Hope Mennonite Church August 10, 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 #857

*Songs of Gathering

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

"Holy Spirit, Come with Power"

#529 #57

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children Ruth Harder

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 3:11

"My Life Flows On"

#605

Message Why Hope? Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word

* "Abide with Me"

#502

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

*"Heart with Loving Heart United"

#813

*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 our permanent pastor, Ruth Harder, in the pulpit for the first time.

Worship Participants

Worship leaders: Mike Voth, Logan & Landon Regehr

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Steve Pankratz Worship tech: Michelle Jantz Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

August 17 Preaching text: Micah 6:8

School kit blessing

September 7 MCUSA delegate sharing



Stay in Touch with Hope

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Pastor

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Office hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-1:30 pm

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Secretaries

Cynthia Loganbill 721-8807 secretary@hopemennonite.org Kim Voth 644-0668 secretary@hopemennonite.org

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.

<u>July 27</u>

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 1016)

Today -Noon-3 pm Vacation Bible School



Mower this week - Jerold Heide

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Eldon & Annette Chlumsky



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday) Today: Jordon & Emily Regehr Next Sunday: Jerold & Donna Heide August 24: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 17-23)

Monday -9 am 40th anniversary committee

Thursday -Cabbage prep Friday -Bierock baking

<u>Guests & visitors last week:</u> Greg Parker; Maggie Yoder, Lily & Izzy; Clint Stucky; Kathy Neufeld Dunn; Keith & Judy Harder; Bob, Rhonda, Amber, Tiffany Prieb; Leland Gaskill; Angelina Turner; John Koontz; Jake Myers; Christy Jewel. Zoom- Dave & Janice Sutter; Marvin & Jeannie Zehr; Andrew & Carmen Shelly

New mailboxes: Brad & Elizabeth Anderson; Sharon & David Morford

<u>The September-December</u> issue of the devotional "Rejoice" is available on the front table. Help yourself to a copy.

<u>Signup Genius</u> will open for volunteering for Family Promise today, August 10. Our hosting will be two weeks - from August 24 - September 7. Please look at your calendars and make plans now.

<u>Volunteers are needed</u> 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.

<u>Call for Nominations to Vision Council Positions</u> 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 gnjrhand@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.

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 persons who accepted new nominations or who are continuing in elected leadership roles in Western District Conference and pray for God's wisdom and joy to guide them in the year ahead.
- Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) Summer Peacebuilding Training brings people from China, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, South Korea and Taiwan together. Pray for participants as they return to their home communities to share the insights they learned during the training, with the goal of strengthening the movement for peace in the region.

Hope Mennonite Craft Bazaar November 8; 9 am- 2pm

Our annual bazaar will be here before we know it. **And as always, we need your help.** There are many ways to get involved – baking for the sale, helping bake peppernuts, browning meat/onions for bierocks, grilling sausage, working in the kitchen or at the bake sale table the day of, helping at the kid's booth and of course, prayers for the event to bring honor to God and assistance to those in need beyond our walls. Here are some key dates and basic information. Please talk to any of the committee members if you have questions.

- Today, August 10 pick up meat/onions and browning instructions. We will also take congregational pre-orders for bierocks. We will have a limited number available for first come, first serve (limit one dozen - \$6 per bierock). We will not be advertising pre-orders outside of Hope.
- Wednesday, August 20 deadline for returning meat to church and placing your pre-order (contact the office to order).
- Friday, August 22 bierock baking
 Pick up pre-orders 1-6 pm or make arrangements
- September Sunday School hour baking peppernuts
- Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

Committee: Katie Chlumsky, Renetta Gooden, Shelby Kaufman, Connie Luty, Emily Regehr, Laurie Regehr, Natalie Regehr, Tiffany Regehr

There is plenty of time to join the committee if you are interested. Please contact Connie or Laurie.