



*The Season of
Creation*

Hope Mennonite Church
September 22, 2024
9:30 am Worship
To Hope and Act with Creation: Reveling

*Consider that the sufferings of our present times
are not as weighty as the lingering presence
of the Sacred that will be fully revealed in us all.
The whole creation longs with eager expectation
for this unveiling of the human, beloved ones.
Romans 8:18-19 (translated by Victoria Loorz)*

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 #887

*Songs of Gathering
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #182
"Like a Rock" #63

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time Sara Dick

Scripture Reading Romans 8:18-19; Psalm 19:1-6; John 2:1-11

"God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song" #539

Message "Wedding Vibes" Sara Dick

Responding to God's Word

*"O Lord My God/How Great Thou Art" #436

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Morning has Broken"

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

*"My Love Colors Outside the Lines"

#582

*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. These next weeks, we will be joining Christians all over the world in marking the Season of Creation. The series "To Hope and Act with Creation" is a resource developed by the Climate Justice Ministry of Mennonite Church USA and created to support congregations as they seek justice and peace for all creation. During the series, our call to enter into worship will be our chimes along with bird songs.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Donna Heide

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Barb Voth

Upcoming Worship Services

September 29 To Hope and Act with Creation-Freedom

October 6 To Hope and Act with Creation-Birth

World Communion Sundah

October 27 10:30 am Worship at Camp Mennoscah

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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick **This week:** Tuesday 1-9 pm; Thursday 3-8 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 15

Attendance 102 (Hope 96; zoom 6)

Offering \$1,746

Year to date \$148,997

Spending plan year to date \$185,000

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

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Cindy Fast



*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Adults in the sanctuary: TODAY you can be part of a Justice Together Listening Session. This is part of a larger conversation hosted by all faith communities involved with JT to help tackle serious problems in Wichita and Sedgwick County. JT helped facilitate local systemic changes this past year in mental health and homelessness issues. Once again, it starts with us sharing our stories about the issues we see and experience in our community. Everyone is welcome to join us!!

Mower this week: Grant Bellar



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

Next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

October 6: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 29-October 5)

- Sunday -Noon Pastor Congregation Relations Committee
- Tuesday -1:00 pm Care & Nurture Commission
-10:00 am Women's Bible study
Luke in the Land: Walking with Jesus
- Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir
- Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study: Jesus take a side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel

Friday -Bierock baking all day
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday

Guests & visitors last Sunday: Emily Thompson; Louis Goseland; Cecelia Long; Emira Chavira

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study begins **September 24** 10:00-11:30 am through November 19. 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.

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 sign-up 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>

Join Us For The 2024 Hope Mennonite Church Retreat - Set your calendars for Sunday, October 27! The retreat will look different this year since Camp Mennoscah is undergoing some renovations of the Retreat Center. This year the retreat is scheduled for only one day, Sunday. We will have access to the main kitchen, dining hall, and the Buffalo Room, a comfortable visiting area adjacent to the dining hall. Sunday will include a worship service, brunch/lunch, fellowship, games, and weather permitting, a healthy dose of time outdoors in nature. We are challenging the congregation to make this the best attended Retreat ever!! Watch for registration details, pricing, schedule of the day, and other details in the making! Care and Nurture

Kidron Bethel Village will host its annual Country Breakfast on Saturday, **October 5**, from 7 to 10 a.m., in Kidron Hall, 3001 Ivy

Dr., North Newton. Proceeds benefit the Kidron Bethel Village Health Care Benevolent Fund, assisting residents who are unable to cover the full cost of their care.

Did Ya Know... That TODAY is when Justice Together Listening Sessions will be held during Sunday School time. 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 TODAY during the Sunday School hour.** A couple of Zoom sessions might be offered at a later time.

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. 10 or more volunteers are needed each day to accomplish the tasks at hand. Volunteers for foodservice are also encouraged and welcomed. 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 ministers gathering for a retreat next weekend in Texas, sponsored by the Western District Conferences Ministerial Leadership Commission.

...Today, Season of Creation is calling for a Global Day of Action, to endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. Pray that each person and congregation will do their part to reduce the consumption of fossil fuels that harm the Earth and transition to renewable energy sources, wherever possible.

...This spring, Barbara West spent six weeks in Calais, France, through SOOP. She was so moved by her experience of sharing the joys and pain of people fleeing violence that she returned for another three weeks. Pray for her today, as she completes her second SOOP assignment and shares what she has learned with others.

Sharing Prayers & Praise
September 8, 2024

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Work of the Church

- * Vision Council will be leading a discussion on technology and monitors in the sanctuary as well as options for accessibility to our stage. This discussion will be held during Sunday School on September 29.
- * The Pastor Search Committee continues to meet monthly. To date, they have no candidates. They are looking at different avenues and ways to proceed with their search.

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!

Craft Bazaar Committee: Leona Adrian, Katie Chlumsky, Renetta Gooden, Shelby Kaufman, Connie Luty, Emily Regehr, Laurie Regehr, Tiffany Regehr