

Hope Mennonite Church
August 20, 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

Behold, it is good;

Rejoice in a new day of creation!

Behold, it is good;

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Behold, it is good;

Dwell together in harmony!

Behold, it is good;

Love each other as God loves us!

Behold, it is good;

Worship the Lord in one body and with one voice!

*Songs of Gathering

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

#182

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" Treva Greaser

#419

Hearing God's Word

A Time for Children

Heidi K Greenwood Doell

Scripture reading

Genesis 45:1-15

"Bless the Lord, My Soul"

#127

Message

"Again and Again"

Heidi K Greenwood Doell

Responding to God's Word

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#831

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

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#103

*Benediction

Postlude

"May the Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ"

Galen Fast & Samuel Doell

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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: Jim Voth

Song leader: Trae Gehring

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Scripture Reader: Margaret Wiebe

Musicians: Rod Kremer, Treva & Leon Greaser

Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton

Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

Upcoming Worship Services

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

Heidi's last Sunday

September 2 Randy Quinn's first Sunday back

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.

August 13

Attendance- 96 (Hope-84; Zoom-12)

Offering last Sunday \$5,690 Year to date - \$143,511

Spending plan year to date - \$165,000

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 20-26)

Nothing scheduled



Mower this week: Jerold Heide

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Travis & Charity Cox



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Donna Heide, Lily Harder

Next Sunday: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

September 3: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 27-September 2)

Sunday -6:30 pm Music and Dessert evening

Tuesday -7:00 pm Vision Council

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday – we need a coordinator(s) and
11 dozen cookies

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Guests and visitors last week: Bill & Jan Breault; Tori B; Jessica Miller and children; Don & Lisa Smading; Lois Short; Sydney Bontrager; Lynee Krutty; Austin, Ryan, Marv, Jeanne Zehr; Glenda Roane; Shar Doell; Kim & Caroline Wenger

There are two thank you notes from the Camp Mennoscah summer staff on our bulletin board. Take time to read them.

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 liaison.

Just a reminder – the hymnals should be placed in the racks with the spine up and pages down. Thanks.

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.

Please join us for an evening of Music and Dessert on **August 27**, 6:30 pm at Hope. Paul Austin & Jennifer Chlumsky (daughter-in-law of Eldon & Annette) of Salina, KS will be performing a variety of entertaining music including vocal, piano & guitar. There will be a freewill offering with proceeds going to Camp Mennoscah. Bring your family & friends.

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

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for Western District Conference children, youth and their families, teachers and mentors as a new school year begins, and give thanks for the WDC Resource Library that offers faith formation resources for all ages!

... Last week, the Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Service Adventure unit opens its doors to Marie Haller, Henriette Preuss, Leni Schreiber and Elias Wolff. Pray for God's blessing, as they begin their life together, and pray that their presence will bless the communities with which they engage.

... Alfonsina and José Oyanguren began serving with Indigenous churches and communities in the Argentine Chaco in 2004. Pray for them as they provide continuity in long-term relationships and actions to encourage Indigenous languages and cultures.