

Hope Mennonite Church

August 23, 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

*Call to Worship prayer #861

*Gathering Song
We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer #34

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children: Blessing of Mennonite Central Committee
school kits

Scripture reading Ephesians 3:14-19

God Made from One Blood Insert

Sharing Ruth Harder & Charlie Carter
The Sacred Ground of stories – our own and others

**You Are the God within Life* #526

The Sacred Ground of Dedicating & Covenanting

Child dedication for Raylan Rice

*Congregational blessing #970

Recognition of new members

*Litany of congregational covenant #960

**The Peace of the Earth Be with You* #838

Responding to God's Word

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

Sending

**Called by Earth and Sky*

#806

*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 wrap up our summer worship series *Sacred Ground(s)*.

Worship Leadership

Worship leader: Lori Miller

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Alex Rome

Scripture reader: Lowell Birkey

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Sound tech: Galen Fast

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston



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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.

August 16

Attendance 147 (Hope 135; Zoom 12)

Offering - \$2,333

Year to date - \$184,574

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$199,904

*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 23-29)

Sunday -Family Promise hosting week begins
Tuesday -6 pm Library reserved
Wednesday -Hope Headlines article deadline



Mower this week – Randy Graber

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Jared & Natalie Regehr
Next Sunday: Jordon & Emily Regehr
September 6: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Greg & Dawn Epp

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 30-September 5)

Sunday -Kitchen reserved in the afternoon
Tuesday -4:30 pm Care & Nurture
Wednesday -7 am Men's breakfast
@ Egg Crate, 8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150
-7:00 pm Choir
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (we need 8 dozen cookies)

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Visitors last Sunday: Wil, Jen, Clark, Finneas Day; Reuben Wenger; Lauren & Kevin Zoglo; Andrew Graber; Peter & Ellie Wintermote; Kira; Glenda Roane

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 is 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!

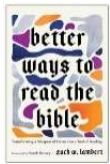
Next Sunday, August 30: We invite teachers and students to bring their personal backpacks, satchels, or briefcases to worship. **We have a special Hope backpack blessing for you to carry with you this new school year.** In addition, during the second hour next Sunday, we will have a multi-generational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

New mailbox: Joel McFadden

The fall issue of the devotional *Rejoice* is available on the entrance table. Pick yours up today.

The Tuesday afternoon Women's Bible Study will begin meeting **September 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 **September 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.

Save the date(s)! Our annual church retreat will take place at Camp Mennoscah **October 24-25**. Yes, the overnight option has returned! We are excited that Isaac Shue, owner of Gallery Mostaza (pottery store and studio in Newton) will be joining us as guest artist and presenter. His participation is made possible by our participation with Anabaptist Disabilities Network grant-funded learning cohort. As we work with clay, we will reflect on how each of us is shaped and molded differently in body, mind, and spirit, all made in the image of God. More information is coming soon. And if you would like to be to help with some of the details and coordination that weekend, let the Care & Nurture Commission know asap.

Prayers for the Wider Church

... Give thanks for persons elected to new Western District Conference leadership roles at Annual Assembly and pray for God's guidance and wisdom for them as they begin a new year of service. Our own Laurie Regehr has joined the Church Planting Commission.

... Pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants as they begin their service year this coming week. Pray for a smooth transition, as units in Alamosa, Colorado; Tucson, Arizona; and San Francisco, California, will collectively welcome several new participants, as well as two returning participants.

...Praise God for the Francophone Community Mennonite Church in Johannesburg, South Africa. This congregation is made up of refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroon and Burundi who are now living in South Africa

God Made from One Blood

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1. God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,
 2. We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
 3. We learn through our fam - ilies how close - ness and trust
 4. Give, Lord, to each fam - ily in con - flict and storm
 5. Then wid - en that wis - dom and grace to in - clude

the cir - cles of nur - ture that raised us from birth,
 for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,
 in - crease when our ac - tions are lov - ing and just.
 a sense of your wis - dom and grace that trans - form
 the rac - es and view-points our fam - ilies ex - clude

com - pan - ions who join us to walk through each stage
 the in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend
 Yet fam - ilies have al - so dis - tort - ed their roles,
 sharp an - ger to in - sight which strength - ens the heart
 till peace in each home bears and nur - tures the bud

of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.
 of par - ent and part - ner and room - mate and friend.
 mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruising their souls.
 and makes clear the place where re - build - ing can start.
 of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger (Acts 17:26)

MUSIC: Welsh folk melody

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