

Hope Mennonite Church
July 16, 2023
9:30 am Worship

Gathering to Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

#866

Open our ears

to hear your word.

Open our eyes

to see your presence.

Open our arms

to the embrace of community.

Open our minds

to the beauty of truth.

Open our hearts

to the joy of new life.

*Songs of Gathering

“Holy Spirit, Come with Power”

#57

“Come, We That Love”

#31

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

Psalm 119:105-112

“Help Us to Help Each Other”

#722

Message

“On”

Heidi K Greenwood Doell

Responding to God’s Word

*“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

#398

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

“Take, O Take Me as I am” Joanna Pinkerton

#748

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

#812

*Benediction

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us today in person or on Zoom. The recording on YouTube is available starting on Monday.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lori Miller

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Greg Shelly-Unruh

Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton

Zoom host: TBA

Upcoming Worship Services

July 23

Preaching text: Romans 8:12-25

July 30

Preaching text: Romans 8:26-39



Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Randy Tuesday-Wednesday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Monday, Thursday – work from home

Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-1:30 pm

Kim Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Staff meeting Tuesday 9:30 am

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

First Fruits Giving

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

July 9

Attendance-101 (Hope-91; Zoom-10)

Offering last Sunday \$8,183 Year to date - \$118,950

Spending plan year to date - \$140,000

Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithely**.
Contact the church office for instructions.

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 Mennonte 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 (July 16-22)

No meetings or activities planned for this week



Mower this week: Jerold Heide

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Chris Bellar



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Taylor Sechrist

Next Sunday: Alison, Kloie & Hailey Boese

July 30: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (July 23-29)

Monday -7:00 pm Worship Commission

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Guests and visitors last week Melanie & Larry Greenwood; George & Lynda Houle; Megan, Caleb & Jude Miller; Marvin & Ruth Penner

Hope delegates: Our annual Western District Conference gathering will be August 11-13 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton. We are entitled to send 8 delegates. All costs will be covered by Hope. See detailed information in this bulletin. We have to submit our delegate list by July 30. If you have questions or interest in representing Hope, please contact the church office.

This summer, the Worship Commission invites you to share your favorite hymn or scripture passage during our worship services. From July 23 through August 27, time will be set aside for one person to share. You may take 3 to 5 minutes to share why it's meaningful to you, and if you choose to share a hymn, the congregation will close the time by singing it. If you're interested, please contact the church office with the dates you're available.

Hope will be hosting our Family Promise families from August 6 - 13. If you have been trained, please circle those dates. Melanie will be sending a communication soon to make sure that we have all "active volunteers" on our database. If you still wish to be trained and are not sure how to go about it, please see Marcus Loganbill or Travis Cox.

Join us for the WDC Annual Assembly! It's not just for church leaders! It's for everybody! **August 11-13, 2023 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS**, we'll worship, work, eat great, local food, enjoy local music, connect with new and old friends, experience faith formation for all ages, and have many choices of great workshops. We hope you'll agree Annual Assembly is a great place to learn about and grow in faith in Christ, care for the broader church, and worship our God of love and justice with God's people in Western District Conference!

Assembly Theme: We will explore listening to God and to each other through our theme, "**Holy (Wholly) Listening.**" We will stretch ourselves to listen carefully to one another as siblings in Christ who understand scripture differently and can widen our cultural, racial, and identity perspectives as we focus on faith in Christ together. As we hear the concerns and joys of all of us in Western District Conference, we will explore what it means to respond to one another with God's mercy and justice. Our scripture texts that will guide us are Isaiah 51:1-8 and Numbers 27:1-11.

Two Tracks: This year we'll have two different "tracks" going on at the same time. The **Delegate Track** is for those who are sent to Assembly as church representatives to help make decisions on behalf of our conference. The **Faith Formation Track** is for everybody else (except kids 3 and under). MennoMedia representatives will lead adults, youth, and school aged kids in a fun, creative intergenerational faith formation experience. Yes, there will be games, art, drama, music, bible stories, conversation and more for all ages together! Don't want to join an active game? Are you wiggly and want more action? There will be fun options and choices available as we learn about following Jesus together. We hope that this experience will encourage you to bring "intergenerational faith formation" home to your congregation as a model to explore.

Church Delegates - This year's **Delegate Session** on Saturday, Aug 12, will be hybrid (both in-person & Virtual). Each virtual delegate will need to have the ability to join via Zoom on their own (not shared) device. Delegate work will be shared with virtual delegates via special conferencing technology. Congregations are eligible for one vote for every thirty members or fraction thereof (ex: a congregation with 32 members has two votes, Congregation with 28 members has one vote).

The PCRC (Pastor Congregation Relations Committee) appreciates the input received so far in the Congregation review. For those who may have missed one or both, the newsprint notes are available for review for the next few weeks. They are in the Fellowship Hall on the moveable wall. This summer, those notes will be turned into a set of potential priorities. All through the summer you will be invited to add your personal comments to the list, including suggestions to implement as well as why you think a particular priority is important to have. We will invite everyone to join another set of congregational response times in September.

Save the Date! The Womens & Girls Retreat will be September 9 & 10 at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. The theme this year is “Women Talking, Listening and Creating.” Come for a time of friendship, fellowship, and storytelling in a variety of forms with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Wendy Funk Schrag and others. Watch for registration information on the WDC website, your church bulletins, and more details in emails in the coming weeks! Follow us on Facebook: Western District Women in Mission

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for Western District Conference congregations that are supporting refugees and asylum seekers, as they join God’s work of justice and care for all people.

...LCC International University in Lithuania is looking for a full-time instructor in the English department to begin in this fall. Pray for this position to be filled by someone called to share the good news of Jesus’ love in the context of a Christian academic community.

...C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz have served in Paraguay since 1985. Pray for them as they invite people into deeper communion with God, through business chaplaincy, teaching and spiritual direction.

