

Hope Mennonite Church

September 20, 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

#866

We praise you, God—

in the sanctuary and under the stars;

for your greatness and for your goodness.

With hymns and quiet prayers,

with helping hands and dancing feet,

with all our breath and with all creation,

we praise you, God. Amen.

*Gathering Songs

At the Dawn of Your Creation

#179

Praise to the Living God

#204

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

Hope Lingers On arr. Andrea Ramsey

Choir

Time of teaching and reflecting

Ruth Harder

Leviticus 23:39-44

Responding to God's Word

Roll Down, Justice Mark A. Miller

Choir & congregation

Come, Thou Fount (vs. 1)

#563

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

**Light Dawns on a Weary World*

#205

* 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: Natalie Hand

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader & Choir directory: Trae Gehring

Scripture reader: Ruthie Goering

Worship tech: Grant Bellar

Sound tech: Leon Greaser

Zoom hosts: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine



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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 13

Attendance 121 (Hope 107; Zoom 14)

Offering - \$3,217

Year to date - \$201,925

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$222,135

*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 20-26)

- Monday -7 pm Worship Commission
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 -October Newsletter deadline
-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.
Fri/Saturday -Bierock baking



- * Preschool: Room 8
- *K-1st grade: Room 2
- *2nd-5th grade: Room 7
- *Youth: Room 1

*Adults(sanctuary): Hope's Justice Together leaders will facilitate our annual Listening Circle and share our responses with the Justice Together staff.



Mower this week – Grant Bellar

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Jerold & Donna Heide
Next Sunday: Brenda Henneberg, Kara Wiens
October 4: Jared & Natalie Regehr

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Joanna Pinkerton

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 27-October 3)

- Sunday -4 pm Orienting with the Word group
Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study
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Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (we need 10 dozen cookies)

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Visitors last Sunday: Mike Thode; Vanessa Benitez; Greyson Heide

The items on the two tables in the fellowship hall are free for the taking. This is your last chance!

Let there be light! A big thank you to the Hope Tech Committee, specifically project manager Rod Kremer, for recent work on our sanctuary lighting project. We also acknowledge Alden Warkentin and his estate gift to Hope and the grant from Western District Conference's Kids Meet Christ. And to those who donated individually to the Shine a Light on Hope Campaign, we give thanks!

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

Pre-ordering of fresh, delicious bierocks is available to Hope attendees. 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.

Our annual Justice Together Listening Session is scheduled for today during the second hour (following worship). Come learn what Justice Together is all about, hear important updates, and share your stories related to one of the three issues we are working on this year. The Listening Session is our opportunity to connect with each other and discuss issues facing Wichita/Sedgwick County communities. There will be refreshments - we hope to see you there! Note: for those who would like to cut peppernuts during this session, look for the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Prayers for the Wider Church

...Pray for young adults, leaders and other members of Western District Conference who are considering attending Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit sponsored by MCC and MC USA on Nov. 6-7, as a way to explore what faithful peacemaking looks like in an age of war, polarization, nationalism and violence.

Abuse Prevention and Response training info: To view the training video from last Sunday, please contact the church office. **Forms—available by electronic or paper:**

1. **Our volunteer application form to work with minors** has changed. Therefore, anyone planning to volunteer with minors at Hope is required to complete a revised form. This includes SS teachers, nursery helpers, sponsors, VBS helpers, etc.



2. **To parents/guardians of minors at Hope**—per our Abuse Prevention and Response policy, please complete an information form for each minor in your care.



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. Registration forms are on the table between the mailboxes or can be accessed electronically by the link provided in Thursday's email or posted to Facebook.

Family Promise is in need of volunteers to assist with children in their Thursday evening program each Thursday through November 19. Leaders have already planned their activities. Help is needed to serve as extra hands to help guide and direct. Meetings are from 5:00 - 6:30 at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church. Call Marcus Loganbill (316-350-4605) if you are interested in helping.

Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC School Kit Challenge! Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 30,000 school kits for the 2026 challenge and packed **46,481 school kits!** Each of the 46,481 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright future. Thank you for being part of this year's School Kit Challenge. We hope you'll join us again next year!

Hope Mennonite Church Craft Bazaar

November 14 9 am 2 pm

Peppernut baking during 2nd hour on Sundays

Today & September 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). Order with the church office.

Freezer space: Looking for places to 'house' our baked bierocks until the Craft Bazaar. Can you help out?

Choir texts

Hope Lingers On

My mother, when love is gone,
in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.

My father, when peace is gone,
in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.

I will not hate, and I will not fear,
in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.

My sister, when equality's gone,
in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.

My brother, with tolerance gone,
in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.

My love, when honor is gone
in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.

My country, when justice is gone,
in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.

Roll Down, Justice

There's a voice, strong and clear, ringing far and near,
"Let justice roll down."

Like the rush of a stream, comes a powerful dream,
let justice roll down.

Let the earth be restored, ev'ry soul be reformed;
let the healing renew, creation reborn
Here in this sacred space with the strength of God's grace,
let justice roll down!

Roll down! Roll down, justice!
Roll, like an ever-flowing stream,
Flowing stream, roll down!

Let your heart soar, open the door wide,
let your mind be transformed, let it be, let it be opened by love.
On this glorious day give us courage we pray,
that justice rolls down, let justice roll down.
Let the vision take flight and God will delight
as the waters flow down, justice abounds.

The congregation joins in by singing
verse 1 of *Come, Thou Fount*, #563

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