



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 A.M. Worship
September 9, 2018

I could never forget you, says the LORD.
Look! I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.
Isaiah 49:15-16

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

Romans 8:28-39

For we know that in all things God works toward a good end with those who love God, who are called according to God's design.

For God has always known his own and established that they are to be conformed to the image of God's Son, so that Christ is but the first-born child among a whole multitude of sisters and brothers.

For those whom God has thus established, God has also called; and those who God has called, have indeed been fully accepted; and those whom God has accepted, God has also clothed in splendor.

What then shall we say about these things? If God be for us, who can stand against us?

For indeed, God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all. How will he not with Christ lavish upon us every other good gift?

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has called? God has accepted. Who, then, can condemn?

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or anguish or persecution or hunger or nakedness or danger or sword?

As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are considered sheep to be slaughtered."

But in all these things through the love of Christ we have surpassed the need to conquer.

For I am confident that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created things will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer

*Songs of gathering

“Come, let us all unite to sing”

Hymnal 12

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

Hymnal 59

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:14-16a

“For God so loved us”

Hymnal 167

Message

“The Tattoo is You!”

Dave Stevens

Responding to God’s Word

Inscribing the Hand of God

Joanna Pinkerton

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting Our Guests (*Please pass the welcome pads*)

Seeing & Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises & Prayers

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

*“The love of God”

Sing the Journey 44

*Benediction

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* *Please stand as you are able*

Welcome to Hope Mennonite Church. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Dave Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Kim Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Staff meeting Monday- 9:30-11 a.m.

Hope on Facebook: Follow the link on our website
hopemennonite.org and “like” Hope Mennonite Church to see
pictures and receive updates on church life.

First Fruits Giving:

Giving the first and best of what we are given
as a worship response to God.

September 2

Attendance 66

Offering \$5,5878

Year-to-date - \$131,828

Spending plan year-to-date -\$154,135

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.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Natalie Hand
Pianists: Katie Chlumsky
Song leader: Mark Bartel
Scripture reader: Joanna Pinkerton

Upcoming Worship Events

October 21 10:00 a.m. Worship at Camp Mennoscah

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (September 9-15)

Tuesday -9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Wednesday -6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
@Riverside Café West, 9129 W Central
-6:00 p.m. Hope Friends meal
-6:30 p.m. Children, Middle and High School Youth
-7:00 p.m. Choir
-7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study - library

NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Clinton Chlumsky, Alex Epp
Next Sunday: Carole Stevens, Elisha Miller
September 23: Michelle Ernt, Emily Ingram



All adults and high school youth will be gathering for three Sundays for input and discussion on how to hold difficult conversations. The bulletin announcement has more information.

**Coffee next week: Russ & Berni Ronnebaum



Mower this week: Scott Luty

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 16-22)

Monday -7:00 p.m. Vision Council
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Thursday -9-11:00 a.m. Library reserved

Guests and visitors last Sunday: Chase & Hailey Stucky; Carl & June Rempel

A special welcome back to Pastor Dave and Carole Stevens following Dave's summer sabbatical.

Hope Friends, our Wednesday evening programming will resume this week, **September 12**. A meal will be served from 6-6:30 p.m. Costs: \$3.50 (age 13 and up), \$2.50 (ages 7-12), \$1.00 (ages 6 and under); maximum per family \$13.00. If you plan on eating on a regular basis, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Adult and High School Sunday School in September During the 2017 congregational discernment process, we heard from many of you that you want to see Hope create a welcome statement, potentially one that includes race, nationality, ethnicity, gender identity, and other groups. Vision Council believes that before we embark on the discussion, our congregation needs to be more comfortable with holding difficult conversations with care and integrity. Vision Council will host a three-part series on understanding conflict and our responses to it, led by Sharon Kniss and Sheryl Wilson from Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR), a program of Bethel College. Please join us for the sessions:

September 9 Understanding Conflict and Ourselves
September 16 Foundational Skills for Conflict
September 23 Putting it in Practice: Courageous Dialogue

The sessions will run from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This training will prepare us for the next steps.

Women's Bible Study "Every day, every week, every year, there are ways to worship God. "Every Day Worship" inspires women to be worshipful people, not just people who worship."--Carol Penner. The women's fall Bible study will begin **September 11** at 9:30 a.m. with the study of "Every Day Worship" by Carol Penner. Please sign upon the bulletin board so that we will have enough books and can hand them out before the study begins. The first meeting will go over the first lesson. You can also let Robin Wray or Brenda Glanzer know if you plan to attend.

Do you enjoy singing? Please join our adult choir fall season which begins on Wednesday, **September 12**, at 7:00 p.m. under the leadership of our new director Kendrick Weaver. The choir rehearses on all Hope Friends evenings and sings once a month. If you have any questions, please talk to Cynthia Loganbill.

Our annual church retreat at Camp Mennoscah is **October 20-21**. Mark your calendars and look for more information this fall. Worship will be held on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at camp. There will not be worship at Hope that morning.

There has been a desire to make small groups a more visible part of our church life; therefore, Hope Mennonite is proceeding with the revitalization of small groups and making everyone more aware of this opportunity. In your mailbox or on the literature table, you will find a short 2-sided questionnaire that will gather information on your thoughts about participating in a small group; whether you are currently part of one or not. The information will be processed with the goal of beginning new small groups in January. It is really important that everyone return their copy of their questionnaire-please place them in the marked envelope on the bulletin board no later than **October 7**. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to Pastor Dave.

Camp Mennoscah – Work and Play Camp will be held September 21-25. This is a time set aside for the many tasks needed to keep camp in great shape. There is time for work, but also time to play and enjoy camp. Registration forms are available from the church office. There is **no cost** for this camp. Donations are welcome.

Prayers for the wider church:

...Pray for Western District Conference congregations and groups participating in the Mennonite Church USA Journey Forward process, as they engage the Renewed Commitments document through study, worship and feedback.

...David and Sophie Lapp Jost of Mennonite Mission Network are beginning an assignment in Nazareth, Israel. Pray for them as they visit hospital patients, teach English, and assist with communication projects.

...DOOR's yearlong Dwell participants are starting work at their agency placements. May they find ways to contribute to their new communities as they grow spiritually.