

Hope Mennonite Church
August 6, 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

Some of us are exhausted.

We come to rest.

Some of us are curious about Jesus.

We come to learn.

Some of us are hungry.

We come to be fed.

Some of us are disoriented.

We come to pray.

Some of us are broken.

We come to be healed.

We gather around you today, O Christ.

Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

Grant us your peace. Amen.

*Songs of Gathering

“To God Be the Glory”

#84

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

#419

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

Matthew 14:13-21

“God Is Great and God Is Good”

#488

Message

“That’s All It Took!”

Heidi K Greenwood Doell

Responding to God's Word

*"I Come with Joy"

#478

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Sharing from MennoCon 23 delegate assembly

Karen Zehr, Jason Jantz, Renetta Gooden, Michelle Jantz

"My Love Colors Outside the Lines"

#582

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*"May the Peace of Christ"

#843

*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: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Galen Fast

Musicians: Laurie Regehr, Galen Fast, Eldon Chlumsky, Rod Kremer

Scripture reader: Lee Schmucker

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

August 13 Preaching text: Romans 10:14-15; Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 Preaching text: Genesis 45:1-15

August 27 Preaching text: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Heidi's last Sunday

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 30

Attendance-90 (Hope-76; Zoom-14)

Offering last Sunday \$3,385 Year to date - \$128,034

Spending plan year to date - \$155,000

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 (August 6-12)
Sunday-Sunday Family Promise Week



Mower this week: Grant Bellar

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Scott & Connie Luty



NURSERY (birth through age 4)
Today: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh
Next Sunday: Jordon & Emily Regehr
August 20: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 13-19)
Monday -6:15 pm Camp MennoScah board meeting

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Guests and visitors last week: Lew Enns & Dayle Reimer; Janet Wright; Kent, Lynette, Brooklyn Erb; Donald D.

The August 4 issue of *Anabaptist World* is now available on the front literature table. Read about MennoCon23's challenge: 'Be Transformed;' South Central Conference withdrawing from MC USA and much more.

Calling all singers...the new choir season is just around the corner with Trae Gehring in his second year of directing. If you have never sung with the choir, or you have been taking a break, please join us. There are 3 Wednesday rehearsals prior to the one Sunday a month the choir sings. If you can't make every rehearsal, that is just fine; join us when you are able. For more information, contact Cynthia Loganbill, choir liaisons.

Sandwich Saturday – Our calendar, September-December, is wide open for the rest of the year. Consider gathering a group – your small group, your family and friends, your Bible study to put together 100 sack lunches to distribute to those who are food insecure. Sign up on the bulletin board.

The September-November issue of the devotional *Rejoice* is available to pick up on the front literature table.

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 the 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 storytelling with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Wendy Funk Schrag and others. Watch for registration information on the WDC website, the bulletins, and emails in the coming weeks! Follow us on Facebook: Western District Women in Mission

Take time to read the thank note from Working Men of Christ that has been posted on the bulletin board.

Sharing Praises and Prayers
July 30, 2023

- * Pray for David & Rita Schmidt who are housing two young children whose mother is not able to care for them right now. Previously his daughter had housed them for two months through Faith Builders.
- * Ed, from Working Men of Christ, requested prayer for a good outcome for his daughter and her brain surgery.
- * Marcus Loganbill requested prayer for his aunt's family following the death of his uncle last week.
- * The Family Promise families and community are really struggling with the tragic death of one of their long-time volunteers. Pray for all of them during this time of grief.
- * Connie Luty requested prayer for her great-niece who had a mental health crisis as well for all those who are suffering from depression and anxiety.

Work of the Church

- * The Worship Commission invites all of our school age children to bring their own backpacks on August 13th to be blessed along with our MCC school kits.
- * Dave Miller thanked the numerous people who have helped prepare our Hope Home for the next family. There are still a few minor plumbing issues to address.
- * Next Sunday, following worship, we will be putting together the MCC school kits. You are encouraged to bring your items by then. NOTE: Please follow the exact specifications on the school kit list. Anything not conforming to those specifications cannot be a part of the kits.