

Hope Mennonite Church
September 15, 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

O God, author of eternal light,
lead us in our worshipping this day:
**that our lips may praise you,
our lives may bless you,
and our meditations glorify you,**
through Christ our Lord.

*Songs of Gathering

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

#28

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

#103

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:8

“Ancient Words”

Insert

Message

Louis Goseland

Doing Justice Together: Building a powerful justice ministry

Responding to God’s Word

“At The River” arr. R. Wilding White

Choir

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

“For the beauty of the earth” John Rutter

Choir

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

*"Rain Down"

#703

*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. A special welcome to Louis Goseland. He is a lifelong community organizer with 18 years of professional experience. He is the Lead Organizer for Justice Together, a newly formed, multi faith, Justice Ministry organization in Sedgwick County. Justice Together is made up of 35 religious congregations and other groups of which Hope is a member. They have been working since January 2023 to identify key issues in Sedgwick County and to research solutions.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Connie Luty

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader & choir director: Trae Gehring

Scripture reader: Chris Teufel

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Renetta Gooden

Upcoming Worship Services

September 22 To Hope and Act with Creation-Revealing

September 29 To Hope and Act with Creation-Freedom



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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Tuesday 9-4 pm; Thursday 9-4 pm

Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9 -1:30 pm

Kim Friday 9-1 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.

September 8

Attendance 94 (Hope 84; zoom 10)

Offering \$3,470

Year to date \$147,251

Spending plan year to date \$180,000

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 (September 15-21)

Monday -7:00 pm Worship Commission

Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study: Jesus take a side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Scott & Connie Luty



*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Adults in the sanctuary: Inside the Disciple's Studio with Steve & Sharon Pankratz.

Mower this week: Jim Blakely



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Jordon & Emily Regehr

Next Sunday: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

September 29: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 22-28)

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible study
Luke in the Land: Walking with Jesus
-7:00 pm Vision Council

Wednesday -6:00 pm Chili cook off; followed by peppernut baking
-7:00 pm Choir

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-7:00 pm Worship Commission

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Ellie Wintermote; Mike & Ann Fetters; Polly Carlson; Glenda Roane

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study begins **September 24** at 10:00 am through November 19. We will meet for approximately 1.5 hours each time. We will be meeting concurrently which gives you the option of joining us via Zoom or in person in the church library. We will be studying the book, *Luke in the Land: Walking with Jesus* by Kristi McLelland. Please purchase your own book.

The Women's Thursday evening Bible Study will begin meeting on **Sept. 19** at 7 pm on Zoom. We will be studying *JESUS TAKES A SIDE: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel* by Jonny Rashid. Please purchase your own book. Please let the church office or Brenda Glanzer Lilliston know if you plan on attending. For the first class, please read chapter 1 and/or read or listen to *LETTERS FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL* by Martin Luther King Jr.

Did Ya Know... Hope's Listening Sessions for Justice Together will be held during Sunday School time on **Sept. 22**. Now, you might be thinking, "been there, done that, no reason to attend this year." However, Listening Sessions are a key foundation on which Justice Together is built. JT believes that together we can tackle the serious problems that affect Wichita and Sedgwick County. It starts with sharing stories about what is going on in our lives.

Last year, after compiling the many concerns mentioned during Listening Committees across Sedgwick County, Justice Together Network members voted for Homelessness and Mental Health as our top two priorities to focus on.

You might be thinking homelessness and mental issues should keep JT busy for at least five years. And you are right, homelessness will continue as a priority in 2025 because the commitments made by our officials at May's Nehemiah Assembly have yet to be fulfilled.

With the progress made on the Mental Health initiatives, the Justice Together Board has voted to monitor those priorities. Our priority of having fully staffed 24-7-365 mobile crisis coverage for Sedgwick County has made a huge impact because 69% of the time, the crisis unit can stabilize the person in crisis without that person needing to be taken anywhere. Our other mental health priority of providing 300 people in need with caseworkers, peer support and transportation plan for outpatient care has also been successful. **This leaves potential for choosing a new priority or continuing to work on other Mental Health related issues. That is why telling our stories matters this fall. "We cannot understand what impacts us all until we listen to one another." Come, tell your story."**

We hope you will join a listening session on September 22 during the Sunday School hour. A couple of Zoom sessions might be offered at a later time.

Get ready for a chili cook-off on **Wednesday, September 25th at 6:00 pm!** Share a favorite recipe or try a new one: White chili, vegan, other-meat varieties are all welcome! Choir will be meeting that night and it's also a peppernut-baking night for the upcoming Craft Bazaar. Serving time is 6:00 p.m. and prizes will be awarded. There are TWO signup sheets – one for those **bringing** chili and the other for those who are simply **eating** and enjoying chili.

CROP Walk- Sunday, October 6, Sedgwick County Park. Please consider walking and/or making a donation. \$50 entitles you to the 2024 T-shirt. A lunch will be served at the park prior to the walk, so sign up for that. Register with paper copies (Clinton Chlumsky) or online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/hope-mennonite-church?participant=clinton-chlumsk>

On October 8-12, Mennonite Disaster Service and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp will continue their critical fire mitigation partnership in the work for forest thinning, removing hazard tree, removing logs, chipping slash. A desire for 10 or more volunteers are needed each day to accomplish the tasks at hand. Volunteers for foodservice are also encouraged and welcomed to help in support of the week's efforts.. Go to www.rmmc.org and select "**MDS FIRE, HAZARD & DISASTER MITIGATION**" to register for the week/days. Please feel free to contact Paul Unruh (316-772-6308), Marc Yoder (719-942-3276), Brad Shelley (720-459-2929) or camp with any questions.

Prayers for the Wider Church:

...Pray for God's wisdom to guide Western District Conference congregations and members, as we discern faithful responses, actions and words in this national election season.

... As we observe this year's Season of Creation, Sara Gurulé, one of Mission Network's constituent engagement representatives, invites us to resist habits of greed, exploitation and extraction in the name of security. Pray that, with Jesus as our center, we may live into communal interconnection and interdependence that moves us all toward healing.

...On September 11, members of the Apache Stronghold and their supporters will conclude a prayer journey that began in the Lummi Nation (north of Seattle, Washington) in July. Pray for them as they file their appeal for saving the Earth and all its people from the ravages of extractive mining.

Craft Bazaar & Peppernut Sale

Our annual event will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at church. **And, as always, we need your help!** There will be lots of ways to get involved – baking for the bake sale, helping bake peppernuts, browning meat/onions for bierocks, 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 or need more information.

- **Sunday, September 22 and September 29** – pick up meat/onions and instructions to brown for bierocks. Also, we will take congregational pre-orders for bierocks. We will have a limited number available for first-come, first-served orders in our congregation (limit one dozen for pre-orders). We will not be advertising pre-orders outside of Hope. We will also have bierocks available for lunch on that day but don't plan to sell them in bulk the day of the sale at this time (pending how many get made!).
- **Sunday, October 6, 13, 20, November 3**– peppernut baking during Sunday School
- **September 25 & October 16** – Care & Nurture meal followed by peppernut baking
- **Wednesday, October 2** – deadline for returning meat to church **AND** deadline for pre-orders (call or email church office).
- **Friday, October 4** – bierock baking (if you pre-ordered bierocks they must be picked up at church between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. that day)
- **Sunday, October 20, November 3** – sign up to work on the 4th
- **Friday, November 8** – Bring donated baked goods to church between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. (or bring them Saturday morning)
- **Saturday, November 9** – Bring your friends and families and come have breakfast and/or lunch and enjoy the day – and enjoy A Cuppa Hope coffee!
- **Sunday, November 10**– 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