

Hope Mennonite Church

August 17, 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

**Source of all hope and holiness,
we gather today to be church.**

**Bless those who are absent,
but not from our hearts.**

**Bless those who are distant,
but not from our love.**

**Bless each of us here,
that we may choose justice by your Spirit,
draw kindness from the well of your mercy,
and walk humbly in your path, O God.**

*Songs of Gathering

"Here in This Place"

#10

"To God Be the Glory"

#84

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

What does Hope look like?

Ruth Harder & Joanna Pinkerton

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:8

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

#207

Message

"Emancipatory hope in action"

Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word

* "Beautiful Things"

#551

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

VBS sharing

Blessing of school kits prayer

#955

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*"My Hope Is Built"

#621

*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 leader: Jim Voth

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Song leader: Adam Kroeker

Scripture reader: Lori Miller

Worship tech: Grant Bellar

Zoom host: Barb Voth

Upcoming Worship Services

August 24

Preaching text: Habakkuk 3:17-19

September 7

MCUSA delegate sharing

Hope

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.

August 10

Attendance 123 (Hope 104, Zoom 19)

Offering last Sunday \$2,865

Year to date \$134,025

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$172,308

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 17-23)

Today -Noon – library reserved
Monday -9 am 40th anniversary committee
Wed/Thur -Cabbage prep
Friday -Bierock baking all day



Mower this week – Grant Bellar

Coffee preparation next Sunday –Dawn & Greg Epp



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

Next Sunday: Jerold & Donna Heide

August 31: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 24-30)

Sunday -Family Promise week begins(through September 7)
Monday -7 pm Music Committee

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Guests & visitors last week: Brandon Siemens

The September-December issue of the devotional “Rejoice” is available on the front table. Help yourself to a copy.

Signup Genius is open for volunteering for Family Promise. Our hosting will be two weeks from August 24 - September 7. Let’s get that Simons-Wesley volunteer award back!

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 Life Enrichment – If you are interested the fall learning experiences for adults age 60 & over, please pick up one of the brochures on the literature table or go to the program’s website at bethelks.edu/life-enrichment

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 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.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for Western District Conference congregations in pastoral transition, for candidates considering a call to ministry, and for congregational leaders as they nurture church life and witness in times of change and uncertainty.

... Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill are directors of the Paris (France) Mennonite Center. Praise God for sustaining them through an intense season of offering hospitality during Mennonite World Conference's Anabaptism at 500 events this summer. Pray for them as they provide Anabaptist resources for the French-speaking world.

... A couple, who has worked long term in Asia, reports that violence against both Christians and Muslims is increasing. Pray for this couple as they work with eight organizations to provide business training that reflects Jesus' way of peace.

**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.

- **Bierock pre-orders for Hope only.** We will have a limited number available for first come, first serve (limit one dozen - \$6 per bierock).
- **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.

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Lunch ♥ Bake Sale ♥ Crafts

