

Hope Mennonite Church
April 12, 2026
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

*Gathering Song

All Creatures, Worship God Most High
Stanza 3-higher voices/female
Stanza 4-Kateyln Anderson, soloist
Stanza 5-lower voices/male

#81

Hearing God's Word

Time with Kids, human and otherwise

There's No One in This World like Jesus

#68

Scripture readings

Luke 9:46-48; Mark 10:35-45; Matthew 20:20-28; 3 John 9-11

Sermon

"Udder" madness

Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word

**Hear the Turmoil of the Nations*

#201

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mission Moment

Justice Together Nehemiah Assembly

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

**Praise Him, Praise Him*

#100

*GOAT blessing

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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's GOAT Participants

Worship leader: Ryan Henneberg

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Steve Pankratz

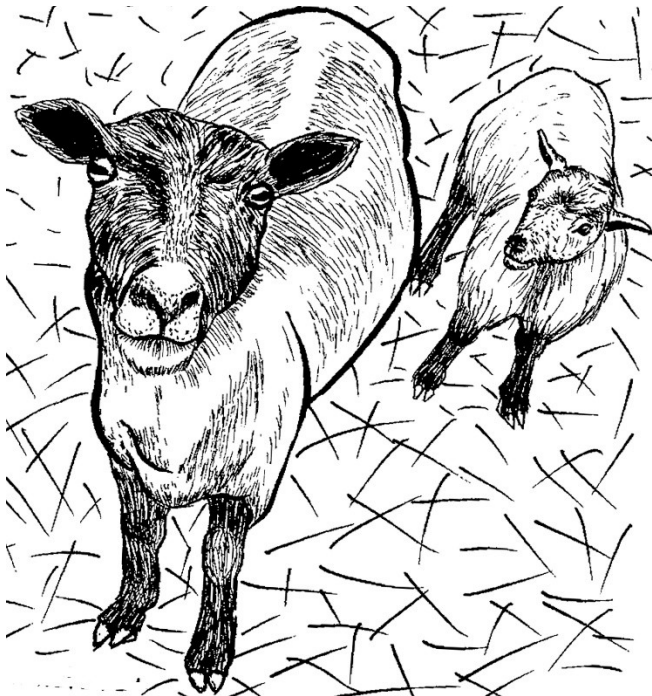
Time with Kids, human and otherwise: Ruth Harder

Special music: Natalie Regehr, Emma Graber, Eldon Chlumsky

Scripture reader: Wendy Wiens

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Renetta Gooden



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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.

April 5

Attendance 180 (Hope 167; zoom 13)

Offering - \$10,222

Year to date - \$66,117

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$84,808

*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 (April 12-18)

- Monday -7 pm Worship Commission
- Tuesday -7 pm Vision Council
- Wednesday -7:00am Men’s Breakfast
@ Egg Crate, 8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150
-7:00pm Choir
- Thursday -7pm Women’s Bible study Making It Plain: Why we NEED Anabaptism and Black Church by Dr. Drew Hart. (Zoom only)
- Saturday -11 am Women’s salad luncheon



- *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): *Everyday Activism: Following 7 practices of Jesus to Create a Just World.* This April series will be led by Cynthia Loganbill



Mower this week – Randy Pinkerton

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Delaine Stolzle

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (April 19-25)

- Sunday -12-4 pm reserved event
- Tuesday -1 pm Women’s Bible study – Sunday scriptures
- Wednesday -7 pm Choir
-MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Donna Heide, Brenda Henneberg
Next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky
April 26: Jordon & Emily Regehr

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: 44 family & friends for Easter

The April issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. The theme for this issue is “Gospel of All Creatures.” A secondary theme is on conscientious objection and responses to the US ward with Iran. Pick up your copy today.

New mailbox: Matt Stucky & Blaire Mayhue

All Hope Women and Young Ladies are invited to the annual Spring Women's Salad Luncheon, **Saturday, April 18**, 11:00 to 1:00 pm. Please bring a salad to share. Dessert will be provided. Our speaker is Wendy Funk Schrag from Newton. There are currently many inspiring books celebrating women who are role models, changemakers, and true heroines who have changed the world. However, we haven't heard a lot of stories about women from our Anabaptist history who showed fearless public resistance, tenacious resolute convictions, with daring and bold roles in the Anabaptist movement. Wendy will be sharing stories of our faith ancestors for encouragement in our lives today. Feel free to invite friends, neighbors, and family. Please RSVP on the bulletin board, call the church office, or sign up electronically.

The next Power of Attorney clinic will be held Saturday, **April 25**. The clinic will be held in conjunction with a celebration of Day of the Children - an annual festival in the Latinx community. We need volunteers for morning and/or afternoon shifts. Volunteers greet clients, escort them to their attorneys, offer drinks and snacks, play games with children, and serve lunch to other volunteers. We are also thinking of providing lunch (for approximately 50 volunteers) ourselves, rather than catering. If these opportunities interest you, please see Ryan or Brenda Henneberg, Cindy Fast or Marcus Loganbill.

Grab your calendars and mark the date, time & place for the Justice Together Nehemiah Assembly to bring our faith into action.

*What: Nehemiah Assembly

*When: Monday, **April 27** at 6 pm

*WSU Metroplex, 50515 East 29th St N, Wichita

The Nehemiah Assembly gathers people from over 40 Wichita area faith communities to help bring more justice to Wichita. This year's topics are Affordable Housing/Homelessness and Gun Violence Prevention. There will be a "**Mission Moment**" about the Nehemiah Assembly during TODAY'S church service, with a signup sheet and tickets to take if you plan on going. Come and help hold elected officials accountable to make Wichita a better community.

Individuals who have signed up for the ICE (Immigration Response Team) response team have already received an invitation (email) to a special meeting on **Sunday, May 3**. We will have a pizza lunch followed by approximately an hour and half of detailed instructions and discussion (12:45 - 2:15). We are working to provide child care for families. The ICT committee wishes to extend an invitation to **all members** of the congregation for this special meeting. If you did not fill out a sign-up form but would like to know more about the response plan or wish to participate in some way, feel free to attend. Please **RSVP to Marcus by Sunday, April 26** if you are able to attend.

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be in concert today April **12**, 4:30 pm at Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton and **April 18**, 4:30 pm at Richert Auditorium, Tabor College, Hillsboro.

The Central Kansas Master Chorale will present Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass (Mass for Troubled Times) with orchestra and directed by Dr. Joel Garber. This free event will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, **April 19** at Hesston Mennonite Church. Admission is free, donations accepted. For more information, visit the chorale website at www.centrankansasmasterchorale.org.

Reminder for women & girls! Annual Mennonite Women in Mission's salad supper on Monday, **April 20**, 6 pm, Tabor Mennonite Church. Kate Mast will speak on "Our Time, Our Stories, Our Stuff." Kate will give ideas and advice about how we manage our belongings and the stories our stuff tell about our lives. Please bring a salad and bring one small item that is a treasure of yours to share with your table group. RSVP is not required. Information at mennonitewomeninmission.org or on their Facebook page.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Western District Conference's Kids Meet Christ program and for all WDC congregations utilizing KMC resources to explore and experience new dimensions of worship together as intergenerational communities.

Shine a Light on Hope



We are continuing a special campaign to upgrade our aging sanctuary lighting system. Our current fixtures are outdated and beyond their intended lifespan. The new system—high quality Chauvet ellipsoidal, PAR, and batten lights — will provide clearer visibility, flexible color control, and improved lighting for music, worship leadership, livestreaming, and seasonal services.

The project will supply ideal lighting levels of **500–1000 lux**, give us greater control and flexibility, and maintain the clean architectural aesthetic of our sanctuary. It is both a practical and transformational investment in our worship life. We have created an informational video that you can access using this QR code.*



The total project cost is **\$32,000**. We are grateful to have already received **\$10,000** from the Alden Warkentine bequest. In addition, we have received an **additional \$10,000** Worship Technology Grant from Western District Conference.

This leaves **us with \$12,000** to raise through this Shine a Light on Hope fundraising campaign from now until May 3.

Gifts can be made in person or online.

- Online giving link - Tithely – note in comments (Shine a Light on Hope or lighting)
- Check with Shine a Light on Hope or lighting in memo
- Cash in envelope labeled “Shine a Light on Hope” or Lighting

Thank you for helping create a bright, welcoming worship space for all. Watch updates in Fellowship Hall via our “shine-o-meter” and plan for a light-hearted event during Sunday School hour on Sunday May 3rd.

*If you have a smart phone, turn the camera feature on and focus on the QR image/code as if you are going to take a picture of it. A website link should pop up, which you can click on. That should take you to an informational video. Contact the church office if you would like another way to access the video. Office email: secretary@hopemennonite.or