

Hope Mennonite Church

October 19, 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

Love can build a bridge

Welcome

Opening Prayer

We give thanks to you our Creator, and to those peoples who have stewarded this land for generations. We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and worship here, as we witness the reconciling movement of Spirit and seek to live into right relationships with one another, our neighbors, and all of creation.

*Songs of Gathering

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

#131

Many and Great

#128

Hearing God's Word

Pray-ground moment

Natalie Regehr

Today Earth is Singing

#510

Scripture

Psalm 40:1-5

Message

Hard 40

Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word

**Guide My Feet*

#816

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

Blessing of our Hope Bloom/Canopy
Go, My Friends, in Grace

#810

*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. We are following the theme of 40 as a continuation of our 40th anniversary celebration last weekend.

"Thanks for all the work, creativity and great planning you all put into the planning and leading of the weekend activities. Please extend our thanks to members of the planning committee and the congregation for a wonderful time together. It certainly brought back a lot of good memories and emotions. It was great to see a good turnout and a number of people I did not know, showing that the church is continuing to attract new people. I wish you continued joy and blessing as your ministry continues to grow in HOPE."

Love in Christ, Marv (founding pastor) and Jeannie Zehr

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Natalie Hand

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Jim Voth

Worship tech: Grant Bellar

Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

Upcoming Worship Services

October 26 Worship at Camp Mennoscah; 10 am
 Murdock, KS

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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.

October 12

Attendance 198 (Hope 185, Zoom 13)

Offering last Sunday \$3,479

Year to date \$172,817

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$220,769

*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 (October 19-25)

- Sunday -6:30 pm Reserved event
Monday -1:30 pm 40th anniversary committee
-7:00 pm Worship Commission
Tuesday -1:00 pm Women's Bible study – library
Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (zoom only)
-Newsletter deadline for submissions



Mower this week – Eldon & Clinton Chlumsky



- *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: Fellowship and baking peppernuts in the fellowship hall.

Coffee preparation next Sunday – coffee at Camp Mennoscah



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

Next Sunday: Worship at Camp Mennoscah

November 2: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (October 26-November 1)

- Sunday -10 am Worship at Camp Mennoscah
Monday -7 pm Music Committee
Tuesday -1:00 pm Women's Bible study – library
-7 pm Vision Council
Wednesday -6 pm Chili cook off (please sign up to attend and/or bring a pot of chili)
-7 pm Choir
Thursday -7 pm Women's Bible Study (zoom only)

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: 55 joined us for our 40th anniversary worship service.

Our special offering for the Western District Conference Church Planting Fund was \$1,497.

Our annual worship service at Camp Mennoscah will be next Sunday, **October 26**, 10:00 am. Following worship, a taco bar lunch will be served. The day will have no cost. Please sign up by Wednesday if you plan to attend.

Sandwich Saturday is quickly approaching. We need 9 dozen cookies by November 1.

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 today, **October 19**. We encourage everyone to fill one out.

If you can use firewood, there is an abundance on the south of the church property. Please help yourself. After November 9 it will be made available to the public. Ask Marcus if you have any questions.

Camp Mennoscah is hosting a workday at the Retreat Center on Saturday, **October 25**. Please call or text Tom Gaeddert at 316-288-7766 to participate.

A Fair Trade "pop up shop" is coming to the area just in time to start your holiday shopping! Paula Brunk Kuhns, owner of **Just Cause, a fair trade store** based in Portland, OR, will be setting up her store at Hesston Mennonite Church (309 S Main St. Hesston, KS) for a 2-day event, **October 24-25**. The store will be open from 10am-7pm each day. Find beautifully crafted baskets, jewelry, home decor, kitchenware, metal art, cards, Christmas nativities and ornaments, and more from over 30 countries around the world. When you shop Fair Trade, you're not just buying a beautifully crafted item. You're partnering with artisans around the world as they preserve their craft, support their families, and build a sustainable future. Each piece holds a story, and you become part of it. This is also a fundraiser for the Hesston Mennonite Church Youth Groups.

Hoffnungsaue Church, 43 13th Ave, Inman, invites you to our annual Mission Supper on Saturday, **October 25**, 5:00 – 6:30. It will be curbside pickup with tables also available if you want to stay and eat. Please text or call 620-585-6733 to order a meal of German sausage, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, zwiebach and pie. Payment is by donation with all proceeds going towards McPherson Housing Coalition.

Sharing Prayers & Praise

October 5, 2025

Work of the church

- * Care and Nurture is hosting two evening meal/peppernut baking events on October 29 (chili cook off-bring a pot of chili to share; prizes awarded) and November 5 (pizza). Please sign up for these gatherings.
- * October is Pastor Appreciation month and you are invited to sign a card or take a card to express your appreciation for Pastor Ruth's ministry at Hope (shhh...don't let her know.)

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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, 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.

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

Love can build a bridge by The Judds

I'd gladly walk across the desert; With no shoes upon my feet; To share with you the last bite; Of bread I had to eat; I would swim out to save you; In your sea of broken dreams; When all your hopes are sinkin'; Let me show you what love means

Refrain: Love can build a bridge; Between your heart and mine; Don't you think it's time?

I would whisper love so loudly; Every heart could understand; That love and only love; Can join the tribes of man; I would give my heart's desire, So that you might see; The first step is to realize; That it all begins with you and me

When we stand together; It's our finest hour; We can do anything; Keep believin' in the power