Hope Mennonite Church October 13, 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

Come, Lord, work upon us. Set us on fire and clasp us close. Be fragrant to us, draw us to your loveliness. Let us love, Let us run to you. Amen.

*Songs of Gathering

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

"God of Our Strength"

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| | Hearing God's Word | | |
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| Scripture Reading | | 2 Corinthians 4:1-18 | |
| "Walk Hand In Hand" | Johnny Cowell | Choir | |
| Message | "Do Not Lose Heart" | Dawn Epp | |
| Responding to God's Word | | | |
| *"We Walk by Faith" | | #588 | |
| 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

"Let the River Run" Carly Simon, arr. Craig Hella Johnson Choir

*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. We are delighted to have Dawn Epp sharing with us this morning. Dawn is the executive director of Family Promise of Greater Wichita and a member at Hope.

| Worship Participants | |
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| Worship leader: Jim Voth | |
| Pianist: Laurie Regehr | |
| Song leader & choir director: Trae Gehring | |
| Scripture reader: Kendal Warkentine | |
| Worship tech: Mike Voth | |
| Zoom host: Lee Schmucker | |

| | Upcoming Worship Services |
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| October 20 | To Act and Hope with Creation: Hope |
| October 27 | 10:30 am Worship at Camp Mennoscah |
| November 3 | All Saints Remembrance |



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 (October 13-19)

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible study Luke in the Land: Walking with Jesus -1:30 pm Deacons

Wednesday -Care & Nurture meal followed by peppernut baking

Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study: Jesus takes a

side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel

Coffee preparation next Sunday - Cindy Fast



*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs *Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Adults in the sanctuary: Peppernut baking

Mower this week: Jerold Heide





NURSERY (birth through age 4) Today: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh Next Sunday: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky October 27: Worship at Camp Mennoscah

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Luke in the Land: Walking with JesusWednesday-7:00 pm Choir
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side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel

<u>Guests & visitors last Sunday:</u> Andy & Carmen Shelly; Sid & Dyann Graber

Join Us For The 2024 Hope Mennonite Church Retreat - Set your calendars for Sunday, **October 27**! 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 at **10:30**, followed by lunch, fellowship, games, and weather permitting, a healthy dose of time outdoors in nature. This is a wonderful way to support Camp Mennoscah, its vision and

focus. Our young children also become familiar with the camp facility so they will become comfortable with the thought of perhaps attending summer camp in their future. If you plan to stay for the afternoon's activities, you might bring a snack to share. Tickets are now available! The first 100 people will be admitted free!! That means no camp day fee or charge for the meal. What a deal! We are challenging the congregation to make this the best attended Retreat ever!!

<u>Justice Together Listening Sessions via Zoom</u> are planned for Thursday, October 17 at 6:00 PM and Saturday, October 19 at 9:00 AM. To access these Zoom meetings, go to

- Hope Mennonite website
- Click on livestream icon
- Click on join meeting

These will be a shortened "condensed" version of earlier meetings. Because the information given at these sessions has already been shared in September's bulletins and newsletters, the team feels our time is better spent sharing our stories and concerns. These Listening Sessions help build our Hope Justice Together Network and is each person's way to have "a say" in Justice Together's focus for the coming year.

If you can't attend one of these meetings or would rather be contacted for your input via text or email, please let Brenda Lilliston, Grace Parker Sutter or Wendy Wiens know.

Prayers for the Wider Church:

...Give thanks for Western District Conference congregations that are hosting special events during this fall season, as they share food and fellowship with their wider community.

...On Tuesday, participants will embark on the first Just Peace Pilgrimage to South Africa. Pray for them as they immerse themselves in the country's struggle against apartheid and wrestle with the church's role in upholding racial segregation in South Africa and in the United States.

...Lycée Miodi is a Mennonite high school in the Democratic Republic of Congo which prepares young women for leadership in their homes, churches and communities, through training in sewing and information technology. Praise God for the 13 students who graduated this year, and pray for them as they begin their careers and ministries.

| | Sharing Prayers & Praise |
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| | October 6, 2024 |
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| | Work of the Church |
| * | Care & Nurture will be providing a pulled pork meal on Wednesday, October 16, 6 pm followed with peppernut baking. Please sign up on the bulletin board. |
| * | 640 bierocks were made on Friday. A shout out to Twila Blakely for working the entire day! |
| * | Clinton Chlumsky reported that as of Sunday morning, \$3,000 had been raised for the CROP walk Sunday afternoon. He also lifted up Randy Pinkerton, Dave Miller & Travis Cox who will be traveling to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp to work with MDS and the fire mitigation and tree removal. Prayers for their travel and work. |
| * | If you are interested in a 2024 Craft Bazaar T-shirt, sign up on the bulletin or use the link sent out last week. |
| * | Wendy Wiens thanked some former Andale students who did Sandwich Saturday yesterday. They volunteered during their high school years thanks to Marcus Loganbill and have now |

extended it to the post-graduate years.* There is information on the bulletin board on Justice Together.

"Walk Hand In Hand"

Walk hand in hand with me through all eternity. Have faith, believe in me, give me your hand. Love is a symphony of perfect harmony, When lovers such as we walk hand in hand.

Be not afraid for I am with you all the while. So lift your head up high and look toward the sky!

Walk hand in hand with me, God is our destiny, No greater love could be, walk hand in hand with me. Craft Bazaar & Peppernut Sale

Our annual event will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at church. <u>And, as always, we need your help</u>! There will 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, October 13,20, November 3–peppernut baking during Sunday School
- October 16 Care & Nurture meal followed by peppernut baking
- Sunday, October 20, November 3 sign up to work on the 9th
- 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

"Let the River Run"

Coming to the edge running on the water.

Let the river run, let all the dreamers wake the nation.

Come, the new Jerusalem.

Silver cities rise; the morning lights the streets that meet them, sirens call them on with a song.

It's asking for the taking, trembling, shaking.

Oh, my heart is aching,

We're coming to the edge, running on the water,

Coming through fog, your sons and daughters.