

Hope Mennonite Church
September 24, 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

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,

Make known God's deeds among the peoples!

Sing to the Lord, sing praises!

Tell of all God's wonderful works!

Glory in God's holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength;

Seek the Lord's presence continually!

*Songs of Gathering

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#88

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

#4

Hearing God's Word

A Time for Children

Heidi K Greenwood Doell

Scripture reading

Matthew 20:1-16

“Abide with Me”

#502

Message

“Unbroken”

Heidi K Greenwood Doell

Responding to God's Word

*“Lord, Listen to Your Children”

#682

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

*"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

#846

*Benediction

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*Please stand if you are able

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: Mike Voth, Hudson Regehr

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture Reader: Marcus Loganbill

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Barb Voth

Upcoming Worship Services

October 1

World Communion Sunday

Preaching text: Philemon 2:1-11

October 8

Preaching text: Jeremiah 29: 4-7

October 29

10:00 am Worship at Camp Mennoscah

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.

September 17

Attendance 86(Hope-73; Zoom-13)

Offering last Sunday \$2,322 Year to date - \$162,334

Spending plan year to date - \$190,000

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 24-30)

Today -Noon - DART group – library
Tuesday -10:00 am Women’s Bible study – hospitality
Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir
Thursday -7:00 pm Women’s Bible study – immigration



Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs
Elementary: Room 2 downstairs
Middle School: Room 7 downstairs
Adults: Congregational discernment - fellowship hall



Mower this week: Jim Blakely

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Mike & Kim Voth



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Val & Mike Mayta
Next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky
October 8: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (October 1-7)

Monday -7:00 pm Worship Commission
Tuesday -10:00 am Women’s Bible study – hospitality
-7:00 pm Vision Council
Wednesday -5:30 pm Meal followed by peppernut baking
-7:00 pm Choir
Thursday -7:00 pm Women’s Bible study – immigration
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need 13 dozen cookies)

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Guests and visitors last week: Jeff & Deb Kroeker; Aurora Mendia; Marilyn Funk

We will have the final congregational meeting regarding church priorities this Sunday, September 24. Individuals will be asked to vote on their choice of priorities (things we want to accomplish and move forward on) in the coming years. The voting will be open for two more Sundays, October 1 and October 8, allowing time for all attendees to vote. Pastor/Congregation Relations Committee - Myron Regier, Bob Stolzle, Lee Schmucker

Fall Festival prep continues You are invited to the second peppernut baking evening on Wednesday, **October 4**. Care & Nurture will provide a meal prior to baking at 5:30 pm. Please sign up to join in the fun and fellowship.

The September 22 issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front literature table. The theme this month is on simplicity – not just materially but also spiritually. Pick up your copy today.

Hope's annual church retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be October 28 (afternoon)-October 29 (early afternoon). You are invited to come for the whole weekend or Saturday and/or Sunday. Registration forms are on the front literature table. More details will be coming soon.

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, Jared 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.

Sharing Praises and Prayers
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* No sharing or work of the church last Sunday.

Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) welcomes donations of baked goods for Market-in-the-Round and pies for Pie-by-the-Slice at Fall Festival. Bring homemade fruit pies, poppyseed roll, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, or other treats to room 140 in Luyken Fine Arts Center from **2-5 p.m. Friday, October 13 or 7-9 a.m. Saturday, October 14**. All proceeds will benefit Bethel College. Questions? Email bcwa@belthelks.edu.

KMRS QUILTER'S CORNER FALL SALE - October 13-14, 2023, Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-3, at MCC, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton, KS. There will be lots of great quilt-related items available for purchase with all the proceeds going to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Questions? Contact Rose at 316-288-0079 or Ann at 919-604-3282

Prayers for the wider church

...We are called as Jesus's followers to share our experience as God's people and the transformative work of the gospel of Jesus in our lives. We pray for church plants and congregations exploring partnerships to do missions together in Western District Conference.

...Praise God for Kate Widmer and the La Prairie (The Prairie) Mennonite congregation she works with in France, through which she builds relationships with immigrants in their neighborhood. Kate's sewing classes have become popular. Pray that she will be able to share God's love, as she helps women make clothes for their families.

...Pray for the Church of Christ in Thailand District 20 Hmong, as this organization facilitates ministry within Hmong communities around the world.

Hope Mennonite Fall Festival

Our second annual Hope Mennonite Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at church. **And, as always, we need your help!** There will lots of ways to get involved – baking for the bake sale, helping bake peppernuts, browning meat/onions for bierocks, grilling sausage, working in the kitchen the day of, helping at the kids' booth, and of course, prayer for the event to bring honor to God and assistance to those in need beyond our walls. Here are key dates with basic information. PLEASE feel free to talk with any committee member if you have questions or need more information.

- **Sunday, October 1 and October 8** – pick up meat/onions and instructions to brown for bierocks. Also, we will take congregational pre-orders for bierocks. We will have a limited number available for first-come, first-served orders in our congregation (limit one dozen for pre-orders). We will not be advertising pre-orders outside of Hope. We will also have bierocks available for lunch on that day but don't plan to sell them in bulk the day of the sale at this time (pending how many get made!).
- **Sunday, October 1, 8, 15, and 22** – peppernut baking during Sunday School
- **October 4** – peppernut baking at church after Care and Nurture meal
- **Sunday, October 15** – deadline for returning meat to church **AND** deadline for pre-orders (call or email church office).
- **Friday, October 20** – bierock baking (if you pre-ordered bierocks they must be picked up at church between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. that day)
- **Sunday, October 15 and 22** – sign up to work on the 4th
- **Friday, November 3** – Bring donated baked goods to church between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. (or bring them Saturday morning)
- **Saturday, November 4** – Bring your friends and families and come have breakfast and/or lunch and enjoy the day – and enjoy A Cuppa Hope coffee!
- **Sunday, November 5** – Celebration Lunch at church – everyone is invited!

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