

Hope Mennonite Church
July 23, 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

Ruth Duck, Bread for the Journey, Ruth Duck, ed., Pilgrim Press, 1981, p. 44

See what love has been given to us, that we should be called the children of God.

By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.

Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.

This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.

*Songs of Gathering

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

#25

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

#28

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

Romans 8:12-17

"Spirit of the Living God"

#740

Message

"Children of God"

Heidi K Greenwood Doell

Responding to God's Word

*"O God in Heaven"

#720

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

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

*"View the Present"

#407

*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: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Vicki Howard

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Barb Voth

Upcoming Worship Services

July 30

Preaching text: Romans 8:26-39

August 6

Preaching text: Matthew 14:13-21

FOR THOSE WHO
ARE LED BY THE
SPIRIT OF GOD
ARE THE CHILDREN
OF GOD.
ROMANS 8:14

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 16

Attendance-91 (Hope-77; Zoom-14)

Offering last Sunday \$1,657 Year to date - \$120,607

Spending plan year to date - \$145,000

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 23-29)

Monday -7:00 pm Worship Commission



Mower this week: Travis Cox

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Mike & Kim Voth



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Alison, Kloie & Hailey Boese

Next Sunday: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

August 6: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (July 30-August 5)

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday

-Camp Mennoscah sing at Hope

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Guests and visitors last week Brad & Maddie Anderson; John & Connie Denny; Bernie & Joan Tyner

New mailbox: Shenise Weimer, Hadley & Emlyn

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.

The nursery TV has been replaced with an updated model. The old one is in the fellowship hall and is available if someone can use it. Donation is optional.

Hope will be hosting our Family Promise families from August 6 - 13. If you have been trained, please circle those dates. The SignUp Genuis email went out last Wednesday. If you didn't receive it, or if you still wish to be trained and are not sure how to go about it, please see Marcus Loganbill or Travis Cox.

The PCRC (Pastor//congregation Relations Committee) appreciates the input received so far in the Congregational process for identifying priorities for the next several years. A new set of flipcharts is posted on the moveable walls in the Fellowship Hall. These flipcharts list the potential priorities identified in the congregational review process. During July and August, please add your personal comments to the list:

- Reflect on Hope MC "Purpose" and "Welcome & Inclusion" statements: how might the congregation continue to live into these commitments?
- Add your ideas about HOW to implement each potential priority and WHY they are important. Markers are in a mug on the table.

In September during Sunday School hour, congregational discernment will continue to refine and prioritize.

Pastor/Congregation Relations Committee
Myron Regier, Bob Stolzle, Lee Schmucker

The Hope Home interior work is near completion. All major cleaning and painting is finished, windows and screens are washed and repairs have been made. There are lists of remaining tasks in the church office and in the home. Thank you to the following individuals who have helped over the past days (apologies if we have left anyone out): Amy and Chris Bellar; Lowell and Dianne Birkey; Greg and Dawn Epp; Jason Jantz; Ruthie Goering; Marcus Loganbill; Scott Luty; Dave, Lori, Elisha, and Katrina Miller; Randy and Joanna Pinkerton; Donovan and Jared Regehr; David Schmidt; Bob and Delaine Stolzle. If you would like to assist with remaining tasks, please contact Dave Miller.

Save the Date! The Women's & 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

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.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray that children and their care-givers may grow in faith and joy as they attend summer Story Day activities at the Western District Conference Resource Library on August 3.