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Hope Mennonite Church  
March 15, 2026  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
9:30 am Worship

Gathering to Worship

*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.  
Hearing assistance devices are available from the tech booth.*

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

We often seek salvation through *our* power  
through *our* progeny  
through *our* independence,  
*our* intellect,  
and *our* heritage.

**Grant us enlarged visions of accountability and  
faithfulness. May we move beyond the familiar as we  
journey with Jesus, the Saving One.**

\*Gathering Songs

*Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

428

*I Know Not Why God's Wondrous*

590

Hearing God's Word

Time with Children

Scripture reading

John 8:1-6

*God, Give Me Time*

144

Message

Lines in the Sand

Ruth Harder



Responding to God's Word

Prayer of Confession VT 895

*\*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

536

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & My Coins Count

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

*\*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

581

\* 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. As Simeon held the infant Jesus, he sang the refrain, "My eyes have seen God's salvation." (Luke 2:30) Eons have passed and people continue to trust in God's salvation at work in Jesus and in the church. This Lent, we will explore the seeing, experiencing, and trusting in God's salvation. May we, too, join the refrain!

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Connie Luty

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Time with Children: Ruth Harder

Scripture reader: Steve Pankratz

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

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Hope on Facebook: Follow the link at [hopemennonite.org](http://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.

March 8

Attendance 129 (Hope 113; zoom 16)

Offering - \$6,371

Year to date - \$38,112

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$60,577

*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 (March 15-21)

- Today -Noon Pastor Congregation Relations Committee  
Tuesday -**No women's Bible study due to spring break**  
-6-8 pm Sanctuary reserved  
Wednesday -7 am Men's Breakfast @ Egg Crate  
8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150  
Thursday -7 pm Women's Bible study Making It Plain: Why we  
NEED Anabaptism and Black Church by Dr. Drew  
Hart. (Zoom only)



\*Toddler & Preschool (ages 2-4): Room 8/9 (**no class today due to spring break**)

\*Younger elementary (K-1<sup>st</sup>): Room 2

\*Older elementary(2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>): Room 7

\*Youth (middle & high school): Room 1

\*Adults(sanctuary): *Fight Like Jesus: How Jesus Waged Peace Throughout Holy Week* (Jason Porterfield). This March series will be led by Lori Miller.

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Tiffany Regehr



NURSERY (infant – age four)

Today: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman

Next Sunday: Jared & Natalie Regehr

March 29: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 22-28)

- Sunday -Lunch at Barn'rds (see announcement)  
Monday -7 pm Music Committee  
-7 pm Child Protection work group on Zoom  
Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study – Sunday scriptures  
Wednesday -7 pm Choir  
-April Newsletter deadline

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Eric Litwiller; Joanna Wenger; Bernie & Joan Tyner

Pastor Ruth will be enjoying a mini-vacation Monday evening through Wednesday of this coming week

The Care & Nurture Commission invites you to lunch out on **March 22** following Sunday. We will gather at Barn'rds, 3860 N.Maize Rd. For planning purposes, please sign up on the bulletin board.

The My Coins Count project for the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale continues today through Easter. You are invited to place your coins (or paper money) in the bucket during our offering time. 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. Total to date: \$239. Last year we collected \$865.

Thank you to all who volunteered this past week with Family Promise. We had a great week and an unusual week - seeing one family moving out of the rotation program and into housing, another family joining us mid-week, and a mom having a baby early Wednesday morning. A special thank you to Randy and Shirlyn Graber who stayed up all night, calling the ambulance and following through on emergency procedures. Unfortunately, the Wesley-Simons Volunteer Award goes back to Aldersgate this rotation. We were soundly trounced - 45/29. Our next rotation is June 7-14. If you are new to Hope and would like to volunteer, please see Marcus Loganbill, Vicki Howard, or Elizabeth Anderson.

Another way to help with Family Promise is coming up soon. The current day house is undergoing an extensive remodeling this month and the operation will be moving back to the home owned by Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church. Moving dates will be Thursday, March 19 and March 29 - April 3. If you would be willing to help with the moving process, please see Marcus Loganbill.

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. Checks can be written to Hope Mennonite with Camp Mennoscah in the memo line. To date we have received **\$3,800** with \$1,200 left to go to meet the match. The deadline is next Sunday, **March 22**.

Each spring, summer and fall, we form a team to help with the upkeep of garden beds and other areas around the church grounds. We work in two-week shifts to help with pruning, weeding, deadheading, watering, and trimming. We usually begin our work in May, although there is plenty of work to be done now, if you would like to donate some time. If you would be willing to assist, please see Marcus Loganbill, our landscape coordinator.

Holy Week: Our Maundy Thursday service will be **April 2** starting with a light meal at 6:30, followed by the service in the sanctuary at 7 pm. Please bring sandwiches to share. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. \*\*\* Easter is **April 5**. You are invited to bring Easter bread or fruit ready to serve for our traditional Easter Feast immediately following the service. Both services will be available via zoom.

Love offering for the Hope Caring Fund—now through Maundy Thursday, March 2. The Hope Caring Fund, overseen by Hope Deacons, provides short-term financial aid to persons encountering acute or emergency situations. The Caring Fund balance has fallen below our minimum balance of \$2,000. Your gifts will help us replenish this important fund during this season of Lent and beyond. Please designate contributions to the “Hope Caring Fund.”

### Prayers for the wider church

... Give thanks for Western District Conference ministers who serve as chaplains or campus pastors in educational settings, retirement communities, businesses, hospitals and hospice programs, and pray for God’s strength and wisdom to sustain them daily.

... The Service Adventure house in Anchorage, Alaska, expresses gratitude for the Prince of Peace Mennonite Church members who have been supportive and encouraging to them, while spending time with them. Pray that participants and the church community continue to support one another, as the Service Adventure participants continue their involvement in Sunday worship times.

... During this Women’s History Month, pray for the witness of the Movimiento de Mujeres Anabautistas haciendo Teología desde América Latina (Anabaptist Women’s Movement Doing Theology from Latin America), as they spread theological literacy and the love of Christ throughout Latin America, through seminars and devotionals.