

Hope Mennonite Church
September 3, 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

In the face of all our realities;
we are the people who heal each other,
who grow strong together, who name the truth,
who know what it means to live in community.

**Together we are moving towards a common dream
for a new heaven and a new earth
in the power of the love of God.**

*Songs of Gathering

“When We Walk with the Lord”

#570

“Come, Thou Fount”

#563

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

“Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”

#194

Message

“Facing our Fears Together”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

*“We Have Been Sent by God”

#771

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

*"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: Lowell Birkey

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Scripture Reader: Barb Voth

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

September 10 Preaching text Luke 10:25-37

September 17 Preaching text Luke 10:38-42



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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 27

Attendance-124(Hope-109; Zoom-15)

Offering last Sunday \$1,846 Year to date - \$150,286

Spending plan year to date - \$175,000

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 Mennonite 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 (September 3-8)

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir



Mower this week: Randy Graber

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Greg & Dawn Epp



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

Next Sunday: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

September 17: Val & Mike Mayta

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 10-16)

Monday -7:00 pm Worship Commission

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible study - hospitality

Wednesday -5:30 pm Meal by Care and Nurture followed by
peppernut baking

-5:30 pm Witness & Outreach

-7:00 pm Choir

Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study - immigration

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Guests and visitors last week: James & Dayla Jensen; Shar Doell; Elizabeth Loughran; Kim & Caroline Wenger; George & Lynda Houle; Bill & Jami Breault; Matt, Allison, Ella & Piper Roth; Lois Birkey

A successful and well attended Music and Dessert event last Sunday raised \$2,228 for Camp Mennoscah. Thank you to all who attended and donated so generously.

The August 25 issue of *Anabaptist* is now available on the front literature table. This issue explores Christian nationalism and what does it mean when "parties and politicians continue to draw people in with the illusion that political power can bring God's will on earth." Pick up your copy today.

Fall Festival kick-off. You are invited to the first peppernut baking evening on Wednesday, **September 13**. Care & Nurture will provide a meal prior to baking at 5:30 pm. Please sign up to join in the fun and fellowship.

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

The Tuesday and Thursday Women's Bible Studies begin the week of Sept. 11th. If you have any questions about either study, please contact Brenda Glanzer Lilliston. All women are invited to join one or both studies. **The Tuesday morning 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. If you need a book purchased, please contact Brenda. **The Thursday evening 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.

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

New Justice Ministry Begins in Sedgwick County Hope Mennonite Church has joined a new interfaith justice ministry in Sedgwick County. A leadership group of Brenda Glanzer Lilliston, Marcus Loganbill, Lowell Birkey, Joanna Pinkerton, Vicki Howard, Randy Pinkerton, Jarod Regehr and Wendy Wiens have been trained along with over 150 other church members from 40+ faith communities. This is a ground-breaking initiative for our congregation to join forces with other congregations and faith groups in Sedgwick County to help advance justice in our community. The first step is to conduct listening sessions here at Hope. Each faith community will be dedicating time specifically to share personal stories surrounding the most pressing problems facing our community. A person from the leadership team will soon be in touch with you inviting you to participate in a listening session. This first step helps us because we cannot understand what impacts us all until we listen to one another. So, come, tell your story of “What keeps you up at night?” or “What anxieties keep you up at night worrying?” Together we’ll tell powerful stories to help discover common threads and forge a grassroots network dedicated to fostering more justice in our community.

The Schowalter Singers, the resident choir at Schowalter Villa life plan community in Hesston, will perform a concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, September 7, at Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Dr., Hesston. The program entitled “Look at the world: A celebration of God’s creation,” is a multi-media presentation weaving photos with choral pieces from various genres of music. The choir is under the direction of Leland Flickinger.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for God’s gift of renewal and fellowship for Western District Conference members attending the Women and Girls’ Retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, sponsored by Western District Women in Mission.

...Praise God for the people who were baptized during the biennial retreat of Anabaptist churches in Spain and the encouragement that participants received. This year’s retreat was welcomed, since it was last held in 2019, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Pray that the church members will be renewed in their commitments to Jesus.

Annual Fall Festival
Saturday, November 4, 2023

- **Wednesday, September 13** – Meal by Care & Nurture at 5:30 pm followed by peppernut baking.
- **Wednesday, October 18** – Meal by Care & Nurture at 5:30 pm followed by peppernut baking.
- **Friday, October 20** – Bierock baking day
- If you have any suggestions for Mission projects, please contact a committee member.

Committee members: Leona Adrian, Katie Chlumsky, Renetta Gooden, Shelby Kaufman, Connie Luty, Emily Regehr, Tiffany Regehr, Laurie Regehr

Sharing Praises and Prayers
August 70, 2023

- * Heidi K Greenwood Doell was released from her summer ministry and placed a symbol on the banner recognizing her time with us. Thank you, Heidi!

Work of the Church

- * Fall Festival will be held on November 4 (this is a change from the usual 2nd Saturday of November).
- * Mark your calendars for the annual CROP at Sedgwick County Park on October 8. Witness & Outreach is planning a return to a meal prior to the walk. Look for more details later on.