

Hope Mennonite Church
November 24, 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 #851

*Songs of Gathering
 "Jesus Shall Reign" #414
 "We Praise Thee, O God" #91

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time Annette Chlumsky

Scripture reading John 18:33-37

"Christ, We Do All Adore Thee" #138

Message "Full of Grace and Truth" Sara Dick

Responding to God's Word

*"Now Thank We All Our God" #114

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

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

#812

*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. Today we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. Since Advent last year, we have retold, remembered, and relived stories of Jesus’ life, ministry, and message. Today, we celebrate and anticipate the reign of our risen Lord.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Natalie Hand

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Lee Schmucker

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Barb Voth

Upcoming Worship Services

December 1 First Sunday of Advent

December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

December 15 Third Sunday of Advent; children’s program



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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Tuesday 9-1:30 pm; Thursday 9-1 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.

November 17

Attendance 118 (Hope 107; zoom 11)

Offering last Sunday - \$7,645

Year to date \$193,542

Spending plan commitment \$260,000

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 (November 24-30)

Tuesday -9:30 am Christmas decorating fellowship hall
Thursday -Office closed
Saturday -10 am-9 pm Reserved event

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Tiffany Regehr



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Jared & Natalie Regehr

Next Sunday: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

December 8: Jordon & Emily Regehr



*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Adults in the sanctuary: “What Makes For A Good Religion” and “False Power Gospel” will be our two topics from the October issue of *Anabaptist World*. Cynthia Loganbill will moderate the discussion.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (December 1-7)

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need 10 dozen cookies)

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Open Road & Woven plus family & friends – 22; Abe Turner; Ryan & Oaty Henneberg; Emma Graber; Karissa Wilson; Hollis B & Amelia K Voth; Marcia Weaver; Dellis & Sharon Birkey; Jeremy Koop aunt

Care and Nurture would like to invite anyone who loves decorating for Christmas to join us this Tuesday, **November 26** at 9:30 a.m. We will be putting up the tree, wreaths, and bows to transform the Fellowship Hall into the spirit and love of Christmas. Coffee and yummy treats will be served to entice you, to keep up your energy, and enjoy fellowship while working together! If you have any flexible time, we would love and appreciate your help!

An Advent devotional *The Word Made Flesh* by Jacob Torbeck has arrived. There are available on the table between the mailboxes. First come, first serve. These are offered to the congregation by our Worship Commission.

Sunday, December 8, is our annual congregational potluck holiday meal together. Four out of five of our Care and Nurture members are out of town. We are looking for 5 to 6 volunteers to help set up tables and chairs, receive the food, set up the serving line, make coffee, and clean up. If you could help serve your fellow Hope members and guests, please email, text, or call Annette Chlumsky by December 1. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

Reminder: all the Western District books on creation care will be picked up over Thanksgiving so returning them by then would be greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to those who donated on our Bethel College Sunday. Between the morning offering and extra funds from Witness & Outreach, a total of \$1,812 was sent to the General Fund of the College.

Sharing Prayers & Praise
November 17, 2024

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- * Nate Kroeker, admissions counselor at Bethel, thanked Hope for their support of the college and continued prayers for students, professors and staff.

Work of the Church

- * Vision Council will be meeting this week and will discuss monitor options (please complete the survey by Monday.) The agenda also includes preparing for the December 8 congregational budget meeting and discerning Commission members.
- * Katie Chlumsky reported that the Pastor Search Committee is looking at an MLI (ministerial leadership information form).
- * The Worship Commission invites musicians at Hope to share during Advent either as a prelude/offertory or special music time. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for **5 Places of Christmas** on Saturday, **December 7**, from 10:00 - 3:00 at Goerz House, Bethel College. Bethel College Women's Association will be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. Your homemade cookies, zwiebach, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts and poppyseed rolls are always great sellers. This year we are especially asking for homemade candies such as fudge, peanut clusters, peanut butter balls and peanut brittle and other non-chocolate candies as well as Christmas craft items to sell. **Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 6, from 2:00-5:00pm or on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9:30-10:00am.** Thank you for your support of Bethel College.

Prayers for the Wider Church:

... During this Thanksgiving Season, give thanks for the amazing church planting opportunities. Give thanks for the pastors & lay leaders who are ministering to the needs of people & building communities of faith, & for the many ways Western District Conference supports them. Give thanks for the many who provide resources of finances, vision & time to the efforts of church planting.

-WDC Church Planting Commission

... Samir Knego leads the Anchorage Service Adventure unit in Alaska. Pray for him and participants: Samuel Landis, serving with Habitat for Humanity; Briana Nyveld, with the Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management; Armando Perez, with the Downtown Hope Center; and Aviva Setiawan, with Hope Community Resources, Inc.

...On Thursday, Joseph and Rachel Givens continue a tradition of gathering the guests of the Maria Skobtsova House and the other houses of refuge around Calais, France, for a Thanksgiving meal. Pray that on this day, God's love will be shown, so that people fleeing violence may find community and people who are hungry may eat their fill.