

Hope Mennonite Church

October 5, 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

Opening Prayer

#910

**Speak to us, living God,  
as you have spoken to our ancestors:  
through the voices of your prophets,  
the breath of your Spirit,  
and the life of your Son,  
so that we may live according to your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*Songs of Gathering

*Gathered Here*

#3

*Could It Be That God Is Singing*

#42

Hearing God's Word
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Time with the Children

Ruth Harder

*Put Peace into Each Other's Hands*

#485

Scriptural Reflection & Reading

Ruth 2; Ruth 4:11b-12

Message

*Imago dei* and immigration

Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word
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*\*I Bind My Heart This Tide*

#556

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

Praying Together

#1042

**God our sanctuary,  
grant us  
and our neighbors  
near and far  
courage in our hearts,  
peace in our homes,  
and justice in our streets. Amen.**

Sending

*\*Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues*

#829

\*Benediction

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Romans 15:13

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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. I Peter 3:15*

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Natalie Hand

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Adam Kroeker

Scripture reader: David Schmidt

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Barb Voth

*Hope*

## Stay in touch with Hope

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### Pastor

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### Secretaries

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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 21

Attendance 107 (Hope 92, Zoom 15)

Offering last Sunday \$7,714

Year to date \$162,288

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$204,615

*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

October 5	Guest speaker: Sara Balderas World Communion Sunday
October 12	40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary worship service
October 26	Worship at Camp Mennoscah

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK (September 21-27)

Sunday	-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



Mower this week – Travis Cox



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

\*Younger elementary (K-1<sup>st</sup>): Room 2

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



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

Today: Jared & Natalie Regehr

Next Sunday: Ben & Grace Parker Sutter

October 5: TBA

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (October 5-11)

Tuesday	-1:00 pm Women's Bible study – library
Wednesday	-8:30 am Coffee with Friends @ Daphne Mae 208 Main St., Halstead -7 pm Choir
Thursday	-7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (zoom only)
Saturday	-2-5 pm 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary open house with former pastors

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Judy Collicot

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.

Membership Inquiry Class this coming Fall-- Pastor Ruth will lead the class, 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 either in your mailbox or 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**. We encourage everyone to fill one out.

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.

Our new chairs for the fellowship hall have arrived and been stored. Now it is time to find new homes for our 'lovingly worn' metal folding chairs. Please help yourself to as many as you wish – **today!**

Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton, will host its annual Country Breakfast on Saturday, **October 4**, from 7 to 10 a.m., in Kidron Hall. Enjoy pancakes, sausage and eggs by donation. Proceeds benefit the Health Care Benevolent Fund, a ministry of Kidron Bethel Village, that assists residents who are unable to cover the full cost of their care. Our own Heidi Johnson-Laws is now a resident there.

It's almost here! Our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend is quickly approaching, and our excitement is building as we look to welcome our former pastors, members and attendees, along with our current Hope church community. There are still invitations on the front table that you can pick up to remind you of the schedule for both Saturday and Sunday. There will also be the opportunity to buy 1 lb. bags (\$20) of "Hopeful Brews," a special coffee created just for us from The Spice Merchant. We also encourage you to consider making a special donation during Sunday's regular offering which will go to the Western District Church Plant fund. Please designate it as such in the memo line. All cash will go to the fund as well. It is a way of recognizing Hope as a church plant and the generosity of many as we began in 1985.

If you enjoy choral music and are wondering about a way you can continue to support Justice Together, you are invited to "A Place to Call Home." "A Place to Call Home" is a choral concert to benefit Justice Together taking place on Saturday, October 18. The concert will be at Plymouth Congregational Church at 7:30pm and is free to enter. The choir is under the direction of Bill Eash and will be singing some familiar songs as well as debuting original pieces, and will include a free-will offering to benefit Justice Together.

## Sharing Prayers & Praise September 21, 2025

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### Work of the church

- \* Travis Cox invited the congregation to “vote” on whether or not to continue our Sandwich Saturday ministry by signing up for October or November (Note: the months are now filled)
- \* Brenda Henneberg shared October 5 is Immigration Sabbath and World Communion Sunday; we will be hosting two speakers who will share about their work with immigration. She read parts of their bio. Look for the full bios on Sunday.

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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, 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