

Hope Mennonite Church

April 26, 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

We gather in the presence of our Shepherd God, who calls us each by name, who restores our souls, who leads us in the way of righteousness, and whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us. This is the God we have come to worship.

*Gathering Songs

Here in This Place

#10

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

#640

Hearing God's Word

Time with Children

Scriptural reflection

Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us

#718

Reflections

Amy Bellar; Travis & Charity Cox

Responding to God's Word

**Shepherd Me, O God*

#744

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayer

**There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*

#828

*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.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Soloist: Treva Greaser

Scripture reader: Clinton Chlumsky

Time with Children: Ruth Harder

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Sound tech: Leon Greaser

Zoom host: Barb Voth



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Church Office Hours

Cynthia Mon-Thurs 9-1:30pm
Kim Fri-9-1pm
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 19

Attendance 113 (Hope 94; zoom 19)

Offering - \$3,983

Year to date - \$71,616

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$96,923

*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 26-May 2)

- Monday -6 pm Nehemiah Assembly
@ WSU Metroplex, 50515 E. 29th St. N
- Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study special gathering-
information coming soon
- Wednesday -7 pm Choir
- Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need 10 dozen cookies)
-10-noon Library reserved



*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 – Grant Bellar

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 3-9)

- Sunday -Noon ICT training (see announcement)
- Wednesday -7 am Men's breakfast
@ Egg Crate, 8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150
- Saturday -10-noon Library reserved

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Scott & Connie Luty

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Jordon & Emily Regehr

Next Sunday: Jared & Natalie Regehr

May 10: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

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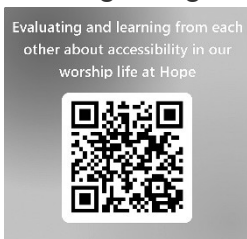
Guests & visitors last Sunday: Bethany Schrag; Greg & Heidi Wiens; Teresa; Dorothy Cloud

Next Sunday, is our choir finale. Come and enjoy the choir's favorites from this season. The children will also be sharing their gifts of music. In addition we will witness & celebrate the baptisms of Kloie & Hailey Boese. And...Cuppa of Hope will be serving!

Justice Together's Nehemiah Assembly is just around the corner. We can "put our faith into action" on *Monday, April 27 at the WSU Metroplex, 5015 East 29th St N.* Remember this is our opportunity to let our elected officials know that Affordable Housing/ Homelessness and Gun Violence Prevention are important issues to us. Our local officials who are scheduled to participate in listening to and responding to proposals concerning Affordable Housing/ Homelessness and Gun Violence Prevention are Wichita City Manager Dennis Marshall, the three Wichita City Council Members: Joseph Sheppard, Dalton Glasscock & JV Johnston. **Pick up tickets for yourself and others on the Literature Table** to join people from over 40 area faith communities. A carpooling sign-up sheet is available there also. If you don't have a ticket, come on out and you can just register on a sign-in page.

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** - a pizza lunch followed by approximately an hour and half of detailed instructions and discussion (12:45 - 2:15). We are working to provide childcare. The ICT committee extends an invitation to **all members** of the congregation. If you have not signed up but would like to know more or to participate in some way, feel free to attend. Please **RSVP to Marcus Loganbill by today** if you are able to attend.

Hope is partnering with Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) to learn more about accessibility needs and challenges within our physical space of worship, as well as our worship rituals and practices. Natalie Regehr, Emma Graber (Social Work Intern), and Pastor Ruth, with help from ADN and Hope Worship Commission, are beginning to collect data and stories from folks connected to



Hope. Included here is a QR code to a questionnaire. Hard copies of this questionnaire are also available by the front doors. For those who are comfortable filling this out online or via paper copy, please do so over the next 2 weeks. Skip whatever sections that are difficult to answer. Whether you complete all, part, or none

of this, please know that we will be hosting other response opportunities (online and in person). In other words, see this

questionnaire as a starting place for what we hope will be good conversation and learning in May and beyond. Thank you. **One additional note:** Pastor Ruth and Leslie James attended a learning retreat this week in Pennsylvania (April 21-24), sponsored by ADN. Learning sessions included include topics such as *Disability Theology, Intergenerational Worship, Navigating Congregational Change, and Reimagining Belonging and Behavior.*

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for renewal, courage, and new life in our church planting efforts as we celebrate the resurrection.

... Pray for God's creation throughout the world. Pray that, even when everything else seems urgent, we keep creation care as a core tenant in our congregations and communities. Pray that our churches renew their passion for environmental justice and creation care.

... As the mission agency of Mennonite Church USA, Mission Network acts as a bridge for Mennonite congregations to participate in global mission work. Pray for wisdom and resources for Mission Network leaders as they mobilize congregations to join missions across the street and around the world.

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

Total donations to date - \$5,250