

Hope Mennonite Church
August 4, 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

In the beginning,
before time, before people,
before the world began,

God was

Here and now,
among us, beside us,
clearer than the air, closer than breathing

God is.

In all that is to come,
when we have turned to dust
and human knowledge has been completed,

God will be.

Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it
through Jesus Christ,

by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, God is, God will be.

*Songs of Gathering

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

#536

"In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting"

#619

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:5-20

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Love"

#590

Message

"I Don't Know, But I Wonder!"

Steve Pankratz

Responding to God's Word

*"My Life Flows On"

#605

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

*"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

#619

*Benediction

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*Stand as you are able

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom. Thanks to our own Steve Pankratz for speaking this morning and coordinating the worship service.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Mike Voth

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Treva Greaser

Scripture reader: Margaret Wiebe

Worship tech: Galen Fast

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

August 11: Guest speaker: Ben Parker Sutter

August 18: Guest speaker: Jill Weaver

August 25: Sara Dick's first Sunday

Stay in Touch with Hope

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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 28

Attendance-66 (Hope 59; Zoom 7)

Offering \$4,085

Year to date \$126,481

Spending plan year to date \$150,000

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 (August 4-10)

No meetings scheduled

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Cindy Fast



Mower this week: Grant Bellar



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman

Next Sunday: Donna Heide & Lily Harder

August 18: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 11-17)

Tuesday 7:00 pm Music Committee

Thursday 7:00 pm Vision Council

Saturday 9 am-12 pm Mini Bible School

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Mike & Ann Fetters

The August issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. This issue features interfaith experiences and relationships. Pick up your copy today.

The Discipleship Commission is organizing a pre-order (20% discount) through Hope for people interested in 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 **August 4**.

To celebrate the installation of our new interim pastor, Sara Dick, and in coordination with Bible school weekend, there will be lunch for the Hope Congregation on Sunday, **August 18**. Pulled pork, buns, chips, and dessert will be provided. We are inviting you, the congregation, to share in the meal by bringing salads or other favorite sides to complement the meal. The luncheon will begin shortly after the service and Bible school will start at 12:00. Care and Nurture (and Bible School Grandmas)

We are happy to announce Hope's Mini-Bible School will be held Saturday, **August 17**, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm, and Sunday **August 18**, 12:00-3:00 pm preceded by a congregational lunch. Participation for ages 3-8 and will include story time & Bible verses, service projects, music, crafts, snacks, recreation. We will plan for approximately 15 children and invite other grandparents to help with the activities. Cost- \$5 per child on Saturday. The following Sunday the children will share what they learned. Please register with the church office. We anticipate great fun & blessings with the children as they learn about Serving God and Serving Others. Laurie Regehr, Connie Luty, Shirlyn Graber, Annette Chlumsky

On Saturday, **August 3rd**, at 3:00 PM at Faith Mennonite Church (Newton, KS) we will be holding our annual Camp Mennoscah Sing event. All are welcome to join us to sing camp songs led by the Summer Staff, enjoy a recap of the summer, and hear testimony to the great work camp is doing. There will be a donation raffle for baked goods, camp merch, and more! Following the singing we will have popcorn and generic pop together! See you there!

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.

Women & Girls! Western District Women in Mission invites you to our annual retreat **September 7-8** at Camp Mennoscah! Bring a friend! Theme: Peaceful Practices with Kristine Regehr as our keynote speaker. Girls' Programming for 5th grade - high school with Janna Duerksen. Find a brochure and registration form at <https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/register>. Deadline is August 30. Come early at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning to tie Camp Mennoscah t-shirt comforters! They will also be available to tie throughout retreat. We hope to get 6 comforters tied and give them to Camp to sell as fundraisers.

Prayers for the Wider Church:

...Give thanks for the Western District Conference Annual Assembly held this past sweekend, and pray that we would all be open to God's transforming work as we join together in community.

...Mission Network has formalized a partnership covenant with the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. For several years, Mennonite Voluntary Service has provided a participant to work as the coalition's communication person. Pray for the two organizations as they find new ways to journey together and provide mutual support to each other.s

...A professor of Islamic studies and Muslim-Christian relations has committed her life to facilitating conversations and understanding between Christians and Muslims around the world. Pray for her as she travels. Pray also for her many friends, who work in difficult situations of war and other forms of violence.

Sharing Prayers & Praise July 28, 2024

- * Ron & Linda Headings put a moving symbol up as they are returning to Bluffton, Ohio this week. They gave thanks for the warm welcome they received during their short time in Wichita.
- * Connie Luty asked for prayers for her nephew Daniel as his colon cancer has returned with 6 lesions on his lungs. He will be starting radiation.

Work of the Church

- * Anabaptist Bible presale has been extended to August 4. MCC school kits deadline is August 11. MCC is low on items.
- * Creation books for adults and children are outside the library, and will be available for check out for a month.