



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

We gather to worship God,

Who creates us and loves us;

Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

Who inspires children, youth, young adults,
and people of all ages,

To seek justice, share power,

and live together in love and equality;

Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness
and wellbeing for all,

**and whose presence, grace, and love
sustain us in our living.**

We gather to worship God.

To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

-From the 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration,
posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website

*Prayer

*Gathering Songs

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

#126

Come, We That Love

#31

Hearing God's Word

Time with Children

There Were Angels Hovering Round

#251

Message *Angel Encounters of the Third Kind* Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word

** Lift Every Voice and Sing* #611

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

Prayer

Sending

* *God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song*

#539

*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: Lori Miller Scripture reader: Natalie Hand
Song leader: Adam Kroeker Pianist: Ruthie Goering
Time with Children: Kendra Gooden & Natalie Regehr
Worship tech: Grant Bellar
Zoom host: Kendal & Mariie Warkentine

Stay in touch with Hope

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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.

January 11

Attendance 115 (Hope 94; Zoom 21)
Offering - \$2,613
Year to date - \$9,460

*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 18-24)

Today -Noon Pastor Congregation Relations Committee
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): Have you ever wondered about that stuff on the worship center on Sunday morning? Ever wondered how it got there and why? Join us this morning where worship center secrets will be revealed by Joanna Pinkerton & Leslie James.

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Scott & Connie Luty



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)
Today: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky
Next Sunday: Jordon & Emily Regehr
February 1: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 25-31)

Sunday -Congregational meeting followed by lunch at noon
Wednesday -7 pm Choir
Thursday -Women's Bible study (zoom only) "Making it Plain: Why we NEED Anabaptism & the Black Church" by Drew Hart.

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Kim Stiffler; Charles & Pam Carter(zoom)

The Care and Nurture Commission invites you to stay for lunch after our annual congregational meeting next 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 or RSVP to the church office by Tuesday.**

Our annual congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, **January 25**, during the Sunday School hour. The annual meeting book was emailed Thursday. There are paper copies on the table by the mailboxes. This meeting is for all members and regular attendees.

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.

[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.

All women at Hope Mennonite are invited to the Thursday evening Bible Study. The study begins on Thursday, January 29 at 7 p.m. and is on zoom only. The study will be completed on April 26. The book we will be studying is called Making It Plain: Why we NEED Anabaptism and the Black Church by Dr. Drew Hart. “In the Witness of Black and Anabaptist Christian communities across time, we find a faith that takes the life and teachings of Jesus seriously. Weaving together narrative history, theology, and practical guidance, Dr. Hart compels readers to engage the best of these faith streams to forge an “Anablacktivist” faith where everyone belongs, where everyone can thrive, and where everyone matters, especially the last and the least.” The book can be ordered on Amazon or through Menno Media. Please contact Connie Luty or Lee Schmucker if you have questions or are interested in joining the group. Your email will be added to the list so you will receive the zoom link prior to January 29.

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 a match. You are invited to donate to this Hope match 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. To date we have received **\$250** toward the match.

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 **this afternoon, January 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 the Western District Conference Gifts Discernment Committee as it begins its work for this year, and for the Holy Spirit to guide the committee with wisdom in discerning potential nominees to serve in elected leadership roles in our conference.

...Service Adventure unit leaders are meeting this week for their midyear retreat in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Pray that these leaders experience refreshment, rejuvenation and good discussions as they meet together.

...As we remember Martin Luther King Jr. and his example of following the nonviolent ways of Jesus in the face of injustice and marginalization, let us also pray for Mission Network's work in undoing racism across the street and around the world.