

Hope Mennonite Church

September 6, 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

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In the beginning, before time, before people,
before the world began,

God was.

Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air,
closer than breathing.

God is.

In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust,
and human knowledge has been completed,

God will be.

Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God was, God is, God will be.

*Gathering Song

Summoned by the God Who Made Us

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Listening for God's Word

Time with Children: Backpack blessings

Time of teaching and reflecting

Mark 4:1-9

Fields of possibility

Responding to God's Word

<i>*The Love of God</i>	#162
<i>*For the Healing of the Nations</i>	#705

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

Prayer

Sending

<i>*Go, My Friends, in Grace</i>	#810
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<i>*Sung Benediction</i>	<i>Seeds</i>	#777
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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 begin a new worship series titled Roots and Wings.

Worship Leadership

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Song leader: Adam Kroeker

Scripture reader: Lori Miller

Worship tech: Galen Fast

Sound tech: Rod Kremer

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Stay in touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

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.

August 23

Attendance 130 (Hope 115; Zoom 15)

Offering - \$4,097

Year to date - \$188,671

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$205,962

*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 30-September 5)

- Today -Second hour sharing for all ages in the Sanctuary
-Kitchen reserved in the afternoon
- Tuesday -4:30 pm Care & Nurture Commission meeting
- Wednesday -7 am Men's breakfast
@ Egg Crate, 8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150
-7:00 pm Choir
- Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (we need 6 dozen cookies)
-9:45 am Library reserved



Mower this week – Jerold Heide

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Jordon & Emily Regehr

Next Sunday: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

September 13: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 6-12)

- Monday -Office closed
- Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study
"Prophetic Imagination – Stories to Resist Empire."
- Wednesday -6 pm Sloppy Joe meal and peppernut baking
- Thursday -7 pm Women's Bible study – zoom only
"Better Ways to Read the Bible: Transforming a
Weapon of Harm into a Tool of Healing"

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Visitors last Sunday: Karen Horsman; Jodie Rogers; Mariah Banning; Kim & Elaine Rice; Jim & Susana Meder; Jerry Harney; Teresa McMahon

There are still items the Worship Commission would like to find new homes for. They are now in the fellowship hall. If you can use it, take it – please?

During the second hour today, we will have a multi-generational time of school show and tell. There will be photos, stories, and artifacts to share.

Hard copies of our September Hope Headlines, Hope's monthly newsletter, are available on the front table.

The fall issue of the devotional *Rejoice* is available on the entrance table. There are still several copies available.

Hope's founding pastor, Marvin Zehr, is turning 90 on September 11. Let's join in a surprise card shower for him. Pastor Ruth will deliver cards that are brought to the church by the morning of the 10th.

To usher in Fall, the congregation is invited to a Hope Friends meal on Wednesday, **September 9** at 6:00pm. Please stay after dinner for the first night of peppernut making and baking together in preparation for the Craft Bazaar in November. Sign up on the bulletin board!

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.** The cost of the book is \$15. Brenda Glanzer Lilliston facilitates this study.

Our 2026/27 choir season begins this Wednesday. All singers are welcome to join us – the more the merrier. The September Hope Headlines has further information on rehearsal and singing dates.

Coming soon! Hope will soon offer its own fabric store where everything is free. Materials of all kinds, types and colors will soon be available. If you want a sneak peek, check out the back office and...don't hesitate to take anything you see there even before it is displayed in the fellowship hall.

Save the date(s)! Our annual church retreat will take place at Camp Mennoscah **October 24-25**. Yes, the overnight option has returned! 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. 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

... Pray for resources—spiritual, financial, and relational—to sustain and nurture new church plants in Western District Conference.

... For the next two weeks, Mary and Jim Hostetter will be serving with SOOP (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) at Okanagan Gleaners in Oliver, British Columbia. They will help process surplus vegetables into a dried vegetable soup mix that will help feed the hungry of the world. Pray that their time of service will not only help physically nourish the world but will also nourish their own souls and the souls of those they work with

... Praise God for the Movement of Anabaptist Women Doing Theology from Latin America and their work to bring daily devotionals to uplift, educate and edify Christian women across the Spanish-speaking world. Pray that the authors would feel appreciated and heard, as they produce this continual work.



Art, Improv, and Lego are Worship, Too!

Registration closes in one week for the Kids Meet Christ fall event on September 12. Come experience worship practices for all ages, explore faith formation resources, and enjoy fellowship and fun with others—all are welcome! Scan the QR code to register today: