

Hope Mennonite Church  
September 14, 2025  
9:30 am Worship

Gathering to Worship
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*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.  
Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

**Come, Holy Spirit,**

enter our silences.

**Come Holy Spirit,**

into the depths of our longing.

**Come Holy Spirit,**

unmask our pretending.

Enter our trusting, enter our fearing,

enter our letting go, enter our holding back.

**Come, Holy Spirit,**

embrace and free us.

Opening Prayer

\*Songs of Gathering

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns”

#101

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

#182

Hearing God’s Word
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Time with the Children

Ruth Harder & Lori Miller

“Old Time Religion” arr. Norma Luboff

Choir

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:11-15

Message

“Prevailing in Hope”

Ruth Harder

Responding to God’s Word
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\*“There’s a Wild Hope in the Wind”

#828

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the welcome registers)

Seeing and Seeking God  
Work of the Church  
Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

\* “Sing a New World into Being” #809

Choral Benediction Choir  
“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” John Rutter

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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: Lori Miller  
Pianists: Amy Bellar, Ruthie Goering  
Choir director & song leader: Trae Gehring  
Scripture reader: Clinton Chlumsky  
Worship tech: Mike Voth  
Zoom host: Renetta Gooden

Upcoming Worship Services

September 21	Preaching text: Ruth 1:8; 2:20; 3:10
October 12	40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary worship service
October 26	Worship at Camp Mennoscah



## Stay in touch with Hope

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### Pastor

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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.

### September 7

Attendance 155 (Hope143, Zoom 12)

Offering last Sunday \$8,228

Year to date \$148,763

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$193,846

*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 (September 4-20)

Today -Noon Justice Together lunch & session  
Monday -8:30 am Coffee with Friends  
@Fairmount Coffee Shop, 3815 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St. N  
-7:00 pm Worship Commission  
Tuesday -9:00 am 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee  
-1:30 pm Women's Bible study – library  
Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir  
Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (zoom only)



Mower this week – Randy Pinkerton



\*Toddler & Preschool (ages 2-4): Room 8/9

\*Younger elementary (K-1<sup>st</sup>): Room

\*Older elementary(2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>): Room

\*Youth (middle & high school): Room 3

\*Adults are invited to participate in the fabric project and/or help with making peppernuts for our Craft Bazaar.

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Chris Bellar



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

Today: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

Next Sunday: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman

September 28: Jared & Natalie Regehr

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 21-27)

Monday -7 pm Vision Council  
Tuesday -1:30 pm Women's Bible study – library  
Wednesday -7 pm Choir  
Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (zoom only)

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Zane Mevey; 33 family and friends for child dedication

The September issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. The lead articles authors responded to the question “What do you stand up for?” or “What do you show up for?” Pick up you copy today. Quantities limited.

All Women: The monthly gathering of Coffee with Friends will be at Fairmount Coffee Shop, on Monday, September 15, 8:30 pm, located at 3815 E 17<sup>th</sup> St. N by Wichita State.

**Let's create a Hope Canopy together!** In Fellowship Hall today, you'll see a basket of fabric markers and some scraps of fabric. Please write or draw how you imagine or think about hope these days. Feel free to take scraps home with you to give a neighbor/friend. In the coming weeks, in time for the 40th church anniversary, we will install a hope canopy in the outside front entrance. Note: the fabric was donated to us by Wichita Botanica Gardens from one of their recent installations called "Sky Bloom." They are thrilled that it will once again "bloom" at Hope Mennonite.

Thank you to all who volunteered for Family Promise. Hope and Aldersgate hosted for two weeks, filling 132 volunteer positions. Coordinators were a little nervous about taking an extra week, but with everyone pitching in, it got done! Aldersgate provided 28 volunteers (including two new people) filling 76 slots, and Hope filled 56 slots with 22 volunteers. The Wesley-Simon Award will stay with Aldersgate until our next rotation which will be **November 30 - December 7**. If you are new to Hope and would like to know more about Family Promise and how you can volunteer, please see Travis Cox, Vicki Howard or Marcus Loganbill. We are currently looking for a volunteer to fill a coordinator position. See Marcus for more information.

Pastor Ruth will lead a Membership Inquiry Class this coming Fall--after all, she and her spouse want to become official members! 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. If you are interested in learning more or are already 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,"** led by Brenda Glanzer Lilliston. We will explore how Jesus engaged with key scriptures and what that means for how we read our Bibles today. Join us on

**September 16 at 1:30 PM** in the church library or on zoom. The \$18 book is available on Amazon.

Small group ministry Each fall we offer the opportunity to express your interest in a small group....staying in your current one, switching groups or joining a group for the first time. The purpose of small groups at Hope is to gather in a smaller setting for deeper relationships, fellowship, and/or study. Now is the opportunity for new possibilities for small groups. Everyone is invited to consider participating. There are forms located on the table between the mailboxes. You are invited to fill one out and place it in the manila envelope on the bulletin board. The deadline is October 19.



From the Care and Nurture Commission: Let's have lunch out together at the venue voted Best in dining experience for hospitality, fun, and food! Yes, Pastor Ruth and Jesse have invited the congregation to their home for **lunch Sunday, September 28!** We will give the address as the date gets closer (it's about a 12-minute drive east of Hope.) Pulled pork sandwiches, buns, chips, dessert, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad/side dish to share. Please sign-up using this QR code or look for the bulletin board sign-up sheet today so we can plan food, tables, and chairs accordingly. Extra lawn chairs would be appreciated.

If you're not able to make today's Justice Today Listening Session during lunch, another **Listening Session will be held via Zoom on Sunday evening, September 21 at 8 PM.** Our listening sessions are our opportunity to 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 net year. Please contact Brenda Lilliston, Grace Parker Sutter or Wendy Wiens for information about Justice Together. **The Zoom link will be sent out next week and will be in the September 21st bulletin.**

Sixty-six families received Power of Attorney documents on Saturday, September 6 at the clinic hosted by the Balderas Group (immigration attorneys), Kansas Immigration Coalition, the Wichita Bar Association, and Hope Mennonite Church. Although still

feeling fear and anxiety, families now have legal documents assuring them that a person they trust can now make decisions regarding family and finances in the case of being detained or deported. Families were most appreciative of the attorneys who worked pro bono as well as all other volunteers. ICT wishes to thank everyone who had a part in helping throughout the day.

On Sunday, October 5, Sarah Balderas and Esmeralda Tovar-Mora will be sharing with us during the worship service and adult Sunday School. In November of 2024, these two ladies founded the Kansas Immigration Coalition, a nonprofit dedicated to equip immigrant communities with resources that reduce fear, promote confidence and safeguard the dignity and well-being of immigrant communities across the state. Our Immigration Compassion Team worked with both Sara and Esmeralda to conduct the Power of Attorney Clinic on September 6. October 5 has also been designated Immigration Sabbath by Kansas Interfaith Action. Sara and Esmeralda will share their personal stories, their expert opinions on immigration reform, and the injustice of current national policies.

We are looking for help in filling October 4<sup>th</sup> and/or November 1<sup>st</sup> on Hope's Sandwich Saturday outreach endeavor. It is a great opportunity for a family group, a small group, a work group, or any other group that you can organize. It is a time commitment of about 3 hours on a Saturday morning. If you have participated before, feel free to go ahead and sign up to fill one of the empty slots. If you have a group but are unsure how it works, feel free to contact us and we will be happy to get someone to help guide you through the process. Thank you in advance, Witness and Outreach Commission (Amy B., Karen Z., Travis C. and Lowell B.)



There is still time to fill out the Hope communications survey. Thanks to the 40+ who have already filled it out. This survey addresses the numerous ways that Hope communicates including sharing, work of the church, bulletin announcements, newsletter, Hope news emails and forwarded emails from our Mennonite institutions and organizations. Please add your voice to the survey no later than **September 13**. Please use this QR code or contact the church office for a copy.

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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

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