

Hope Mennonite Church

July 14, 2024

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 Beth Merrill Neel blog, "Hold Fast to What is Good".

For the beauty of the summer day,

And the comfort of friends nearby;

For the invitation to love and be loved,

For our God who extends that call;

For time set apart to nourish the soul,

For time to go out into the world armed with love;

For all these things we give thanks.

Let us worship God.

*Songs of Gathering

"Holy Spirit, Come with Power"

#57

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

#76

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-32

"Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us"

#718

Message

"Prodigal Embrace"

Trent Voth

Responding to God's Word

*"We Praise Thee, O God"

#91

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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*Stand as you are able

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with this morning in person or on Zoom. A special welcome to Trent Voth who is sharing with us this morning. Trent completed his first year as the Assistant Professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College. He grew up in the Halstead area but he and his wife, Stephanie, and their two sons, Devereaux (De-Ver-Row) and Darien moved back to the area from Ontario, where Trent completed his PhD at the University of Toronto. Trent has a particular interest in The Gospel of Mark, Anabaptist theologies, Vocational discernment, Christian Political Theologies, and Indigenous justice.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Jim Voth

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Clinton Chlumsky

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

July 21 Guest speaker: Louise Goseland, Justice Together

July 28 Guest speaker: Kendal Warkentine

August 4 Guest speaker: Steve Pankratz

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Interim Pastor

Sara Dick will begin August 5.

Secretaries

Cynthia Loganbill	721-8807	secretary@hopemennonite.org
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Church Office Hours

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.

July 7

Attendance-77(Hope 58; zoom 19)

Offering \$3,427

Year to date \$112,300

Spending plan year to date \$135,000

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 (July 14-20)

Thursday -7:00 pm Family Promise – breaking the tie!

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Chris Bellar



Mower this week: Randy Graber



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Jordon & Emily Regehr

Next Sunday: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

July 28: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (July 21-27)

Tuesday -7:00 pm Worship Commission

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Jeremy, Victoria, Zoya, Amelia Koop

The July issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. The lead articles focus on Anabaptist immigration then and now. Pick your copy today.

The Discipleship Commission is organizing a pre-order (20% discount) through Hope for people interested in the Anabaptist Community Bible which will be available in 2025. Please sign up on the bulletin board and also indicate the cover style you want. You may also contact the church office to place your order. The deadline is July 28.

Our annual Western District Conference Assembly will be held **August 2-4** at First Mennonite in Beatrice, NE. The theme is “In Community We Transform”/ “Nos Transformamos en Comunidad.” We are entitled to send 9 delegates and the church will cover expenses. If you are interested, please contact the church office no later than **July 21**. For more information go to <https://mennowdc.org/2024-annual-assembly/>.

The MCC Sale Quilter's Corner is looking for donations of quilts, quilt tops, fabric, books, magazines and vintage linens for our next sale-we hope in October. Donations can be dropped off at the MCC Center in North Newton labeled for Quilter's Corner or at Stitches Quilt Shop in McPherson. If you have questions, please contact Ann Yoder Smith at 919-604-3282.

Camp Mennoscah is excited to be starting a new capital campaign! Watch for more information coming soon! Foundation 75 is going to be an exciting adventure for all of us involved at camp!

The Family Promise Gala is **October 10th**, but "early-bird" tickets go on sale beginning Monday, **July 15**. Last year we had a sizable group from Hope Mennonite. It is a fun evening to help raise money for Family Promise. Consider signing up to enjoy a delicious catered meal, great fellowship, bidding on numerous sponsor baskets or artwork, and the auction. Beginning on July 15, tickets will be \$100 each for a limited time after which the price increases to \$125. See Marcus Loganbill for more information or to sign up for the event.

Prayers for the Wider Church:

... Pray for all who are preparing to lead and participate in Western District Conference Annual Assembly on August 2-4, as we open ourselves to the transforming presence of Christ in this gathering of the church.

... Pray for the participants in the Mennonite Voluntary Service unit in Tucson, Arizona, as they say goodbye to friends in their work assignments, neighborhood and host congregation. Pray especially for volunteers and resources for the ongoing work of Casa Alitas, a non-profit agency that welcomes migrant families.

... Pray for Nigeria Mennonite Church, led by Bishop Victor Umoabasi, and the Nigeria Anabaptist Peace Center, led by Nehemiah Chigoji, as they work for peace in their multi-cultural communities, where Christian-Muslim relations are often challenging.

Sharing Prayers & Praise
June 23, 2024

* Dave Schmidt shared pictures of meeting his grandson, Raylan Bradley Rice.