

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

*Call to Worship Prayer

*Gathering Song

For the Fruit of All Creation

#124

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

Time of teaching and reflecting Mark 4:1-10; Mark 4:13-20
Orienting with the Word

Responding to God's Word

**Be a Sower*

#789

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

**Help Us to Help Each Other*

#722

* 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. Our fall worship series is titled Roots and Wings.

Worship Leadership

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

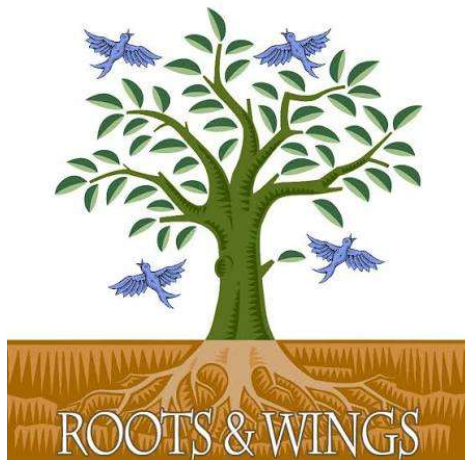
Song leader: Magdalena Wenger

Scripture reader: Barb Voth

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Sound tech: Jesse Graber

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston



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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 30

Attendance 104 (Hope 94; Zoom 109)

Offering - \$5,196

Year to date - \$193,867

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$212,019

*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 (September 6-12)

Sunday -Library reserved
Monday -Office closed (Labor Day)
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"



Mower this week – Randy Pinkerton

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Justin & Tiffany Regehr
Next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky
September 20: Jerold & Donna Heide

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Scott & Connie Luty

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 13-19)

Sunday -4 pm Orienting with the Word group
Monday -7 pm Worship Commission
Tuesday -8:30 am Coffee with Women Friends@
Roots Coffee Co. South Yoder Road, Yoder
-1 pm Women's Bible study
"Prophetic Imagination – Stories to Resist Empire."
-7 pm Vision Council
Wednesday -7 am Men's breakfast
@ Egg Crate, 8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150
-7 pm Choir
Saturday -9 am – 5 pm Church reserved

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Visitors last Sunday: Jeff Becker; Abram, Emily, Eleanor, Arthur Rodenberg

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?

New mailbox: Dorothy & Don Cloud

Hope's fabric shop is open for business and it's all free. If you or someone you know can use any of the materials, please take as much as you want.

New! We are experimenting with posting a weekly root word to focus our communal attention and prayer. This week our root word is **Sow**. Where does this word take you? Does it inspire you to write, photograph something, draw or paint, sing, etc? Or are there scripture texts that spring to mind? Let's share amongst ourselves! Perhaps we can create a common devotional during Advent with our varied reflections. If you are so moved, send Pastor Ruth your weekly reflections, whether they be written, visual, or otherwise. May these weekly root words continue to ground us deeper and deeper in the love of God.

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.

The coveted Wesley-Simons Volunteer Award has returned to Hope as we 'out-numbered' Aldersgate United Methodist Church during the past Family Promise hosting week. Thank you to all who volunteered with Family Promise the week of August 23. We will need additional help in November as we host our families November 29-December 6.

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 today or contact the church office by Tuesday morning, September 8.**

Pre-ordering of fresh, delicious bierocks is available to Hope attenders. The bierocks are available for \$6.00 each (up to one dozen bierocks per family). The bierocks will need to be picked up on Friday, September 25 between 3-7 pm unless other arrangements are made with the Craft Bazaar committee. Orders can be placed through the church office. Please contact Laurie Regehr or Connie Luty if you have any questions.

The Tuesday afternoon Women's Bible Study will begin meeting **September 15** (note change of date) at 1 pm. This group meets concurrently on Zoom and in person in the church library. 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. Brenda Glanzer Lilliston facilitates this study.



The Thursday evening Women's Bible Study will begin on **September 10**, at 7 pm on Zoom. 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. Brenda Glanzer Lilliston facilitates this study.

All are invited to a Hope Justice Together (JT) listening circle on Sunday, **September 20**, during the second hour. Listening Circles, which are held all over the city in September, lay the JT foundation each year. Our Hope JT team leaders will facilitate these listening circles on the 20th and gather up our responses to share with JT staff. Homelessness, affordable housing, and gun violence prevention will be the primary focus of this year's listening circles.
-Hope JT Team: Grace Parker Sutter, Pam Carter, Doug Voran, Heather Voran, and Ruth Harder

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 and registration forms are coming soon.

Prayers for the Wider Church

...Pray for participants of all ages who will gather this Saturday at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, KS, for Art, Improv, and Lego are Worship, Too – a Western District Conference Kids Meet Christ event for parents, children, leaders, and anyone who wants to see what is possible when all ages are fully engaged in worship!

...Today, Dan and Tina Beachy begin their SOOP assignment at the Reservoir Hill House of Peace (RHHP), in Baltimore, Maryland, where they will assist with facility maintenance and work with asylum seekers in a variety of capacities. Pray that the Beachys and the guests at RHHP are able to deeply bless one another during their two weeks together

Hope Mennonite Church Craft Bazaar

November 14 9 am 2 pm

Peppernut baking during 2nd hour on Sundays

September 20 and 27

October 4, 11, 14, and 18

November 1 and 8

Hope Friends meals at 6 pm and peppernut baking

Wednesday, September 9 – Sloppy joe meal

Wednesday, October 14 – Hearty Fall soups

Wednesday, November 11 – Pizza meal

Bierock baking day – Friday, September 25

Pre-ordering of bierock available to church attenders (see announcement for details)