

Hope Mennonite Church

September 27, 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

Come, let us delight in the law of the Lord.

Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor.

Come, let us be nourished by the Living Water.

**Together, we will worship the One
who enables us to thrive.**

*Gathering Songs

This Is God's Wondrous World

#180

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Branching Out

Ruth Harder & Deacons

*When I am among the trees, especially the willows and the honey locust, equally the beech, the oaks and the pines, they give off such hints of gladness. I would almost say that they save me, and daily. **I am so distant from the hope of myself, in which I have goodness, and discernment, and never hurry through the world but walk slowly, and bow often.** Around me the trees stir in their leaves and call out, "Stay awhile."*

The light flows from their branches. And they call again, "It's simple," they say, "and you too have come into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine. -Mary Oliver

Responding to God's Word

**God Who Touches Earth with Beauty*

#550

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

**O Blessed Spring*

#522

*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: Jim Voth

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Adam Kroecker

Scripture reader: Ben Parker Sutter

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Sound tech: Galen Fast

Zoom host: Barb Voth



Stay in touch with Hope

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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 20

Attendance 140 (Hope 130; Zoom 10)

Offering \$5,525

Year to date \$207,450

Spending plan commitment year to date \$230,192

*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.

NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK (September 27-October 3)

Today	-Noon – 5 pm Kitchen reserved
Monday	-3-5 pm Sanctuary reserved
Tuesday	-1 pm Women's Bible study "Prophetic Imagination – Stories to Resist Empire."
Wednesday	-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	-Sandwich Saturday (we need 6 dozen cookies)



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

*Adults(sanctuary): Pastor Ruth's interview with Mick Lehman.
Please see the announcement for more information.



Mower this week – Eldon & Clinton Chlumsky

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Brenda Henneberg, Kara Wiens
Next Sunday: Jared & Natalie Regehr
October 11: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Mike & Kim Voth

NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK (October 4-10)

Sunday	-World Communion Sunday -11:00 am Radical Hospitality team -12:30 pm CROP walk lunch followed by walk @Sedgwick County Park
Tuesday	-4 pm Orienting with the Word group -1 pm Women's Bible study "Prophetic Imagination – Stories to Resist Empire."
Wednesday	-7 am Men's breakfast @ Egg Crate, 8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150
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.

Visitors last Sunday: Madelynn & Brayden Guerra; Lauryn Goode; Sadie Tauanui

Our Fall Adult Education series, starting this Sunday, will center around the prayer, ***For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.*** Today, Pastor Ruth will interview Mick Lehman about his family's history with sugar maples and syrup harvesting. It may or may not include syrup tasting! Upcoming Adult Education conversations will revolve around food sharing and harvesting. Plus, we have the added option of cutting peppernuts in the back of the sanctuary for those who enjoy multi-tasking.

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 **Gladness**. Where does this word take you? If you are so moved, send Pastor Ruth your weekly reflections, whether they be written, visual, or otherwise.

On October 4 we will observe World Communion Sunday. Those worshipping by Zoom please prepare your elements at home.

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.



The 2026 Crop Walk will be held on October 4. Fundraising for this year's walk can be done in person or online. You can join the Hope Mennonite team or donate under Clinton Chlumsky's name at the link provided in Thursday's email. People who raise \$50 online or via cash or check will receive a 2026 Wichita Crop Walk t-shirt. Hope Mennonite is a continued t-shirt sponsor this year. Following Sunday School on October 4 we will gather at Sedgwick County Park (Shelter 4 - South of the big hill) for lunch before the walk. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to eat prior to the event. You can also text or email me with any/all questions.

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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. The deadline is October 18.

Prayers for the Wider Church

...Pray that each new Western District Conference church community reflects the love of Jesus, building bridges across cultures and sharing the gospel with humility and grace.

...A group from Eden Mennonite Church, in Moundridge, Kansas, begins their week-long Civil Rights Just Peace Pilgrimage today. Pray for participants as they travel through the southern U.S., learning about racism and the Civil Rights Movement from historical sites, museums and first-hand accounts. Pray that this experience will inspire participants to enact change in their own communities

... Joseph and Rachel Givens, and their two children, have returned from their North American Ministry and are settling back into life in France. Pray for this family as they continue to adjust to their new ministry roles and relationships with new partners. The Givens are our mission partners.

Hope Mennonite Church Craft Bazaar

November 14 9 am 2 pm

Peppernut baking during 2nd hour on Sundays

Today

October 4, 11, 18

November 1 & 8

Hope Friends meals at 6 pm and peppernut baking

Wednesday, October 14 – Hearty Fall soups

Wednesday, November 11 – Pizza meal