

Hope Mennonite Church

August 31, 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

VT 884

In the beginning, before time, before people,
before the world began,

God was.

Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air,
closer than breathing.

God is.

In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust,
and human knowledge has been completed,

God will be.

Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God was, God is, God will be.

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Gathering

"We Praise Thee, O God"

VT 91

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

Is Hope something we can touch?

Ruth Harder & Ruthie Goering

Scripture Reading

Genesis 28:10-22

"In Lonely Mountain Ways"

VT 589

Message

"Hope rocks"

Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word

*"Jesus, Rock of Ages"

VT 622

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

*“How Firm a Foundation” VT 592

*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: Renetta Gooden
Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill
Song leader: Treva Greaser
Scripture reader: Delaine Stolzle
Worship tech: Galen Fast
Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

September 7	MCUSA delegate sharing Child dedication
September 14	Preaching text: Acts 16:11-15

Hope

Stay in touch with Hope

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Pastor

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

Secretaries

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

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 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 24

Attendance 118 (Hope 105, Zoom 13)

Offering last Sunday \$1,737

Year to date \$139,357

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$183,077

*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 31-September 6)

Today -Family Promise week continues
Wednesday -7 pm Choir
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday-Joan Stambaugh coordinator



Mower this week – Jim Blakely

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Greg & Dawn Epp



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

Next Sunday: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

September 14: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 7-13)

Tuesday -1 pm Deacons
Wednesday -6 pm Witness & Outreach
-7 pm Choir
Friday -Reserved event all day
Saturday -Reserved event all day

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

Ready for one fun event last summer? Splash pad, pizza, ice cream!! It doesn't get any better than that! **Today**, we will be going to Buffalo Park in the evening with our Family Promise families. We

Can you help out? Our ICT (Immigration Compassion Team) needs 10 dozen cookies for the Power of Attorney clinic that will be held this coming Saturday, **September 6**. Please let Cindy Fast or the church office know if you can help by Wednesday, September 3.

Sunday, September 7 you are invited to a reception following the church service to honor the dedications of Charlotte Kaufman, Emberlyn Stucky, and Cason Sechrist. Please join in the joy of celebrating their births and dedications to our Lord, and their presence in our Hope Church family!

An invitation from Pastor Ruth and her husband Jesse: As we put away the last of the moving boxes, it's time for an open house and noon lunch at our house/yard in Indian Hills. For now, save the date (with details to come soon)—noon hour Sunday, **September 28**.

Whether you've been attending Hope Mennonite for a couple weeks or for years, we invite you to become a member. Though membership is not required, it is one way to deepen one's faith commitment. Pastor Ruth will lead a Membership Inquiry Class this coming Fall--after all, she and her spouse want to become official members! If you are interested in learning more about this class or if you already know that you are interested, please email or call Ruth. Meeting times will be decided by the group.

Discover the Bible with Jesus Are you looking for a way to connect with other women and deepen your faith? Join us on Tuesday afternoons 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** in the church library or on zoom. The \$18 book is available on Amazon. If you need assistance notify the church office. If you have questions or plan to attend, please let Brenda know by September 8.

Women's Bible Study - New Series! Join us for our new Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study beginning **September 11** at 7:00 pm on Zoom. This fall, we'll be exploring the theme of **Hope** through a six-week course from the *On Being* podcast. This series offers a "muscular, reality-based hope" by drawing on conversations with a variety of visionary thinkers. **For our first meeting**, please listen to the podcast episode: **Session 1, May 31, 2025, "Prepare Inwardly, with Krista."** You can find this and other episodes at onbeing.org/series/podcast/. If you plan to attend or have any questions, please contact **Brenda Glanzer Lilliston**. A Zoom link will be sent directly to those who register. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mark your calendars for one of our Hope Mennonite Listening Sessions for Justice Together! All are invited to join either a **September 14** noon lunch at Hope (please sign up for the meal) or a **September 21** zoom meeting at 8:00 pm. (**Note:** These are

different dates than shared last Sunday). 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 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 or 316-648-2937.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop, a local thrift shop with a big heart, needs volunteers. The shop supports missions locally and globally. Have you been looking for a place to volunteer your time, talents, and treasures? Then the Newton Et Cetera Shop is the place for you! In 2024, we contributed over \$145,000 to Mennonite Central Committee and more than \$18,000 to our local non-profits. Volunteer applications can be picked up in the shop: 619 N Main, Newton, or filled out online at newtonetceterashop.com.

Prayers for the wider church

... We pray for protection, wisdom, courage , strength and blessings for our church planters and those who support this work as they build faith communities in difficult times. -Western District Conference Church Planting Commission

... Pray that Mennonite Christian Hospital's commitment to serving marginalized people in remote communities in Taiwan will continue to offer well-being to all people.

... Pray for Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp, in Japan, as they teach in a regenerative agriculture education program and manage a spiritual retreat center.

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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