

Hope Mennonite Church

May 17, 2026

9:30 am Worship

Gathering to Worship

*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.
Hearing assistance devices are available from the tech booth.*

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

*Gathering Songs

God of the Bible

#420

Stanza 2, solo

Hearing God's Word

Time with children and presentation of Bibles

Katelyn Anderson, Zoya Koop, Renee Miller, Logan Regehr

We Praise the Word of God

#404

Scripture reading

Matthew 5:1-16

Dialogue

Sarah Balzer & Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word

**You Are Salt for the Earth*

#297

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests

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

Spoken and sung prayer for world peace
**This Is My Song*

#710

Sending

**Renew Your Church*

#717

*Benediction

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*You are welcome to stand.

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us
this morning in person or on Zoom.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Jim Voth
Pianist: Amy Bellar
Song leader: Steve Pankratz
Scripture reader: David Schmidt
Time with children: Ruth Harder
Worship tech: Grant Bellar
Sound tech: Leon Greaser
Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine



An area conference of
Mennonite Church USA

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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.

May 10

Attendance 127(Hope 116; Zoom 11)

Offering - \$23,917

Year to date - \$84,382

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$115,096

*Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithely**.*

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 (May 17-23)

- Today -2-4 pm Reserved event
Monday -10 am Inquiry Class
Tuesday -7 pm Music Committee
Wednesday -7 am Men's breakfast
@ Egg Crate, 8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150
Thursday -12:30 pm Deacons
Saturday -10-noon Library reserved



Second hour fun this coming Sunday: Has a lion or ogre ever stood between you and the church? What other barriers or obstacles present as you make your way to church? Volcanic lava? Poison ivy? Bees? During the second hour today, we are going to have a light-hearted time of collective problem solving and communal cleverness. We will divide into groups (**of all ages**) and join in a game of imaginative problem solving called "Lion in my Way." This was suggested to Pastor Ruth by one of our youngsters, **so game on!**

This is our last regularly scheduled Sunday School hour as we begin our summer hiatus.



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MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 24-30)

- Tuesday -10 am Care & Nurture Commission
-7 pm Vision Council
Wednesday -Newsletter deadline
Saturday -8 am-5 pm Reserved event

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman
Next Sunday: Donovan & Laurie Regehr
May 31: Taylor & Kevin Sechrist

Guests & visitors: Josh Warkentine & Emily Ellenbecker, Victoria Wiebe & Dan Lawrence

The May issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. This month's theme is "Spiritual Wealth, let's talk about money." Pick up your copy today.

Oaty is finished with high school! Please join us in celebrating his graduation with a come and go reception in the Hope fellowship hall **today** from 2:00-4:00pm. Ryan & Brenda Henneberg

Twila Blakely thanks everyone for the prayers and love expressed during her recent hospitalization for colon surgery. She is back at home now. In her words, "You've no idea how much your prayers are appreciated. The cards. Thoughts. Friendship. It means bunches to me. ❤️"

Releasing our loved ones to God's care and naming the hope we have for this life and the life to come. Let's join in praying for Treva and Leon Greaser, as they walk through the valley of the shadow of death (Psalm 23). On May 13, Treva's mom, Marilyn Hartman, departed from this earthly realm. Treva and Leon greatly appreciate the care and support shown to them through the recent months since Treva's dad's sudden death and the subsequent health declines her mother has experienced.

Wake up! It's time for our annual summer brunch on **May 31**. Brunch goodies will be provided. Sign up on the bulletin board, RSVP to the church office or use the link on Facebook.

Periodically, we host church membership inquiry/orientation sessions with those who are interested in formalizing their involvement via membership. Pastor Ruth is beginning another round of these sessions this week. Please contact her at pastor@hopemennonite.org if you are interested in learning more and/or participating.

Wear Red on Pentecost Sunday! Next Sunday, **May 24**, our sanctuary colors will change to red, yellow, and orange representing the Holy Spirit coming down on the church as flames.

Our next Family Promise hosting week is **June 7-14**. If you are new to Hope and would like to participate in this ministry, please see Vicki Howard, Elizabeth Anderson, or Marcus Loganbill on how to access the one-time online volunteer training. They will assist you with registering. There is a new signup method for Family Promise volunteers. If you are currently a volunteer, please set up your new account on VOMO following the instructions sent out by Vicki Howard.

Opportunity to be involved for local justice: if you would like to participate more in Wichita's congregation-based justice ministry, Justice Together, you can become a Hope Mennonite team leader! See Ruth Harder, Grace Parker Sutter or Wendy Wiens for more information.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is excited to offer an opportunity to participate in the 2026 Family Program! You are invited to join three mornings of service at MDS' Kansas Cabinet Shop in Goessel, KS (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). No experience needed! Volunteers will help build cabinets for new homes serving disaster survivors and others in need. A bagged lunch is provided. A flyer with detailed information is posted on the bulletin board.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for members and allies of immigrant communities across Western District Conference, as together we seek God's justice, care and dignity for all people.

...Michael Bergen and Sam Abrahams are participants with the Colorado Springs (Colorado) Service Adventure unit. Pray for them as they serve the local community. Michael serves through interactions with adults with disabilities at Our House Bright Futures, and Sam helps low-income families keep their homes.

...The Latin American Anabaptist Seminary (SEMILLA) provides biblical and theological education for Anabaptists in Latin America and Spanish speakers worldwide. Pray that SEMILLA's students would use what they are learning in their courses to spread the good news and to bring justice to their communities.