



*The Season of
Creation*

Hope Mennonite Church
September 29, 2024
9:30 am Worship
To Hope and Act with Creation: Freedom

“For Earth was subjected to emptiness not of her own choice, but out of a pattern of life and death, in hope that the creation, herself, will be set free from her own spirit of slavery to decay and brought into glorious freedom, alongside the freedom of their human kin.”

Romans 8:20-21 ((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

Come, let us sing joyfully to God!

Raise a shout to our rock, our deliverance!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
and sing our praises with joy.

For YHWH is a great God,
the great Ruler, above all gods.

O God, in your hands are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks are yours.

Yours is the sea, for you made it,
the dry land as well, for your hands formed it.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before YHWH, our Maker.

For you are our God,
**and we are the people you shepherd,
the flock under your care.**

*Songs of Gathering

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer”

#34

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns”

#101

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

Sara Dick

Scripture Reading Psalm 95; Romans 8:20-21; Luke 4:16-21

"This Is God's Wondrous World" #180

Message "To whom will we listen?" Sara Dick

Responding to God's Word

*"Praise with Joy the World's Creator" #428

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

*"My Life Flows On" #605

*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. Hope is 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: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Adam Voth Unruh

Scripture reader: Vicki Howard

Worship tech: Galen Fast

Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick **This week:** Tuesday & Thursday 9 am – 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 22

Attendance 90 (Hope 82; zoom 8)

Offering \$5,470

Year to date \$154,467

Spending plan year to date \$190,000

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.

Upcoming Worship Services

October 6	To Hope and Act with Creation-Birth World Communion Sunday
October 13	Guest speaker
October 27	10:30 am Worship at Camp Mennoscah

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (September 29-October 5)

Today	-Noon Pastor Congregation Relations Committee
Tuesday	-10:00 am Women's Bible study Luke in the Land: Walking with Jesus -1:00 pm Care & Nurture
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

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Delaine & Bob Stolzle



- *Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs
- *Elementary: Room 2 downstairs
- *Middle School: Room 7 downstairs
- *Adults in the sanctuary: Discussion on tech discernment and radical hospitality efforts.

Mower this week: Scott Luty



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

Next Sunday: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

October 13: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (October 6-12)

Sunday	-CROP Walk
Tuesday	-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

Guests & visitors last Sunday: Ashley and Jami McQuilken; Marty & Hannah Malotte

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>

Listening Sessions for Justice Together will continue in October. Thanks to the people who helped us get a strong start during Sunday School on September 22! This is our way of having “a say” in Justice Together’s focus for the coming year. Please watch for more Listening Session opportunities coming up in October!

Join Us For The 2024 Hope Mennonite Church Retreat - Set your calendars for Sunday, **October 27!** The retreat will look different this year since Casmp 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

Prayers for the Wider Church:

...Pray for the IBA Christian formation program at the new Arca de Salvacion Church in Uspantan, Guatemala. May God bless and guide the leaders and participants, and may this program strengthen the faith and commitment of the community in its walk with Christ.

...Caleb and Stephanie Schrock-Hurst are preparing for ministry at the Mennonite Christian Hospital (MCH) in Hualien, Taiwan. Pray for them as they raise financial support to increase the hospital's capacity and strengthen the relationship between MCH and Mission Network.

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.

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 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
- **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