

Hope Mennonite Church
September 21, 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

God, make us attuned to your compassion,
to the kindness of your heart.

Transform our hearts and minds so that in kindness,
**we weep with those who weep
and rejoice with those who rejoice.**

In kindness, **we listen to the stories of others.**

In kindness, **we allow ourselves to see hidden broken
hearts.**

In kindness, **we perceive a greater story.**

In kindness, **we care for the orphan and the lonely.**

In kindness, **we care for those whose lives are just
beginning and those whose lives are at an end.**

In kindness, **we care for those in crisis and in need of
refuge—those disregarded, disempowered, and
marginalized.**

In kindness, **we consider how to maintain our hope.**

In kindness, **we consider how to serve our communities.**

In kindness, **we consider money and power as tools for
good, not end-goals.**

In kindness, **we consider all humans to be made in your
image.**

The precious kindness of Christ,
which firmly corrected and firmly forgave;

The precious kindness of Christ,
which prevailed over death, violence, and empire;

Guide our hearts and words;
keep us in perfect peace. Amen.

*Songs of Gathering

For the Beauty of the Earth

#120

Come, Christian, Join to Sing

#28

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children	Ruth Harder
Scripture Reading	Ruth 1:8; 2:20; 3:10
Bless the Arms That Comfort	#527
Message	Beautiful Companions of Hope
	Ruth Harder



Responding to God's Word

*Hope of Abraham and Sarah	#807
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

* For Those with Whom Our Lives Are Bound	#734
*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 this season is on Hope. *Always be prepared to answer when someone asks you about your hope. 1 Peter 3:15*

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lori Miller
Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill
Song leader: Lowell Birkey
Scripture reader: Margaret Wiebe
Worship tech: Grant Bellar
Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

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Church Office Hours

Cynthia Mon-Thurs 9-1:30pm
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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.

September 14

Attendance 116 (Hope 107, Zoom 9)

Offering last Sunday \$5,811

Year to date \$154,574

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$199,231

*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.

Upcoming Worship Services

September 28	Preaching text: Acts 15:13
October 5	Guest speaker: Sara Balderas
	World Communion Sunday
October 12	40 th anniversary worship service

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (September 21-27)

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



Mower this week – Jerold Heide



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

*Younger elementary (K-1st): Room 2

*Older elementary(2nd-5th): Room 7

*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 – Scott & Connie Luty



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman

Next Sunday: Jared & Natalie Regehr

October 5: Ben & Grace Parker Sutter

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 28-October 4)

Sunday	-Noon Lunch at the home of Ruth Harder and Jesse Graber (please sign up)
	-2-6 pm Reserved Event
Tuesday	-1:00 pm Women's Bible study – library
Wednesday	-7 pm Choir
Thursday	-7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (zoom only)
Saturday	-Sandwich Saturday (need a coordinator)

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: David Nance; Stephanie & Jay Gehring; Karen Unruh; Will Chapel; Harold & Naomi Wiebe

New mailbox: John & Jessica Miller, Renee, Luke & Nora

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?”

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.

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 or are already interested, please email or call Ruth. Meeting times will be decided by the group.

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 on bulletin board sign-up sheet **today** so we can accordingly. Extra lawn chairs would be appreciated.

Your second (and last) opportunity to participate in a **Justice Together Listening Session is TONIGHT, September 21 at 8 PM**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81247239224?pwd=UPZj5LFkSDQ1KEkryGyO9KRMFtwYHD.1> Pastor Ruth will ground our discussion in scripture, an update of Justice Together's work on mental health, homelessness and affordable housing goals will be given and then we will break into smaller Zoom groups to share our answers to the question, "What have you seen or experienced in our community that weighs on your heart or makes you angry and why?" Thanks to all who participated in last Sunday's Lunch and Listening Session. We appreciate your time and thoughts. For more information about Justice Together please feel free to contact Brenda Lilliston, Grace Parker Sutter or Wendy Wiens.

We are looking for help in filling **October 4th and/or November 1st** 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. 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.)

Sunday, October 5, is designated by Kansas Interfaith Action as Immigration Sabbath. It is also World Communion Sunday. Sarah Balderas and Esmeralda Tovar-Mora will be sharing with us during the worship service and adult Sunday School on the topic of immigration reform and the injustice of current national policies. We anticipate several special guests for this service.

Sharing Prayers & Praise September 14, 2025

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Work of the church

- * Hope's Worship Commission was acknowledged with a symbol for their work the last 3 years after the sudden passing of Pastor Dave. The church continued to be the church because of their work and insight.
- * If you want to eat lunch before the crop walk, at Sedgwick County Park on October 5, please sign up on the bulletin board. If you want to donate contact Clinton Chlumsky.
- * A thank you to Pizza Hut for donating the pizza for the Justice Together lunch.



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, grilling sausage, working in the kitchen or at the bake sale table the day of, helping at the kid's booth and prayers for the event to bring honor to God and assistance to those in need beyond our walls.

- **September Sunday School hour** – baking peppernuts

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