Food coop ends Concluded our partnership with Aposento Alto June-September – Eric Buller serves as sabbatical pastor 2018 Renovation of our rental house for use by Family Promised as a transitional house Fall - KIPCOR leads training in how to have difficult conversations in preparation for a discernment process about a welcome statement Callie Ross teacher our children's Hope Friends program July - Youth travel to Miami with DOOR Vertical blinds installed throughout the church High School youth receive peace packets January – Hope's dedication, blessing and welcome of our first family in 2019 our Family Promise transitional home February – Middle school youth attend Know Jesus July – Youth attend MennoCon19 in Kansas City No annual church retreat at Camp Mennoscah Revision of our Child Protection policy and required training Parking lot repaired and resurfaced March 15 – last in-person service due to COVID; all church activities cease 2020 March 22 – Home worship begins June 21 – reopen to in-person worship but no congregational singing Launching of "Zoom Live" for worship and Sunday school September – Hope Friends resumes with masking November – installation of new sound and video system November - No Craft Bazaar, but sales of peppernut dough Aldersgate United Methodist Church becomes our Family Promise partner

Our mission partner Mary Raber retires
New mission partners: Joseph & Rachel Givens – Calais, France
January – Partnership with Working Men of Christ-House of Jeremiah
75% vote to move forward with crafting a welcome statement
June 13 – Outdoor worship with singing
July – High School youth travel to Oregon for a service project/spiritual
adventure trip

September – Hope Friends returns but due to low attendance concludes in November

September – return to in-person Sunday School; add a preschool class Fall – choir resumes

October 3 – a rededication service (we could not celebrate our  $35^{th}$  anniversary in 2020 due to COVID

November – No Craft Bazaar but sale of peppernut dough and pre-ordered meals of chicken noodle soup, sausage sandwiches, chips and pie

2022 May – adoption of Welcome Statement with 85% approval vote

Summer - Susan Jantzen serves as sabbatical pastor

September 4 – death of Pastor Dave Stevens

Melissa Hofstetter hired as a grief consultant

October – Randy Quinn become interim pastorate

Added a middle school Sunday school class

Fall – no youth group

Late fall – formation of a Technology Committee

New cleaning service – JaniKing

November – Fall Festival (formerly Craft Bazaar) without vendors

Cuppa Hope commences

Termination of support for Working Men of Christ; however, Tuesday Bible studies continue

December 21 – Longest Night service incorporated into our worship schedule

Pastor Search Committee formed

2023 Hope joins Justice Together as a member

Heidi Greenwood Doell – summer pulpit supply

Congregational review (Appreciative Way) and development of strategic priorities led by the Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) Vacation Bible School coordinated and led by Hope kids' grandmothers Children's library mural designed and painted by Joanna Pinkerton

Shed break-in (second time) with loss of riding mower and other items

2024 Children's singing between worship and Sunday School

Garage door replaces shed door

Migration of all things electronic to a secure cloud platform

May – Randy Quinn completes his interim pastor term

July-August – Heidi Greenwood Dell serves as our summer pastor

August – Sara Dick begins interim pastorate

Two new computers for ZOOM worship

Fall Festival - after two years becomes Craft Bazaar again

February - Ruth Harder's candidating weekend

40<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee formed

June – Sara Dick completes interim pastorate term

August 3 – Ruth Harder's installation

Fall – 3 children's and 1 youth Sunday school class formed

## **Acknowledgements**

We gratefully acknowledge and thank everyone who has contributed to the 40th anniversary celebration events at Hope Mennonite Church. For your dedication, talents, creativity, expertise, support, affirmation, and shared joy – we give thanks to God.

Today's Call to Worship was used at the first joint worship service on May 19, 1985.

We are grateful to the spouses of our pastors, Jeannie Zehr, Teri Friesen, Paula Luginbill, Morris Ewert and Esther Calderon. In tenderness, we extend love to Carole Stevens' family, as we give thanks for the ministry of Dave Stevens.

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee: Eldon Chlumsky, chair; Annette Chlumsky, Leslie James, Cynthia Loganbill, Scott Luty, Joanna Pinkerton, Laurie Regehr, Sara Dick (through June 2025), Ruth Harder (beginning August 2025)

Special thanks to Randy Pinkerton, slide show; and Dave Miller, 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary cross insert.

#### **Choir texts**

I Peter 3:15 by Nathaniel Yoder for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hope Mennonite

What's this hope that you have? I keep seein' it all around.
What has got you glad? Come on, tell me.
See apart, in our hearts, is the love of the Lord.
What's this love you speak of? I keep seein' it all around.
You say, Jesus got you glad? Come on tell me.
I got a hope and I got a prayer that Jesus' love be evr'ry-where.
I got precious love of the Lord, it gives me calm when all is storm.
God give me strength when life is blue, to put all of my trust in you.
I know you're with me night and day, be our foundation, this I pray.
Lead us Lord through another year, give us a hope to conquer all fear.
But why pray? Why care at all? I got an answer for you.
What is your answer? That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Praise His Holy Name by Keith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me:
I once was lost, but now I'm found and there's a cross for me.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!
Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No there's a cross for ev'ry-one and there's a cross for me.
Hallelujah! Praise his Name!
Praise his Name!

# **Living Stones**



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# Great Is Thy Faithfulness



\*Alternative texts: "O God my Mother" or "O God Creator"

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm (USA), Songs of Salvation and Service, 1923 Music: William M. Runyan (USA), Songs of Salvation and Service, 1923



# The Lord Lift You Up



# Rain Down



Text: Jaime Cortez (USA), 1991 Music: Jaime Cortez, 1991

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# Praise God (Dedication Anthem) 70



<sup>\*</sup>Alternate phrases: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below, praise him above, ye heav'nly host

Text: Thomas Ken (England), A Manual of Prayers . . . , 1695, alt.

Music: Lowell Mason's Boston Handel and Haydn Society Collection . . . , 9th ed., 1830



<sup>\*</sup>Alternate phrase: O praise our God, bless'd Three in One

