

Hope Mennonite Church

August 24, 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

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

**South: Before all this is, you were God.**

*North: Outside all we know, you are God.*

**South: After all is finished, you will be God.**

Leader: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

**South: Our Life, our Mercy, our Might,**

*North: our Table, our Food, our Server*

**South: our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,**

*North: our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine,*

**South: our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,**

*North: our Way, our Truth, our life.*

Leader: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

**All: Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever. Amen!**

Opening Prayer

\*Songs of Gathering

"God of Our Strength"

#47

"You Are Holy, You Are Whole"

#61

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

Does Hope have a shape?

Ruth Harder & Leslie James

Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 2:19; 3:17-19

"O Healing River"

#706

Message

"Watchtowers of Hope"

Ruth Harder

## Responding to God's Word

\*"Longing for Light"

#715

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

\*"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

#661

\*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. Our worship theme for the next several Sundays is on Hope.

## Worship Participants

Worship leader: Jim Voth

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Steve Pankratz

Scripture reader: Wendy Wiens

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Barb Voth

## Upcoming Worship Services

August 31

Preaching text: Genesis 28:10-22

September 7

MCUSA delegate sharing



## Stay in touch with Hope

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### Pastor

Ruth Harder 913-333-2605 [pastor@hopemennonite.org](mailto:pastor@hopemennonite.org)  
Office hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30-1:30pm  
Afternoons by appointment

### Secretaries

Cynthia Loganbill 721-8807 [secretary@hopemennonite.org](mailto:secretary@hopemennonite.org)  
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### Church Office Hours

Cynthia Mon-Thurs 9-1:30pm  
Kim Fri-9-1pm  
Staff meeting Monday 9:30am

Hope on Facebook: Follow the link at [hopemennonite.org](http://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 17

Attendance 100 (Hope 91, Zoom 9)

Offering last Sunday \$3,595

Year to date \$137,620

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$17,692

*Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithely**.  
Contact 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 24-30)

Today -Family Promise week begins (through September 7)  
Monday -7 pm Music Committee  
Tuesday -9 am Care & Nurture Commission



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Coffee preparation next Sunday – We need a volunteer



NURSERY (infant up to 5<sup>th</sup> birthday)

Today: Jerold & Donna Heide

Next Sunday: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

September 7: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 31-September 6)

Sunday -Family Promise week continues  
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday-Joan Stambaugh coordinator

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Guests & visitors last week: Brandon & Payton Siemens; Abigail Grittman

Signup Genius is open for volunteering for Family Promise. Our hosting begins today August 24 and runs through September 7. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered already. There are still a few more slots left to fill. 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.

The new picture directories are available on the table between the mailboxes. If you haven't already received a copy, pick one up today.

The August issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. This issue focuses on our recent Mennonite Church USA convention. Pick up your copy today.

Ready for one fun event last summer? Splash pad, pizza, ice cream!! It doesn't get any better than that! Sunday, **August 31**, we will be going to Buffalo Park in the evening with our Family Promise families. Please consider joining us - details will be sent out next week via email! We will need you to RSVP to church for food purposes!! JOIN US!!!

**Discover the Bible with Jesus** Are you looking for a way to connect with other women and deepen your faith? Join us for a new 8-week Bible study on the book, "**The Word Fulfilled: Reading the Bible with Jesus.**" We will explore how Jesus engaged with key scriptures and what that means for how we read our Bibles today. Our Bible Study teacher will be Brenda Glanzer Lilliston. Join us on **September 16 at 1:30 PM**. You can join us in the church library or via Zoom. The \$18 book is available on Amazon. If you need assistance ordering or buying the book, please notify the church office. If you have questions or if you plan to attend, please let Brenda know by September 8.

Mark your calendars for one of our Hope Mennonite Listening Sessions for Justice Together! All are invited to join either a September 7 noon lunch at Hope or a September 14 zoom meeting at 8:00 pm. We will connect with each other and discuss what issues facing our local Wichita community feel most pressing to us and most important to address by the wider Justice Together network this year. Please contact Brenda Lilliston, Grace Parker Sutter or Wendy Wiens to RSVP or for more information.

**Call for Nominations to Vision Council Positions** We are inviting the congregation to make early nominations of members for both the Treasurer and Secretary positions 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. Submit your nominations to Natalie Hand at [gnjrhand@gmail.com](mailto:gnjrhand@gmail.com) or 316-648-2937.

## Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for youth and children and their families, and for mentors, sponsors and teachers in Western District Conference congregations, as they begin a new school year.

... Tomorrow, Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) and Service Adventure (SA) participants begin their week-long orientations at their service locations. Pray that the incoming members of the MVS units in San Francisco, California, and Tucson, Arizona; and the SA units in Anchorage, Alaska, and Colorado Springs, Colorado, will have the energy and openness to get a positive start on their year of living in community.

... Tomorrow, Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, and their family, are scheduled to fly home to Chad. Pray for wisdom and God's leading, as Chad is refusing to issue new visas to U.S. citizens, in response to the United States's ban on issuing visas to Chadian nationals. The family's current visas expire Sept. 23.

### Sharing Prayers & Praise August 17, 2025

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#### Work of the Church

- \* Our Hope family donated enough supplies to put together 58 complete school kits along with many additional items. Thanks to the Bible school kids for putting them together. We joined in a time of blessing for these kits.
- \* Our annual Craft Bazaar raises money for mission projects outside of our walls. If you have a suggestion for a project/organization, please contact a member of the committee.

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Lunch ♥ Bake Sale ♥ Crafts

**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.

- **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.