

MATTHEW 4:10



Hope Mennonite Church
February 15, 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 tech booth.*

Prelude

Choral Introit

Go Down Moses by Mark Hayes

Welcome & Prayer

*Gathering Song

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

#34

Hearing God's Word

Time with Children

Scripture reading with #307

Matthew 4:1-11

Message

Wilderness Olympics

Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

#411

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

Spoken Prayer

<i>*Planets Humming as They Wander</i>	#175
<i>Sing Us with Ashes, Merciful God (A)</i>	#305

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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 leader: Renetta Gooden
Pianist: Ruthie Goering
Song leader & choir director: Trae Gehring
Time with Children: Emma Graber & Ruth Harder
Scripture reader: Lori Miller
Worship tech: Grant Bellar
Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

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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.

February 8

Attendance 126 (Hope 113; zoom 13)

Offering - \$5,105

Year to date - \$21,666

*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 (February 15-21)

- Today -Noon Divine Dining
Monday -7 pm Child Protection task force (zoom)
Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study – Sunday scriptures
-7 pm Vision Council
Wednesday -7 am Men's Breakfast @ Egg Crate
8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150,
5-7 pm Ash Wednesday come and go service
-7:15 pm Choir
Thursday -7 pm Women's Bible study Making It Plain: Why we
NEED Anabaptism and Black Church by Dr. Drew
Hart. (Zoom only)
Saturday -10 am – 4pm pm Reserved event



*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 1

*Adults(sanctuary): "Radical hospitality, future of Hope and much more" led by Marcus Loganbill. See announcement for details.

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Travis & Charity Cox



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

Next Sunday: Taylor & Kevin Sechrist

March 1: Jared & Natalie Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (February 22-28)

- Sunday -12:30-6 pm Reserved event
Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study – Sunday scriptures
Wednesday -7 pm Choir
-March Newsletter deadline
Thursday -7 pm Women's Bible study Making It Plain: Why we
NEED Anabaptism and Black Church by Dr. Drew
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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Charlie & Pam Carter

New mailbox: Magdalena Wenger

The February issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. Feature articles include writings on the Old Order Way (Amish); Right, Wrong Ways To Read The Bible; and much more.

A huge thank you to those who participated in last Sunday's Dessert Auction...the bakers, creators, purchasers and consumers. \$4,243 was raised for our church scholarship fund which provided financial support to our youth attending Mennonite institutions of higher education.

Ever been wanting to revisit the strategy of radical hospitality we adopted in January of 2023? Ever thought about where Hope will be in 10 years? Are you aware of all the changes that have taken place at Hope this past year? If so – please attend adult Sunday School the next three Sundays. In addition to all who normally attend, we want to extend a special invitation to those under 45 years and those who perhaps don't often attend. Everyone's perspectives, ideas, opinions, and goals are highly valued. Gifts will be offered to the first 75 individuals through the door.

We will start collecting coins for the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale on February 22. We will collect the coins the same way we have done for many years by having a bucket by the offering basket. We will collect coins every Sunday until the Sale. Bring your coins (or paper money) that you have collected for My Coins Count any Sunday before the Sale. Also look in your purse, wallet, or pockets each Sunday and donate some or all the coins you have. My Coins Count offerings will go toward education around the world.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18: Join Pastor Ruth and others around a warm fire in the Hope Memorial Garden: **come and go anytime between 5-7:00 pm.** Note that choir will delay their start time on the 18th to 7:15 pm. During the Lenten season (40 days not including Sundays), we will explore the different cries of Hosanna in Scripture and in our lives today. Hosanna means **Save us, O Lord.**

Next Sunday, February 22, the sign-up for Family Promise will go live. We will be hosting families March 8-15. Please see Marcus Loganbill, Vicki Howard, or Elizabeth Anderson if you would like more information on our program.

A Hope member has offered \$5,000 as a challenge match to benefit Camp Mennoscah! This match is good within our congregation, so you are invited to contribute to help us double that \$5,000. The deadline is March 29. Checks can be written to Hope Mennonite with Camp Mennoscah in the memo line. To date we have received **\$1,100** with \$3,900 left to go to meet the match.

Today, you will have a cover letter and sign-up sheet from the Immigration Compassion Team in your box. The letter will explain the response plan we have developed. The sign-up sheet is self-explanatory and is due back on March 1. If you are attending Hope, but do not yet have a mailbox, there are extras on the literature table in Fellowship Hall. See anyone on the ICT team if you have any questions.

Justice Together Hope's Network Members: Please save Sunday, **March 1** for lunch and a planning meeting about the upcoming Nehemiah Assembly. There will be updates on the Gun Violence Prevention and the Affordable Housing & Homelessness Committees. We will also plan our invitation strategy for the Nehemiah Assembly on April 27. Oh, and there will be LUNCH! Please RSVP by Wednesday **February 25** to Brenda Lilliston, Grace Parker Sutter or Wendy Wiens.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for wisdom and encouragement for ministers in Western District Conference, as they share the good news of Jesus in local congregations and communities through preaching, teaching, compassion and courageous witness.

...Let us love one another as Christ loves the church. Pray that people around the world open their hearts to show love to all, even amid differing worldviews and misunderstandings.