

Hope Mennonite Church
October 22, 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 defiance of corruption and falsehood,
**we commit to truth and integrity and we pray for honesty
and uprightness to increase in our world.**

In defiance of apathy and hatred,
**we choose to be proactive in love, and we pray for
understanding and peace to increase in our world.**

In defiance of skepticism and cynicism,
**we embrace the mystery of faith, and we pray for humility
and wonder to increase in our world.**

In defiance of self-interest and human arrogance,
**we celebrate God's salvation and we pray for compassion
and faith to increase in our world.**

In defiance of all that would oppose God's purpose among us,
**we choose again to follow Christ, and we continue to pray
not just now, but at all times. Amen.**

*Songs of Gathering

"Praise Him, Praise Him"

#100

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

#398

Hearing God's Word

Child Dedication for Leyton Regehr

Congregational response

**We rejoice with you & give thanks for the gift of Leyton.
With God as our guide, we will share in his nurture and
well-being. We will support by our example & words, your
efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in**

God grows and Christ may be known. Our prayers are with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help you grow as a family in faithfulness and joy.

“God Claims You” insert

Scripture reading Exodus 20:1-20

Message “Moving closer to God” Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

*“The Word of God Is Solid Ground” #399

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

*“Lead Me Forth” #837

*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: Natalie Hand
Pianist: Vicki Howard
Song leader: Lowell Birkey
Scripture Reader: Connie Luty
Worship tech: Michelle Jantz
Zoom host: Barb Voth

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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.

October 15

Attendance 88 (Hope-77; Zoom-11)
Offering last Sunday \$2,075 Year to date - \$175,639
Spending plan year to date - \$210,000

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

Upcoming Worship Services

October 29	10:00 am Worship at Camp Mennoscah
November 5	Remembrance Service
November 12	Preaching text: I Kings 18:17-39

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (October 22-28)

Today	-Noon Kitchen/fellowship hall reserved
Tuesday	-10:00 am Women's Bible study – hospitality -7:15 Sanctuary reserved
Wednesday	-7 pm Pastor Search Committee - library
Thursday	-7:00 pm Women's Bible study – immigration
Saturday	-4 pm + Church retreat at Camp Mennoscah



Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs
Elementary: Room 2 downstairs
Middle School: Room 7 downstairs
Adults: Peppernut baking



Mower this week: Randy Graber

Coffee preparation November 5: Scott & Connie Luty



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman
Next Sunday: Worship at Camp Mennoscah
November 5: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (October 29-November 4)

Sunday	-10:00 am Worship at Camp Mennoscah
Tuesday	-10:00 am Women's Bible study – hospitality
Wednesday	-5:30 Meal followed by Fall Festival preparations -7:00 pm Choir
Thursday	-7:00 pm Women's Bible study – immigration
Saturday	-Sandwich Saturday -9 am – 2 pm Fall Festival

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Guests and visitors last week: Ron Headings; Jeremy Schrag;
Connie & Kevin Schrag; Rachel & Nile Burge

The October 13 issue of *Anabaptist World* is available. There are a variety of lead articles, including a tribute to Patty Shelly. If you are interested in receiving an at-home subscription for \$39 (16 issues), please contact the church office this month.

Thank you to all who made donations for the Returning Citizen Kits. The gentlemen from Jeremiah House will greatly appreciate those items. If at any time, you have new or gently used men's clothing you would wish to donate, please contact Marcus, Lowell, Travis, Randy P., or Jim V. and we will gladly take those items to the men of Working Men of Christ. Winter coats will be needed soon.

Annual Church Retreat

WHO: YOU! Everyone is welcome!

WHAT: Come to worship, pray and play! Fellowship, food, long walks, exploring camp, food, activities, campfire, s'mores, singing, worship service, and more food will be part of the weekend.

WHEN: Saturday, October 28, 4 pm to ?????? through overnight.
Sunday, October 29, 10 am – 2 pm.

WHERE: Camp Mennoscah, Murdock, KS, Retreat Center (think clean Motel 6, not roughing it in cabin!)

The deadline to register is Monday, **October 23**. Registration forms are on the front literature table.

M&M Project Update: **SO CLOSE!!** As of October 16, we have raised more than \$90,000 for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! It shouldn't be long before we reach our goal of \$100,000, matching our generous giver who started this challenge back in the Spring! A number of groups and churches have had fundraisers throughout the year as well.

Listening Gatherings concerning local justice issues are underway at Hope in partnership of 40+ faith communities banded together by the DART (Sedgwick County Multifaith Justice) organization. **Hope everyone can attend your invited meeting time to share your story and hear more about this organization.** The DART Organization network is comprised of 31 affiliated organizations in 10 states. Kansas has 4 other DART affiliates in Lawrence, Topeka, Kansas City and Johnson County. Southern Hills Mennonite is involved in the Topeka affiliate.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for Western District Conference staff as they help to carry out WDC's work of supporting ministers and other leaders, resourcing congregations, and nurturing emerging communities of faith.

On Wednesday, Mennonite Voluntary Service leaders and participants are gathering in Tucson, Arizona, for five days of fellowship and learning. Pray for each participant and for Mission Network's directors, Naomi Leary (North America) and Joani Miller (Training and Resources), who will lead the sessions and build connections that will enhance faith-development throughout the coming year.

... Tomorrow, Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and its partners, from eight countries, are beginning their annual International Central Council meetings in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pray that God's Spirit will guide the five days of worship, prayer, discernment and decision making for the coming year.

God Claims You


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*Refrain**



Leyton, Leyton God claims you, God helps you, pro -

Fine



tects you, and loves you, too.

1. We this day do
2. We your fam - ily
3. We are here to
4. And if you should

D.C.



all a - gree a child of God you'll al - ways be.
love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
say this day that we will help you on your way.
tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la - by.

*Sing Refrain twice at beginning and end, and once between stanzas.

**May insert child's name.

***May insert parents' names "Jeff and Kathy love you so, we vow ..."

WORDS: Stanley M. Farr

MUSIC: Stanley M. Farr

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Irregular with Refrain

October 15, 2023

- * Alex Epp placed two symbols on the banner recognizing his athletic and academic honors this past spring. Congratulations!

Work of the Church

- * Fall Festival: Vicki Howard is coordinating the frozen casserole fundraiser. You will find containers and instructions in the kitchen.
- * Witness and Outreach news: Thank you to everyone who donated items for the returning citizen kits. There will be appreciated. Two past Working Men of Christ men signed up to help with Sandwich Saturday and they need a few other volunteers. Talk to Marcus Loganbill if you can help.

Hope Mennonite Fall Festival - November 4

9 am – 2 pm

We need your help! There will lots of ways to get involved – baking for the bake sale, baking peppernuts, 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.

- **Sunday, October 22** – peppernut baking during Sunday School
- **Sunday, October 22** – sign up to work on the 4th
- **Wednesday, November 1**- meal provided by Care & Nurture, peppernut baking and other Fall Festival preparations.
- **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