

Hope Mennonite Church
November 16, 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 #857

*Songs of Gathering

You Are Holy, You Are Whole #61

Hearing God's Word

Sharing of Psalm 23 Grades 2-4

Time with children Ruthie Goering

Glory, Glory, Halleluia! Arr. Catherine Delanoy Choir

Scripture reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Message Melissa Florer-Bixler
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord

Responding to God's Word

* *All Who Are Thirsty* #49

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

Inscription of Hope Z. Randall Stroope Choir

Prayers of God's People

**There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*

#828

*Benediction

Postlude

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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. Today we welcome Melissa Florer-Bixler, an author and doctoral student in homiletics at Duke University. She was one of the input speakers at the Kids Meet Christ event held yesterday at Hope.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Mike Voth, Amelia & Zoya Koop

Musicians: Hopeful Blues – Laurie Regehr, Galen Fast, Rod Kremer, Leon Greaser, Eldon Chlumsky

Song leader & choir director: Trae Gehring

Scripture reader: Leah Shelly-Unruh

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

Upcoming Worship Services

November 30 First Sunday of Advent

December 14 Children's Christmas program during worship

December 21 6:30 pm Longest Night service

Stay in touch with Hope

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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 and "like"
Hope Mennonite Church to see pictures & updates on church life.

First Fruits: Giving the first and best of that we are given.

November 9

Attendance 126 (Hope 114; Zoom 12)

Offering - \$6,630

Hope Year to date \$204,774

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$242,308

*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 (November 16-22)

Monday -7 pm Worship Commission
Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible Study
Thursday -7 pm Vision Council (Zoom)



*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 6

*Adults(sanctuary): Pastor Ruth will be leading a series on our congregational priorities.

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Clinton & Katie Chlumsky



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

Next Sunday: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

November 30: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (November 23-29)

Thursday -Newsletter articles due

Thur/Friday -Office closed

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Carmen & Andy Shelly; Steve & Gail Goeke; Myron & Brandon Zehr; Keren Kandel

Advent devotionals: The Worship Commission is offering an adult and a children's devotional for Advent. If you are interested in either/both options, please reserve your copy today. They will be available on November 30.

Our next hosting of Family Promise will be **November 30 - December 7**. Family Promise is using a new software system for recording information on volunteers, donors, etc. This same system will be used for us to sign up for the various positions during our hosting weeks. The program is called VOMO and will be replacing Sign-Up Genius. Vicki will be getting information out soon with instructions. If you are new to Hope and would like to know more about Family Promise, including how to sign up to volunteer, please see Marcus Loganbill or Vicki Howard.

We wish to thank Travis Cox for his leadership with Family Promise over the last few years. We always relied on Travis to fill vacant spots and serve our families. He will be stepping down but will continue as a volunteer. We are grateful that Elizabeth Anderson has stepped up to take Travis' place as one of our five coordinators for our Hope/Aldersgate team. Thank you, Elizabeth!

Interested in church membership? The Hope Deacons and Pastor Ruth will host a membership inquiry lunch next Sunday, November 23. RSVP to Ruth at pastor@hopemennonite.org

Justice Together is reaching out to Hope and other member congregations with an urgent call to action on affordable housing. The Wichita City Council will soon decide whether to include a 1-cent sales tax on the Spring 2026 ballot—raising over \$115 million annually. This is our one shot to secure a dedicated \$10 million each year for the Wichita Affordable Housing Fund. Here's what to you can do: learn more & sign up: tinyurl.com/wichitahousingaction

Witness and Outreach is again partnering with Wichita's HumanKind Ministries Operation Holiday to gather **non-perishable food, winter accessories, and kid's/teen's coats-2T to adult 2XL** (new or gently used). You will find collection boxes by the Witness and Outreach bulletin board for your donated items. The boxes will be turned in after Sunday, December 7th. You can also donate time by helping out with the "prep crew" or "distribution crew" as they prepare and later distribute the collected items to Wichita families. All of the volunteer information can be found at <https://www.humankindwichita.org> and clicking on the "Events" tab where you will find "volunteer at OH"

Camp Mennoscah is thrilled to report that within the last three weeks, the insulation, drywall, mudding, and taping of the retreat center has been completed thanks to the generosity of many volunteers. The completion of these aspects of the work are a significant step in achieving our goal of having the retreat center by the end of March 2026. To invest in the future of our children's faith journeys, please call or text Camp's Director of Development - Eric Litwiller - to inquire about ways to give.

Make Medicare an Easy Step Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop on Tuesday, **November 18** at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. The workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is providing regular training on how to safely and lawfully support immigrants who might be participating in local churches. There is a session on **November 17**, 6-8 pm & **November 25**, 6-8 pm. More information can be found at mcc.org/protecting-our-communities We, as ICT (Immigration Compassion Team), encourage all members to prayerfully consider attending one of these sessions. Together, we can prepare ourselves to respond with compassion, wisdom and peace. Participating in the session will equip us with knowledge and skills which we can utilize as we discuss and implement a response plan for Hope Mennonite. -ICT Members: Cindy Fast, Ryan and Brenda Henneberg & Marcus Loganbill

Calling all bakers and craft makers! You are invited to make items for **5 Places of Christmas** on Saturday, **December 6**, from 10 am - 3 pm at Goerz House on the Bethel College campus. Bethel College Women's Association will be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. Homemade cookies, zweibach, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts and poppyseed rolls are great sellers. We are especially asking for fudge, peanut clusters, peanut butter balls and peanut brittle, as well as other non-chocolate candies. We are also looking for Christmas craft items to sell. Please bring your items to Goerz House (2512 College Ave., North Newton, KS) on Friday, December 5, between 2:00 - 5:00 pm or on Saturday, December 6, from 9:30 - 10:00 am. Thank you for your support of Bethel College.