



*The Season of
Creation*

Hope Mennonite Church
October 20, 2024
9:30 am Worship
To Hope & Act with Creation: Hope

We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience. Romans 8:24-25

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

Psalm 126

When the Lord changed Zion's circumstances for the better,
it was like we had been dreaming.

**Our mouths were suddenly filled with laughter;
our tongues were filled with joyful shouts.**

It was even said, at that time, among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**Yes, the Lord has done great things for us,
and we are overjoyed.**

Lord, change our circumstances for the better,
like dry streams in the desert waste!

Let those who plant with tears
reap the harvest with joyful shouts.

Let those who go out, crying and carrying their seed,
come home with joyful shouts, carrying bales of grain.

*Songs of Gathering

"Come, Ye Thankful People"

#123

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

#670

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

Ruthie Goering

Reader's Theatre

Message

Responding to God’s Word

*“Be a Sower”

#789

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

*“Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God”

#653

*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. The reader’s theatre this morning is **Mystery and Growth**, from *Let All within Us Praise* by Patty Shelly, 1996 and adapted by Leslie James. Today we conclude our six Sunday series “To Hope and Act with Creation.”

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lori Miller

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Jared Regehr

Reader’s Theatre: Kendal Warkentine, Rod Kremer, Annette Chlumsky

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Tuesday 11-4; Thursday 9-4s

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.

October 13

Attendance 77 (Hope 69; zoom 8)

Offering \$3,146

Year to date \$162,973

Spending plan year to date \$205,000

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 27	10:30 am Worship at Camp Mennoscah
November 3	All Saints Remembrance
November 10	A Celebration of Hope

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (October 20-26)

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 takes a side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel

Coffee preparation November 3 – Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill



- *Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs
- *Elementary: Room 2 downstairs
- *Middle School: Room 7 downstairs
- *Adults in the sanctuary: Peppernut baking

Mower this week: Randy Graber



NURSERY (birth through age 4)
Today: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky
Next Sunday: Worship at Camp Mennoscah
November 3: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (October 27-November 2)

Sunday	-10:30 worship at Camp Mennoscah; brunch
Monday	-7:00 pm Music Committee
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 takes a side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel
Saturday	-Sandwich Saturday (14 dozen cookies needed)

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Cal & Carol Zehr; Heidi & Hayden Goerzen; Dorothy Cloud

The rosebud is in honor of the birth of Charlotte Ann Kaufman, daughter of Shelby & Tyler.

Are interested in learning more about Hope and/or about church membership? Pastor Sara is offering an Inquiry Class for adults this fall. If you have any interest please contact her or the church office.

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!!

The cardboard cutout and the location of the free-standing screen are designed to give a general idea of where our video monitors might be placed, based on Worship Commission's recommendation. These items will be in place for a couple of weeks after which we will vote on the specific location and appropriate next steps will begin for installation. Refer to the email sent on **October 14** with the recording of Sunday School for more details on additional information and locations that were considered.

For seven years, Hope Mennonite has been a host congregation for Family Promise. If you would like to become a volunteer for FP, the procedure is quite simple. Go to familypromisewichita.org; find "Get Involved" and click on "volunteer". Fill out the volunteer form, find the "training enrollment link" and then take two on-line training courses - 101 and 102. Upon completion of those trainings, you are trained for life! There are possibilities for in-person training as well. During our host weeks, we need volunteers to: bring meals, spend time over supper with our guests, spend the night, set up rooms, do laundry, and drive to and from the dayhouse. Please see Marcus Loganbill if you have questions.s

Prayers for the Wider Church:

...Pray for Western District Conference congregations in pastoral transition, as they discern leadership and vision in the midst of change.

...We are partners in church planting, but any growth we witness is due to God. Let's pray to God to give us wisdom to keep planting churches and find those who plant, like those who water. Let us pray that our God will give the spiritual growth essential to accomplishing God's work. -WDC Church Planting Commission

...The Mennonite Voluntary Service participants from Arizona, California and Colorado will begin their five-day fall retreat in Salt Lake City, Utah this week. Pray for inspiration and renewal, as they worship and share experiences, so that they may return to their service assignments energized.

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, October 20, November 3–peppernut baking during Sunday School
- 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

Sharing Prayers & Praise
October 13, 2024

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Work of the Church

- * Connie Luty gave a brief history of our two-year tradition of using Sunday School time for cutting & baking peppernuts in the aftermath of Pastor Dave's death.
- * Marcus Loganbill gave a brief update on the churches involved in hosting Family Promise families. Several have dropped out of this ministry so he is challenging Hope to host 5 x vs 4 x in 2025. Between Hope and Aldersgate, we have 80 trained volunteers.
- * Annette Chlumsky shared some special memories Hope people have had of past church retreats including Randy Pinkerton & his potato gun; ping pong tournaments and competitive games of spoons. Get your free ticket today to attend on Sunday, October 27.
- * Margaret Wiebe shared that MCC surpassed their goal of 20,000 school kits and collected 30,714. There is now a need for infant sleepers (6-12 months), toothbrushes and wide tooth combs. Place your donations in the basket under the Witness & Outreach bulletin board.