

Hope Mennonite Church

January 18, 2026

9:30 am Worship

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:1-2

Gathering to Worship

As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship #880

*Prayer

*Gathering Song

God Is Here among Us #62

Holy, Holy, Holy #76

Hearing God's Word

Time with Children

There Were Angels Hovering Round #251

Scripture reading Isaiah 6:1-8

Message Holy Shmoly! Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word

**God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle* #152

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

Sung Prayer

Trio

Spoken Prayer

Sending

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

#98

*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. Our worship theme between now and the season of Lent is “Entertaining Angels Unaware.” Angels swoop in and out of the pages and stories of Scripture. What do we make of these celestial beings? Are these angelic forces around us still, perhaps without us even noticing?

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Jim Voth

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Justin Regehr

Trio: Natalie Regehr, Bethany Gipson, Treva Greaser; Brad Anderson pianist

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker



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Church Office Hours

Cynthia Mon-Thurs 9-1:30pm
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Staff meeting Monday 9:30am

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.

January 4

Attendance 116 (Hope 102; Zoom 14)
Offering - \$6,847.20

*Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithely**.*

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 11-17)

Tuesday -7 pm Vision Council

Wednesday -7 pm Choir

Thursday -Coffee with Friends Women's Gathering@ Greater Grounds, 922 E. Douglas, Wichita



*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): Sermon discussion led by Jim Voth

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Clinton & Katie Chlumsky



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Donna Heide, Brenda Henneberg

Next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

January 25: Jordon & Emily Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 18-24)

Wednesday -7 am Men's breakfast

Egg Crate Café, 8606 W 13th St. N

-7 pm Choir

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Tom & Pam Voth

A note from Pastor Ruth: I will be in Elkhart, IN, from January 11 (leaving after worship) until Saturday, January 17. This is to fulfill my yearly on-campus requirement for the Doctoral program that I began in 2025 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. I look forward to exploring how this program might shape our ministry together in 2026 and beyond! If you have any pastoral concerns, please contact the church office or one of the deacons.

The Care and Nurture Commission invites you to stay for lunch after our annual congregational meeting Sunday, **January 25**. A variety of delicious (!) soups will be provided, along with crackers and bread. We are requesting salads/veggies/fruit sides or dessert from the congregation. Please **sign up** on the bulletin board in fellowship hall.

Our annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, during Sunday School hour. The annual meeting book will be sent out this week. This meeting is for all members and regular attendees. For now, please note these proposed congregational bylaws amendments.

[No change]: Individuals who regularly attend church services but are not members may participate in Congregational Meetings. Such nonmembers must designate on all ballot votes that they are nonmembers.

[Deleted]: If more than 20% of the total votes are cast by nonmembers, the votes of nonmembers will not be counted or considered.

[New]: If 20% of total votes are reached by nonmembers, the nonmember votes are weighted at 20% maximum value of the total vote as opposed to being completely thrown out.

[No change]: For non-ballot votes, any person attending the meeting shall have the right to request that the votes of nonmembers and members be counted separately, with the above-described 20% limitation to be applied. Vision Council may make provisions for absentee ballots and ballots for non-member youth.

Camp Mennoscah is asking their partner churches to participate in a matching funds challenge to finish the remodeling of the retreat center. At Hope, we have a family willing to provide 5K as match. You are invited to donate to this Hope match in order to raise \$10K 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 can be written to Hope Mennonite with Camp Mennoscah in the memo line.

The Camp Mennoscah retreat center work is in its final step toward occupancy! The basement ceiling grid & acoustic tiles were installed & the lights all connected. The common area and bedrooms were painted and the process of cleaning has begun! Thanks for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that our partner churches and individual stakeholders offer, and we thank you for your investment from the bottom of our hearts. To learn how you can help text "Camp" to 620.755.2583

Join the 2026 Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus! Rehearsals (6) will begin Jan. 25 from 2:30-4:30pm, at Hesston Mennonite Church. For more information, contact KMMC Chair Aaron Stucky via email stucky2003@yahoo.com or find them on Facebook. KMMC has been singing since 1969 in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska and even Europe!

The Central Kansas Master Chorale will present *Melodies from Heaven*, a choral concert lifting up music, memory and the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's call to beloved community. This collaborative concert on **Sunday, Jan. 18, at 3pm (Hesston Mennonite Church)** will feature Bethel College alumna Roz McCommon and her band and special guests, the Bethel College Concert Choir and the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers. Free admission, donations accepted.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for Western District Conference commissions meeting this month, as they guide WDC's priorities to support pastors and leaders, resource congregations, and nurture church planting partnerships.

...The Venezuela Global Mission Partnership, which includes Central Plains Mennonite Conference, Colombia Mennonite Church and Mission Network, supports the Network of Mennonite Missions of Venezuela with biblical education and church planting. Pray for the communities that this partnership supports and pray that their basic needs are met. Special prayers for the Venezuelan people in this time of profound uncertainty, calling upon God for true peace and justice that uplifts and dignifies human life.

... Pray for the Macau Mennonite Church as they minister to middle class families through educational and tutoring programs, counseling, and worship services