

Hope Mennonite Church

October 4, 2026
World Communion Sunday
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

The voice of God is heard in blessing,
as it echoes in its majestic powers over all creation.

**We come to worship God, and to celebrate the
Mystery and Reality that is God's everlasting glory.**

The voice of God is heard in all creation – and it responds
with joy to the voice of its Creator, Sustainer and Renewer.

**We come to worship our God, and to celebrate God's
power and generosity towards all creation
and all peoples.**

We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the
way we are welcomed into God's generous presence.

**The voice of our Holy God is heard in the sacred
spaces, and God's grace is received as we worship.
Amen.****

*Gathering Songs

God of Our Strength #47

In Christ There Is No East or West #390

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move

Lessons from the Cedars of Lebanon

Scripture reading

Ryan Henneberg

Gathering around Tables Near & Far

Meditation

Words of Institution and invitation

Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving *For the Fruit of All Creation* #124

Responding to God's Word

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

Blessing

**The Lord Lift You Up* #832

*Benediction

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*You are welcome to stand.

**Call to worship written by Joan Stott

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: Brad Anderson

Musicians: Amy Bellar (piano) and Jesse Graber (guitar)

Song leader: Magdalena Wenger

Scripture reader: Ryan Henneberg

Meditation: Don S. Lemons

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Sound tech: Jesse Graber

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

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.

September 27

Attendance 116 (Hope 108; Zoom 8)

Offering \$2,630

Year to date \$210,080

Spending plan commitment year to date \$236,250

*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 (October 4-10)

- Today -11:00 am Radical Hospitality team
-12:30 pm CROP walk lunch followed by walk (2 pm)
@Sedgwick County Park
-4 pm Orienting with the Word group
- Tuesday -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



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

*Adults(sanctuary): This session will center around Wichita's
Lebanese Heritage.



Mower this week – Scott Luty

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Jared & Natalie Regehr
Next Sunday: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman
October 18: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Jerold Heide

NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK (October 11-17)

- Sunday -4 pm Orienting with the Word group
- Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study
- Wednesday -8:30 am Coffee with Women Friends
@CoFellow Coffee Parlor, 107 N. Main, Goddard
-6 pm Best Fall Soup supper; peppernut baking
-7 pm Choir
- Thursday -7 pm Women's Bible study(zoom)

Visitors last Sunday: Judy Collicot; Steve Martin; Anthony Navrat

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God—food sharing and heritage is the theme of our current Adult Education series. Today and next Sunday will center around Wichita's Lebanese Heritage. Joining us next Sunday, October 11, will be **Jay M. Price**, History Professor and Public History Program Director of WSU, as well as the co-editor of the book *Wichita's Lebanese Heritage*.

The 2026 Crop Walk is today. Following Sunday School, Hope walkers will gather at Sedgwick County Park (Shelter 4 - South of the big hill) for lunch before the walk, which begins at 2 pm.

The Family Promise coordinators invite you to look at the new bulletin board in the fellowship hall and grab a sticky note that has a wish list item on it. Keeping up with families and their needs is ongoing, and we can help by donating items that are on their wish list. Of course, monetary donations are always welcome, too. Thank you for your continued support of Family Promise!

Over the next several weeks, we will continue to post a weekly root word to focus our communal attention and prayer. This week our root word is **Indigenous**. What stories, reflections, prayers rise for you when considering this word? If you are so moved, send Pastor Ruth your responses for possible use in a future Hope Advent devotional. Note: Pastor Ruth invites the congregation to join her at the Keeper of the Plains on Monday, October 12 from 6-7 pm. That day, as our nation observes either Indigenous Peoples' Day or Columbus Day or both, let's join for the purpose of reflection and prayer.

Hope Mennonite Church Craft Bazaar

November 14 9 am - 2 pm

Peppernut baking during 2nd hour on Sundays

October 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

Please join us on **October 14**, at 6 pm, for our Best Fall Soup Competition followed by peppernut baking. You are invited to sign up on the bulletin board – come to eat and if you wish, bring a pot of soup to share.

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 together with his family 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 posted to Facebook. The deadline is October 18.

Small Groups at Hope: Small groups form and continue in a variety of ways at Hope. Some meet weekly, monthly, or more intermittently, with a defined (however relaxed) purpose such as Bible Study, women's coffee, men's breakfast, gardening, young adult gatherings. If you have any questions about these existing groups, please contact the church office. **In addition, there are five existing five small groups with designated contact for each group.** Now is a good time to indicate your interest in changing groups, starting a new one, or joining one that is open to new members. Over the next two weeks, please contact Pastor Ruth by email, phone, or through a face-to-face meeting to convey your interest or ask questions.

Prayers for the Wider Church

...Pray for participants and leaders in the Faithful Response Immigration Gathering in Texas beginning today, as an ecumenical event co-sponsored by a variety of church groups including Western District Conference to build skills and relationships to respond to the current crisis of immigration detention and deportation.

... October is a time when Mission Network staff visit Mennonite college and high school campuses and meet with students, faculty and staff to share about the service opportunities available for young adults. Pray that the young adults God is calling into service will be listening with open ears and hearts.