



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 A.M. Worship
September 16, 2018

“LORD, unify my heart to revere your name” Psalm 86:11

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

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For all things were created in him: Things in heaven and on earth, both visible and invisible—whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him.

He is before all things and in him all things hold together.

He is also the head of his body, that is, the church.

Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in all things. For all the fullness of God was pleased to take up residence in him.

And God was pleased to reconcile all things to himself through Christ—whether things on earth or things in heaven—by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Prayer

*Songs of gathering

“What is this place”

Hymnal 1

“Here in this place”

Hymnal 6

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-11

“I want to walk as a child of the light”

Sing the Journey 95

Message “Our Work is the Work of Connection” Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Baby Dedication – Haydon Micah Regehr

“Let the children come to me”

Sing the Story 47

Congregational affirmation

Haydon Micah, we praise God for you! Emily and Jordon, we are grateful for your commitment as parents. As others have encouraged us in our faith journey, so we will encourage you. We commit to partnering with you in the Christian nurture of Haydon. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful.

Seeing & Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises & Prayers

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*Closing Charge and Encouragement ~ Based on Colossians 3:12-17

*“Heart with loving heart united”

Hymnal 420

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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.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Natalie Hand

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Mark Bartel

Scripture reader: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Events

October 7

World Wide Communion Sunday

October 21

10:00 a.m. Worship at Camp Mennosca

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 9

Attendance 95

Offering \$3,197

Year-to-date - \$135,025

Spending plan year-to-date -\$158,538

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.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (September 16-22)

- Monday -7:00 p.m. Vision Council
-7-9:00 p.m. sanctuary reserved
- 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. “Reading the Bible with Jesus”
Adult Bible Study – library
- Thursday -9-11:00 a.m. Library reserved



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Carole Stevens, Elisha Miller
 Next Sunday: Michelle Ernt, Emily Ingram
 September 30: Kyle & Malika Howard



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

**Coffee next week: Brad & Michelle Ernt



Mower this week: Randy Pinkerton

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-6:30 p.m. Witness & Outreach
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Adult Bible Study – library
- Thursday -6:30 p.m. Deacons
- Fri/Saturday -Bierock baking

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Guests and visitors last Sunday: Russ Pinkerton; Tori, Skyler & Eliza Miner; Jack Putnam

Everyone is invited to celebrate the dedication of Haydon Regehr with a baby greeting during our fellowship time.

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.

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.

The September issue of *"The Mennonite"* is available on the literature table. The focus this month is on spiritual pilgrimages. Pick up your copy today.

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.

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.

SEE THE WORLD-FAMOUS OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY in Bavaria, Germany in **2020**. Join tour host Pastor Weldon Martens of Grace Hill Mennonite Church on a ten-day tour to Germany, France, and Switzerland for the *Oberammergau Passion Play*, August 15-25, 2020. The *Passion Play* first held in 1634 is held every ten years. We will see the Swiss Alps, the Black Forest, German Castles, and enjoy a Rhine River Cruise. Daily devotions led by Pastor Weldon. The tour is limited to 25 travelers. See the tour brochure and register at www.travelwithweldon.com or contact Pastor Weldon for a brochure or information at weldon.martens@gmail.com or 402-202-9276.

Closing Charge and Encouragement

~ Based on Colossians 3:12-17

As people chosen by God, holy and beloved, let us clothe ourselves with compassion, mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Let us bear with one another and forgive one another, whenever someone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven us, so let us also forgive one another.

And above all these things, let us clothe ourselves with love which is the bond that leads to wholeness. And may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, into which we were called in the one body. And let us be thankful people.

May the word of Christ be abundantly active among us, as we teach and admonish one another with every possible piece of wisdom; as we sing praise to God with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, with God's grace in our hearts.

And whatever we do, in speaking or action, let us do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, which means, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Lunch ▾ Bake Sale ▾ Crafts

Craft Bazaar News November 10

Cooler weather, football and fall is coming and so is our bazaar! Prior to that day there is work to be done. Please keep the following dates in mind and think about how you can be involved.

1. Peppernut cutting and baking begins at Hope Friends on Wednesday, **September 12** and will continue every Hope Friends night until the Craft Bazaar. Join us anytime between 6:30 – 8 p.m. for the best smelling job ever!! Novice and expert peppernut makers are all welcome.
2. Bierock baking will be on Friday and Saturday, **September 28 and 29**. We can use extra hands for baking bierocks, mixing up dough and pan washing!! Bierocks baking times are 9-5 p.m. on Friday and 12:30-3 p.m. (or until done) on Saturday (**changed to afternoon**). See the signup sheet on the bulletin board for baking shift times and to sign up to help.
3. Prior to making bierocks, we again will need help with browning hamburger meat. On two Sundays, **September 16 and 23**, we will be handing out hamburger meat to be taken home and browned. Complete instructions will be included. Browned meat will need to be back to church no later than Wednesday, September 26.
4. Freezer space will be needed to freeze 800+ bierocks before the Craft Bazaar. Please contact the church office if you have some extra freezer space.

Do you have a portable microwave that could be borrowed September 23-30 for cooking cabbage? If so please contact the church office.

For any questions, please contact Connie Luty at 644-6203 or Laurie Regehr at 706-7089.