

Hope Mennonite Church

August 16, 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

*Call to Worship

Leader: God of grace, creator of waters,
your Spirit hovered over the deep.

Left: We remember that you separated the land from
the waters and provided rain to freshen the ground.

Right: We remember that you flooded the earth and
held creatures and people above the waters.

Left: We remember that you parted the waters as your
People fled from bondage in Egypt.

Right: We remember Jesus your Son, who, like all of
us, arrived in the waters of childbirth.

Left: We remember John baptizing in the waters of the
Jordan and the Spirit descending like a dove.

Right: We remember that Jesus shared out thirst and
a Samaritan woman shared water from a well.

**All: Living Water, pour your Spirit upon us. Wash
us and free us from sin, make us fruitful in every
way, and renew your world with showers of
blessing.**

*Gathering Songs

Come, thou fount

#563

10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord

#111

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

VBS sharing

Responding to God's Word

**O Healing River*

#706

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer

Greeting Our Guests

Seeing and Seeking God

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Work of the Church

Sung Prayer #541 *Listen in the Silence*

Sending

**Rain Down*

#703

*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. Today we continue our summer worship series *Sacred Ground(s)*.

Worship Leadership

Worship leader: Lori Miller

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Natalie Hand

Time with children: Natalie Regehr & Ruth Harder

Sung Prayer: Alex Rome and Magdalena Wenger

Worship tech: Grant Bellar

Sound tech: Leon Greaser

Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

Stay in touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Cynthia Mon-Thurs 9-1:30pm
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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.

August 2

Attendance 121 (Hope 109; Zoom 12)

Offering - \$4,943

Year to date - \$182,241

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$193,846

*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 (August 16-22)

- Sunday -after service-Radical Hospitality Committee
-noon- 3 pm Vacation Bible School
- Monday -8:30 am Coffee with Women Friends
@Goldfinch 1640 E. Waterman, Wichita
- Wednesday -7 am Men's breakfast
@ Egg Crate, 8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150
- Saturday -9:45-noon library reserved



Mower this week – Scott Luty

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Ben & Grace Parker Sutter
Next Sunday: Jared & Natalie Regehr
August 30: Jordon & Emily Regehr

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Greg & Dawn Epp

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 23-29)

- Sunday -Family Promise week
- Wednesday -Hope Headlines article deadline
- Saturday -8:30-5:00pm Reserved Event

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Visitors last Sunday: Darlene Knutson; Nikki Tackett; Sharon Stucky

Good stuff, FREE! Don't forget to check out the good stuff to be found in the southwest quadrant of the big room downstairs. Maybe just the thing to start or finish a project. Only today and next Sunday left to find that thing you'll be happy you rescued. These are items no longer needed from the worship closet. Don't miss out!

Next Sunday during worship we will welcome new members Heather and Doug Voran, Pam and Charlie Carter, and Michael Shaeffer. In addition, we will join Alec and Kaila in dedicating their son Raylan.

We will be hosting our Family Promise guests beginning next Sunday, the 23rd. With only one week to go, we still have many slots to fill: 12 for night shift, 8 drivers, 5 to tear down on the 30th, 3 to prepare meals, and 4 to host from 6:00-8:00. Please find the email from Vicki Howard and sign up if you are available. Thank you!!

The **Tuesday afternoon Women's Bible Study** will begin meeting **Sept. 8 at 1 pm.** This group meets concurrently on Zoom and in person in the church library. *If you are new to the group and plan on attending, please notify the church office.* The theme for this fall is "Prophetic Imagination – Stories to Resist Empire." Each week, each participant will receive an email full of Orienting with the Word (OWW) resources to enhance your Bible Study preparation and practice. No book is needed for this study. Brenda Glanzer Lilliston facilitates this study.

The **Thursday evening Women's Bible Study** will begin on **Sept 10, at 7 pm on Zoom.** *If you are new to the group and plan on attending, please notify the church office.* A Zoom link will be sent



to those attending. The group will study the book **Better Ways to Read the Bible: Transforming a Weapon of Harm into a Tool of Healing** by Zack W. Lambert. In this compassionate guide, Lambert dismantles four common lenses for reading the Bible that led to harm, then offers four new lenses that promote healing and wholeness. This book welcomes all Christians--regardless of background, doubts, or wounds--to reengage Scripture in life-giving ways.

Please purchase your own book or contact the church office by Sunday, August 23, to join a group order. The cost of the book is \$15. Brenda Glanzer Lilliston facilitates this study.

Immigration Commission Team Update: We thank Marcus for his faithful leadership and service as he steps down from the Immigration Commission Team (ICT). The work of the team continues under the leadership of Cindy, Brenda, and Ryan, with progress being made on the Response Manual discussed at the June Congregational Meeting. Please keep the team in your prayers as they continue this important work and watch for future updates.

Abuse Prevention and Response Policy – follow up to June Congregational Meeting

Vision Council approved the Abuse Prevention and Response Policy developed over the past six months by the Working Group. The Discipleship Commission reviewed and submitted it to Vision Council for approval. The policy expands our congregation's commitment to safety, accountability, and care through updated guidance on abuse prevention, reporting and response procedures, volunteer screening and training, protection of minors, and digital safety. We are grateful to the work group and Discipleship Commission for their thoughtful and diligent work on this important and often heavy initiative. Copies of the policy will be made available to the congregation soon, with additional information about annual training opportunities to follow.

Coming up August 30: New! We invite teachers and students to bring their personal backpacks, satchels, or briefcases to worship that Sunday. **We have a special Hope backpack blessing for you to carry with you this new school year.** In addition, during the second hour on the 30th, we will have a multi-generational time of backpack show and tell. Start thinking about what you took to school back when, and in what kind of bag!

Prayers for the Wider Church

... As a new school year begins, give thanks for children, youth and adults of all ages in WDC congregations, and pray for the Holy Spirit to nurture the church as an intergenerational community that worships, learns and grows together.

... A community in Nepal has been struggling with a damaged drinking water system for the past two years, with the burden of gathering the daily water falling on the women of the community. Praise God that, with the help of United Mission to Nepal, 26 people from the affected area were able to work together to restore their own water supply with only two days of work.