

Hope Mennonite Church  
August 11, 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

Open our ears

**to hear your word.**

Open our eyes

**to see your presence.**

Open our arms

**to the embrace of community.**

Open our minds

**to the beauty of truth.**

Open our hearts

**to the joy of new life.**

\*Songs of Gathering

“How Can I Say”

#388

“Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”

#131

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading from the Peace Table

Mark 4:1-20

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

#398

Message

Ben Parker Sutter

“The Parable of the Growing Ecosystem”

Responding to God’s Word

\*“Here I Am, Lord”

#545

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 Word of God Is Solid Ground"

#399

\*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 Ben Parker Sutter for sharing with us this morning.

### Worship Participants

Worship leader: Connie Luty

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Ben Parker Sutter

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

### Upcoming Worship Services

August 18: Guest speaker: Jill Weaver

August 25: Sara Dick's first Sunday



## Stay in Touch with Hope

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### Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: T 9 am – 4 pm; W & Th 1-9 pm  
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](http://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.

August 4

Attendance-65 (Hope 60; zoom 5)

Offering \$2,773

Year to date \$129,254

Spending plan year to date \$155,000

Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithe.ly**.  
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 11-17)

Tuesday -7 pm Music Committee  
Wednesday -1:30 pm Deacons  
-7 pm Worship Commission  
Thursday -7 pm Vision Council  
Saturday -9-noon Vacation Bible School (please register)

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Travis & Charity Cox



Mower this week: Scott Luty



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Donna Heide

Next Sunday: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

August 25: Lori Regier, Amy Bellar

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 18-24)

Sunday -Congregational lunch following worship  
-Noon – 3 Vacation Bible School

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Mallory; Brad, Elizabeth, Maddie, Kaitlyn Anderson; Matt, Michelle, Leo, Otto, Huey Pankratz

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 fall issue(September-November) of the devotional *Rejoice!* is available on the front table. Pick your copy today.

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)

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

The Sign-up Genius for Family Promise will become active today. Sign up for your slots. Our week is August 25-September 1. Thank you.

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:

... Pray for God's joy and energy to be with students, teachers and their families in Western District Conference congregations, as they anticipate the beginning of a new school year.

...Praise God for the surge of interest in Christian Service programs that has led to all openings being filled. Pray for the new participants, who are joining Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure units this month. Pray for open hearts and patience as these young adults and their hosting congregations learn to live in community with one another.

...Join Kate Widmer in praising God that the French government renewed her visa. Pray that she will fulfill all the requirements for national residency — the equivalent of a green card in the United States. If granted, this would give her the possibility of volunteering in France for 10 years.

Sharing Prayers & Praise  
August 4, 2024

- \* Jared Regehr & Natalie Graber were married on Saturday. Blessings on them and their family and friends as they celebrated.
- \* Sara Dick will begin as our interim pastor tomorrow. Prayers for her as she joins us in ministry.
- \* We acknowledge the work and danger of our first responders. Keep the family of Ty Voth, fallen Wichita firefighter, in your prayers.
- \* Brenda Glanzer Lilliston requested prayers as she undergoes knee replacement surgery on Tuesday.
- \* Laura Quezada thanked Family Promise and Hope Mennonite as she journeyed from homelessness to home ownership. She is so grateful for the love offering given to her by the women's Bible study groups and the timing of it. She will also be having a partial knee replacement in either September or October.

Work of the Church

- \* The Anabaptist Bible presale has concluded. If you signed up for a copy, please pay the church office. The Bibles will arrive in 2025.



# CAMP MENNOSCAH FOUNDATION 75 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

## HOW CAN I GIVE?

As of July 2024, Mennoscah has launched our Foundation 75 Capital Campaign to raise \$750,000, starting now and continuing through December 2025. First monies raised will be used to finish paying for the HVAC system in the Retreat Center, for pool upkeep issues, and for finishing details in the Dining Hall project.

You can give to the campaign for Camp in the following ways:

- You can give a one-time gift - by check or on-line
- You can make a monthly pledge on-line as well. A pledge allows you to make a bigger gift than perhaps a one-time gift does by spreading the gift out over a year. See [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) for more information.
- You can sponsor an event at your church - ideas to come soon!
- You can give as part of a small group, a Sunday school class, or as a family project.
- You can set up planned giving through your financial advisor.

## AND REMEMBER - SEPTEMBER 22 - 75TH CELEBRATION!

Plan to join together with other Camp Mennoscah supporters at Camp for a day of worship, fun, and fellowship, followed by our annual business meeting. Make reservations for lunch at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org).

Questions? Feeling inspired? Contact Tammy at [tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org](mailto:tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org)

*75 years! And there is so much ahead!*

**FOUNDATION 75**