

Hope Mennonite Church
November 26, 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

If you delighted to be here,
and if you are tired or troubled,
you are welcome.

If your faith is strong,
and if your faith is battered or frail,
you are welcome.

If you are eager to praise God,
and if you need to be quiet,
you are welcome.

***God welcomes us all
to worship today
and promises to meet us here.***

*Songs of Gathering

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come” #123

“Now Thank we all Our God” #114

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading Psalm 23

“Be Still and Know” #37

Message “A Sermon” (Adam’s version) Adam Voth Unruh

Responding to God’s Word

*“I Owe the Lord a Morning Song” #496

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 Your God is with You"

#173

Benediction

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*Please stand if you are able

We welcome former member Adam Voth Unruh today as he gives the message. Adam is now a member of Washington Mennonite Church in Washington, IA, along with his wife Carly and daughter Mae. He occasionally does pulpit fill-in around the Wayland, IA area Mennonite Churches. 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

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture Reader: Vicki Howard

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Barb Voth

Upcoming Worship Services

December 3 1st Sunday of Advent

December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent

Children & Youth Christmas Presentation

December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent; Choir

December 24 4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve Service

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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.

November 19

Attendance 104 (Hope-93; Zoom-11)

Offering last Sunday \$4,904 Year to date - \$200,616

Spending plan year to date - \$235,000

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 (November 26-December 2)

- Tuesday -10:00 am Fellowship Hall Christmas decorating followed by lunch
- Wednesday -5:30 pm Deacons
-7:00 pm Choir
- Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need 8 dozen cookies)
-1-9:00 pm Reserved event-fellowship hall



***No Sunday school today due to the holiday weekend**

Adult Sunday School – December 3, 10, and 17

Have you ever imagined what the homes of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John might have looked like at Christmas? As we journey through Advent in December we will look at the imagined homes of the four Gospel writers for a unique celebration of Christ's birth, life, and sacrifice. We will reflect on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Christ or the incarnation offered by each Gospel writer and consider how their homes might have looked at Christmas based on what they documented (or not) about Christ's birth. The study will be led by Laurie Regehr.

Coffee preparation next Sunday-no coffee due to holiday weekend



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Val & Mike Mayta

Next Sunday: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

December 10: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (December 3-9)

- Sunday -Sunday school-Budget meeting
-noon Holiday Lunch
- Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

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Guests and visitors last Sunday: Stephanie & Jay Gehring; Evelyn, Gavin, & Erika Neale; Ken & Connie Quinn; Marcia Weaver & Lois Birkey; Jeff & Deb Kroeker; Adam Kroeker

Spending plan update: 2023 spending plan \$260,000; to date, \$200,616; still needed \$59,384 with 6 Sundays left in the year.

As per our Christmas tradition: You are invited to purchase a poinsettia that will adorn our sanctuary from December 10-through Christmas Eve, at which time you can take it home. The poinsettia can be purchased in memory/honor of, or to celebrate a person/ event. Deadline for purchasing is **December 4**. Contact the church office with your request. Cost is \$10 per poinsettia.

Please look ahead and mark your calendars for Hope's next Family Promise hosting week. We will be hosting families from **December 31 through January 7**.

Operation Holiday 2023 It is time to fill up our Operation Holiday boxes! Operation Holiday is an assistance program through HumanKind Ministries. This is Wichita's largest holiday assistance program and helps those in need by providing coats, food, and toys for the family. Return your donations by noon on **December 3**. Accepted donations include **new or like-new kid's coats (2T-youth 16/18) and winter accessories; new or handmade blankets;** non-perishable foods (soup, proteins, peanut butter, cereal); Bath & Body Works matching body wash and lotion (men & women); monetary gifts for bulk item purchasing. **Highlighted items denote items most in need.** The list can also be found on the boxes.

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas on Saturday, **December 2**, at Goerz House, Bethel College. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. Your home-baked cookies, zwiebacks, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts and poppyseed rolls are always great sellers. This year we are especially asking for homemade candies such as peanut clusters, peanut butter balls, peanut brittle or fudge. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 1, from 1:00-4:00 pm or on Saturday from 9:00-10:00 am. Thank you for your support of Bethel College.

M&M Project Update: We did it, friends! Working together, we have raised more than \$100,000 for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! We've been able to match the generous gift that started this challenge back in the Spring!

So, what's next? That's a good question! One thing is for sure: We don't want to stop the ball now that it is rolling! Camp is still in need of money for maintenance. We need to make sure we have the facilities working well so we can continue to be a place where people of all ages come to renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God. We still need maintenance to do the mission.

Please consider giving to Camp Mennoscah and/or the M&M Project on **Giving Tuesday** - this year on **November 28** - or as part of your end-of-the-year giving. It's not that we aren't thankful for all you've done - but there is a lot to be done at Camp, and we already know that God has touched your heart and called you to be part of Camp's mission. Let's not just finish the M&M Project strong - let's finish the year strong! And who knows? Maybe - just maybe - someone may step up to match what we've contributed over and above our goal. Maybe that someone is someone you know. Maybe that someone is you!

Thank you for being a part of Camp Mennoscah!
75 years - There is still so much ahead!

Prayers for the wider church

... María Chub and María Santos Tiul are traveling missionaries, appointed by the Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala. Pray for these two women as they travel to all six regions of the Kekchi Mennonite Church, teaching and supporting women leaders who work with women's groups throughout the church, and as they gain acceptance of their leadership.

... This Tuesday is Giving Tuesday, a day of generosity, created in response to the consumerism that so often overwhelms this holiday season. Prayerfully consider making a gift to Mennonite Mission Network, to focus on building relationships with brothers and sisters around the world rather than buying material possessions.

... Koinonia Theological Center, in Spain, as a ministry, is committed to teaching about social responsibility, peace and reconciliation. Pray for faculty, staff and students, especially those in the university-level program that builds on theological education in dialogue with contemporary culture.