



Hope Mennonite Church
January 4, 2026
Epiphany
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

Call to Worship & Prayer

*Gathering Song

The First Noel, the Angel Did Say

#250

Hearing God's Word

Time with Children

There Were Angels Hovering Round

#251

Scripture reading

Matthew 2:1-12

As with Gladness

#277

Scripture reading

Matthew 2:13-23

A Voice Was Heard in Ramah

#278

Message

Dancing with the Stars

Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word

**Hail the Bless'd Morn*

#272

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the welcome registers)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

2026 Star Words

Prayer of God's People

**O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

#275

*Benediction

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*You are welcome to stand

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom. Today we celebrate Epiphany and receive our star words for 2026.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Jim Voth

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Scott Luty

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston



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Hope on Facebook: Follow the link at hopemennonite.org and “like” Hope Mennonite Church to see pictures & updates on church life.

First Fruits: Giving the first and best of that we are given.

December 28

Attendance 81(Hope 69 ; Zoom 12)

Offering - \$5,880

Hope Year to date \$300,729

2025 Spending Plan commitment \$280,000

*Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithely**.
Contact 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 4-10)

Monday -7 pm Music Committee
-7 pm Worship Commission
Wednesday -7 am Men's breakfast
Egg Crate Café, 8606 W 13th St. N
-7 pm Choir



*Toddler & Preschool (ages 2-4): Room 8/9

*Younger elementary (K-1st): Room 2

*Older elementary(2nd-5th): Room 7

*Youth (middle & high school): Room 3

*Adults(sanctuary): to be announced

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Jerold Heide



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

Next Sunday: Donna Heide, Brenda Henneberg

January 11: Donna Heide, Brenda Henneberg

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 11-17)

Monday -7 pm Vision Council
Wednesday -7 pm Choir
Thursday -Coffee with Friends Women's Gathering@ Greater
Grounds, 922 E. Douglas, Wichita

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Tom & Pam Voth

New mailbox: Caleb & Kara Wiens

The 2026 *Sharing Our Hope* banner was designed and made by Sharon Morford. The banner celebrates the importance of quilting as a shared gathering within a community and each patch represents significant events in individual lives. Our Hope dove can be found within the patchwork. Thank you, Sharon.

Hope Mennonite Men are invited to our first Men's Breakfast meeting at the **Egg Crate Cafe**, 8606 W. 13th Street North at **7:00 am** on **Wednesday, January 7**. We will have a separate room reserved on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of the month (January-March) when they open at 7:00 am. At that time, we will determine

if we wish to make any changes. All men are welcome to join us. There is no need to contact anyone or reserve a space. We realize this is not convenient for individuals who go to work early. However, if you have a free morning or have a flexible schedule, join us any time.

Camp Mennoscah has asked their partner churches to participate in a matching funds challenge to finish the remodeling of the retreat center. We have an individual willing to provide \$5,000 as a match. You are invited to donate to this match with the hope of raising a total of \$10,000 for camp by March 2026. Camp is still aiming for completion of the retreat center by the end of March, so every dollar makes a HUGE difference over the next 90 days! Checks written to Hope Mennonite with Camp Mennoscah in the memo line.

Prayers for the wider church

... As we celebrate Epiphany, may we remember both the journey of the magi as they faithfully searched for the Christ child and the presentation of Jesus to the whole world.

...Pray for all Western District Conference congregations during this coming year as they live into the calling to be communities of healing and hope, through the grace of God "who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to God's power that is at work within us."

... As we begin the new year, pray with Mennonite Mission Network for new beginnings and renewed commitments to peace and justice across the street and around the world.