

Hope Mennonite Church

August 3, 2025

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

We gather in preparation.

for good news is about to be proclaimed.

We gather in expectation,

for joy is about to break forth in our midst.

We gather in celebration,

for we are people who say

yes to the manger

yes to the One incarnate for others

yes to the wholeness of God.

In preparation and expectation, let us celebrate!

*Songs of Gathering

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"

#34

"God Is Here among Us"

#62

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

Ben & Grace Parker Sutter

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:15

"Seek Ye First"

#417

Message "Imaging Hope Together" Ben & Grace Parker Sutter

Responding to God's Word

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

#436

Installation of Ruth Harder

Kathy Neufeld Dunn

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

*"The Lord Lift You Up"

#832

*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 officially install Pastor Ruth Harder as our pastor here at Hope Mennonite Church. Thanks to Ben & Grace Parker Sutter for sharing this morning.

<p>Worship Participants</p> <p>Worship leaders: Mike Voth, Hudson & Haydon Regehr</p> <p>Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill</p> <p>Song leader: Adam Kroeker</p> <p>Scripture reader: Lee Schmucker</p> <p>Worship tech: Grant Bellar</p> <p>Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston</p>
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<p>Upcoming Worship Services</p> <p>August 10 Ruth Harder's first Sunday in the pulpit</p>
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Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9-1:30 pm
Kim Friday 9-1 pm
Staff meeting Monday 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 the first and best of that we are given.

July 27

Attendance 119 (Hope 100, Zoom 19)

Offering last Sunday \$4,358

Year to date \$126,243

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$161,538

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 (August 3-9)

Friday -8:30 am Coffee with Friends-see announcement
Saturday -9 am-noon Vacation Bible School



Mower this week – Randy Graber

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Jerold Heide



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

Next Sunday: Jordon & Emily Regehr

August 17: Jerold & Donna Heide

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 10-16)

Sunday -Noon-3 pm Vacation Bible School

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Guests & visitors last week: Jim & Nola Stucky; Anna & Luca Thaps; David Nance; Melissa Birkey; John, Jessica, Renee, Nora & Luke Miller

The next Women's Coffee with Friends session will be on Friday, **August 8**, 8:30 a.m. at Cocoa Dulce, 2441 N. Maize Road (in New Market Square).

Kids summer VBS is just around the corner! Vacation bible school will take place here at Hope on **August 9th**: 9am-12pm and **August 10th**: 12pm-3pm. Kids ages 3-9 can join in for music, crafts, stories, snacks, and recreation centered around the theme: Jesus is our rock! Lunch will be provided for the kids on Sunday, August 10th. We are asking for a \$5 contribution per kid to help cover craft supplies and Sunday lunch. Please contact Natalie Regehr at nataliegraber@gmail.com with your questions. To register, contact the church office by Wednesday, **August 6th** with the names and age of kids. Looking forward to seeing all the kiddos at VBS this year! -Natalie Regehr

Signup Genius will open up for volunteering for Family Promise next Sunday, August 10. Our hosting will be two weeks - from August 24 - September 7. Please look at your calendars and make plans now.

Service of Installation



WASHING OF FEET

Conference Minister: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts God gave were

that some would become apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-12)

Congregation: **We are the Body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We worship, care for each other, offer hospitality, nurture faith, and proclaim the good news of Jesus in word and deed. We call our pastors to guide us in becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus in the world.**

Congregational chair: Today we celebrate that God has led us to call Ruth Harder to exercise her gifts of ministry as pastor of Hope Mennonite Church. Ruth, we pray that in the giving of your gifts to us, and the giving of our gifts to you, our ministry together will fulfill God's purposes in our congregation, community and world.

Conference Minister: I invite you, Ruth, to say a few words on this Installation Sunday.

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Pastor: I do.

Conference Minister: Will you seek to be faithful in prayer and spiritual growth, in setting forth the scriptures, and in seeking the good of this congregation? And will you seek to live and work honestly, openly, and justly with your siblings in Christ in this congregation?

Pastor: I will.

Conference Minister (to congregation): Dear people of Hope, you have heard the commitment that Ruth has made in accepting the call to pastoral ministry in this church. Do you receive Ruth as your pastor, to help guide you in the life and work of Christ?

Congregation (stand, as able): **As God's Spirit calls and the church commissions, we affirm her as our pastor. Ruth, we will seek to live honestly, openly and justly with you. We pledge our support to you, as you in turn, support our ministries.**

Conference Minister: Based on this covenant between the congregation and you, Ruth, we now officially recognize you as pastor of Hope Mennonite Church. May the God of peace make you holy and whole – spirit, soul, and body – to keep you fit for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful and will do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

Prayer of installation

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MCC School Kit project: Please return any items for the school kits by next Sunday morning, August 10. The list is available on the bulletin board. You can purchase full kits or individual items.

Call for Nominations to Vision Council Positions We are inviting the congregation to make nominations of members to serve on upcoming open Vision Council positions. While our regular discernment process will occur in the fall, the Vision Council positions often need advanced timing to help facilitate smooth transitions. Both the Treasurer and Secretary positions on Vision Council will be open for the two-year term beginning January 2026. We hope to identify a candidate to participate in the fall activities in preparation for the start of the term. This is most helpful and critical for the Treasurer position as we perform year end financials and new year budget proposals.

How to Nominate: Please submit your nominations to Natalie Hand at gnjrhband@gmail.com or 316-648-2937. Include the nominee's name, the position for which they are being nominated. The nominations will be reviewed by the Vision Council Committee, and candidates will be contacted for further discussion. Final selections will be voted on at the annual meeting in January 2025.

Volunteers are needed for the **September 6**, Power of Attorney Clinic. We will have two shifts: 8:00 - 1:00 and 12:00 - 5:00. Partial shifts will be possible as well. Here is an opportunity to reach out and help immigrants in our community who are facing uncertainty and possible separation from loved ones. See the Witness and Outreach bulletin board for more details or ask any member of the ICT committee: Brenda and Ryan Henneberg, Cindy Fast, Marcus Loganbill.

Bethel College Mennonite Church is interested in building a Kansas Coalition for Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. (See Hope Headlines for more details on DDoD.) Their next meeting will be a virtual meeting on August 13 at 7 p.m. If you would like further information and/or would like to join this meeting, see Marcus Loganbill.

Prayers for the wider church

.. Give thanks for congregation members, delegates, families and guests gathering next weekend for WDC 2025 Annual Assembly! Pray for God's Spirit to enliven our worship, discernment, fellowship and learning around the theme *Anabaptism@500: Faithfulness Then and Now*. **Hope's delegates** are Marvin & Lee Schmucker, Ruth Harder, Margaret Wiebe, Ryan Henneberg, Delaine Stolzle & Galen Fast

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