

Hope Mennonite Church

September 13, 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

Come, Thou Fount

Welcome

*Call to Worship Prayer

#1015

Generous God, you gave us life;
now we give our lives back to you.

**We present ourselves; our work and play,
our joys and sorrows, our thoughts and deeds,
our gifts and resources to be used by you
for the sake of all people everywhere,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Gathering Song

Longing for Light

#715

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

Be a Sower

#789

Time of teaching and reflecting

Ruth Harder

Gifts that keep on giving

Mark 4: 21-34

Responding to God's Word

* *Let There Be Light*

#714

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

My Love Colors Outside the Lines

Prayer

Greeting Our Guests

Seeing and Seeking God

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Work of the Church

Sung Prayer *Between Darkness & Light* #808

Sending

**I Saw a Tree by the Riverside* #514

* Benediction

Postlude *Build My Life*

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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: Natalie Hand

Hopeful Blues: Laurie Regehr, Rod Kremer, Galen Fast, Leon Greaser, Eldon Chlumsky

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Chris Teufel

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Sound tech: Rod Kremer

Zoom host: Renetta Gooden



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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.

September 6

Attendance 103 (Hope 87; Zoom 16)

Offering - \$4,842

Year to date - \$198,709

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$218,077

*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 13-19)

- Today -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 (church library or zoom)
"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
Thursday -7 pm Women's Bible study(zoom) - Better Ways to
Read the Bible: Transforming a Weapon of Harm into
a Tool of Healing by Zack W. Lambert.
Saturday -9 am – 5 pm Church reserved



Mower this week – Travis Cox

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky
Next Sunday: Jerold & Donna Heide
September 27: Brenda Henneberg, Kara Wiens

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Chris Bellar

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 20-26)

- Tuesday 9:30 am Justice Together committee
-1 pm Women's Bible study
"Prophetic Imagination – Stories to Resist Empire."
-6:30 Digital policy task force (zoom)
Wednesday -7 am Men's breakfast
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-7 pm Choir
Thursday -7 pm Women's Bible study(zoom) - Better Ways to
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a Tool of Healing by Zack W. Lambert.
Fri/Saturday -Bierock baking

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Visitors last Sunday: Sharon Stucky; Vivienne, Oliver, Ellis, Juniper Chlumsky

The items on the two tables in the fellowship hall are free for the taking. The tables will be up through September 20.

Our annual Abuse Prevention training will be held during the 2nd hour today. Our facilitator will be Katie Chlumsky. Those required to attend include Discipleship Commission, Vision Council members, deacons, and anyone working with minors or vulnerable adults (nursery, teaching, Vacation Bible School, mentoring, etc) for the remainder of 2026 and 2027. The children will have their own, separate Safe Sanctuary activity today.

New! We are experimenting with posting a weekly root word to focus our communal attention and prayer. This week our root word is **Soil**. 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? 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.*

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 **this Tuesday September 15** 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 brenda.carryonyourstory@gmail.com).

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 this listening circle and gather our responses to share with JT staff. Homelessness, affordable housing, and gun violence prevention were the primary focus of last 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.

The next session of The Growing Collective, Family Promise's program for their graduates began on Thursday, September 10 and will continue each Thursday until November 19. Meetings are at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church from 5-6:30pm. Families share a snack followed by programs for children, youth, and adults. If you would like to help, please see Marcus Loganbill. Leaders are already in place to teach and guide the children's program; help is needed to keep children on task, direct, etc. You could help once or for several sessions. No special training is necessary to help.

Prayers for the Wider Church

...Pray for Western District Conference chaplains and other ministers who serve in specialized settings such as hospitals, retirement communities, hospice, prison, mission contexts and educational institutions.

... For the past several months, South Africa has been experiencing increasingly violent anti-immigration protests and demonstrations. Pray for an end to the violence, safety for immigrants and resolution to the xenophobic sentiments fueling the protests.

Hope Mennonite Church Craft Bazaar

November 14

9 am 2 pm

Peppernut baking during 2nd hour on Sundays

September 20 & 27

October 4, 11, 14, & 18

November 1 and 8

Hope Friends meals at 6 pm and peppernut baking

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)