

Hope Mennonite Church
July 30, 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

The Lord is my light and my salvation

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

Of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of you Lord,
and that I will pursue:

To live in your house

all the days of my life,

To behold your beauty

and to seek you in your temple.

*Songs of Gathering

“How Firm A Foundation”

#592

“Morning has Broken” Leslie James

#95

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

Romans 8:26-35,37-39

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

#517

Message “This is Not a Test”

Heidi K Greenwood Doell

Responding to God's Word

*In Christ Alone”

#332

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

*"Every time I Feel the Spirit"

#681

*Benediction

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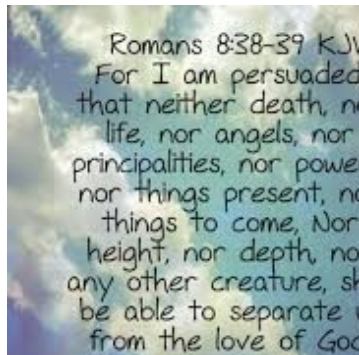
A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us today in person or on Zoom. The recording on YouTube is available starting on Monday.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Connie Luty
Pianist: Vicki Howard
Song leader: Trae Gehring
Scripture reader: Connie Luty
Worship tech: Galen Fast
Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

August 6 Preaching text: Matthew 14:13-21
August 13 Preaching text: Romans 10:14-15; Matthew 14:22-23



Romans 8:38-39 KJV
For I am persuaded
that neither death, nor
life, nor angels, nor
principalities, nor powers,
nor things present, nor
things to come, Nor
height, nor depth, nor
any other creature, shall
be able to separate us
from the love of God

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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 23

Attendance-80 (Hope- 67; Zoom-13)

Offering last Sunday \$4042 Year to date - \$124,649

Spending plan year to date - \$150,000

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 30-August 5)

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday
-Camp Mennoscah sing at Hope



Mower this week: Grant Bellar

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Galen & Cindy Fast



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

Next Sunday: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

August 13: Jordon & Emily Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 6-12)

Sunday-Sunday Family Promise Week

Friday/Saturday Western District Conference Assembly

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Guests and visitors last week: Homer & Susan Friesen

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 **today**. If you have questions or interest in representing Hope, please contact the church office.

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.

There is still work to be done at Hope Home. Please contact Dave Miller if you can help. Thank you all who have helped so far.

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 Stolze, Lee Schmucker

Two exciting women's Bible studies will start this fall. All members, visitors and friends are invited to attend one or both groups. Women of all ages are invited to join in. Find out more below about our **Tuesday** and **Thursday** studies!**The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study begins September 12 at 10:00 am.** We will be meeting concurrently. You have the option of joining us via Zoom or in person in the church library. We will be studying the book, **A Christian View of Hospitality: Expecting Surprises (The Giving Project Series)**, by Michelle Hershberger. This book is an "oldie but a goodie." Please let the church office or Brenda Glanzer Lilliston know if you plan on attending by August 27. Since the book is out-of-print, used books will be purchased and the price will be divided among participants. The cost will not be more than \$10. **The Women's Thursday evening Bible Study will begin meeting on Sept. 14 at 7 pm on Zoom.** We will be studying Beyond Welcome: Centering Immigrants in Our Christian Response to Immigration, by Karen González. Please purchase your own book. Please let the church office or Brenda Glanzer Lilliston know if you plan on attending. More info in the August newsletter.

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 story-telling 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

...Cofán youth in Ecuador were not able to continue their studies upriver during the pandemic, and so many gave up hope of finishing high school. Pray for four young men who resumed high school this year, against all odds, and praise God for Charles Yiyoguaje, who graduated in July.

...We pray for the newly-certified church plant of *Arca de Salvación* (Ark of Salvation) in Uspantán, Guatemala. We also pray for the calling of new members in the church planting commission which experiences transition as a number of its members make moves. WDC Church Planting Commission