Hope Mennonite Church

November 8, 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 #863

Source of all hope and holiness,
we gather today to be church.
Bless those who are absent, but not from our hearts.
Bless those who are distant, but not from our love.
Bless each of us here,
that we may choose justice by your Spirit,
draw kindness from the well of your mercy,
and walk humbly in your path, O God.

*Gathering Song
Summoned by the God Who Make Us #1

Hearing God's Word

Time with Children
Gathered Here #3

Scripture reading Micah 4:1-4

Teaching Rabbi Andrew Pepperstone

Responding to God's Word

* *We Are People of God's Peace* #797

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

**Healer of Our Every Ill* #644

*Benediction

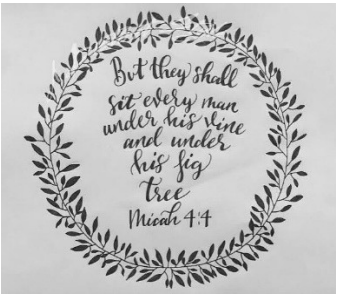
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*You are welcome to stand.

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom. Today we welcome Rabbi Andrew Pepperstone of Ahavath Achim Congregation. Andrew is one of the founders of Justice Together (JT) and is the current co-president of the JT Board.

Note: the image on the front cover today is by SaeJin Lee. It is found in Voices Together #12.

Worship Leadership
Worship leader: Kendal Warkentine
Pianist: Amy Bellar
Song leader: Adam Kroeker
Scripture reader: Steve Pankratz
Worship tech: Mike Voth
Sound tech: Rod Kremer
Zoom host: Lee Schmucker



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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.
November 1
Attendance 131 (Hope 122; Zoom 9)
Offering $12,668
Year to date sending plan $241,422
2026 Spending plan commitment to date $266,538
*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 THIS WEEK (November 8-14)

Today	Noon-2 pm Library reserved
	4 pm Orienting with the Word Bible Study
Tuesday	1 pm Women's Bible study
Wednesday	6 pm pizza supper; peppernut baking
	7 pm choir
Thursday	7 pm Women's Bible study (zoom)
Saturday	9 am – 2 pm Craft Bazaar

Mower this week – Eldon & Clinton Chlumsky



(for infants – age four)
Today: Taylor & Kevin Sechrist
Next Sunday: Ben & Grace Parker Sutter
November 22: Kaila & Alec Ric



Preschool: Room 8
K-1st grade: Room 2
2nd-5th grade: Room 7
Youth: Room 1
Adults: You are invited to help bake peppernuts.

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Cuppa Hope

NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK (November 15-21)

Sunday	Noon Craft Bazaar celebration lunch
Monday	7 pm Worship Commission
Tuesday	1 pm Women's Bible study
Wednesday	7 am Men's breakfast
	@ Egg Crate 8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150
	7pm Choir
Thursday	7 pm Women's Bible study (zoom)

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Visitors last Sunday: Sharon Stucky; Bob & Carolyn Backis; Mark Stucky; Jay Penner

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 **Peace.** What stories, reflections, and prayers rise for you when contemplating or working for peace?

The Family Promise coordinators thank you for your continued support. We invite you to look at the 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 contributing financially and/or donating items on their wish list.

The winter issue of the devotional *Rejoice* is now available on the table between the mailboxes. Pick up your copy today – and all of the pages are there!

The November issue of Anabaptist *World* is available on the front table. Read articles about the More-with-Less cookbook; Christian nationalism; as well as a report on the recent gathering of Mennonite Church USA boards. Pick up your copy today.

Join Ryan Henneberg for adult Sunday school Nov. 15th & 22nd to look at the book "A Curious Faith" by Lore Ferguson Wilbert. This book explores questions God asks us, questions we ask God, and questions we ask each other. Christianity is not about knowing good answers, says Wilbert, but about asking good questions—ones that foster deeper intimacy with God and others. Copies of the book will be available on the table between the mailboxes.

All children/youth Sunday School teachers and helpers will meet for 20-25 minutes following worship on November 29.

The next hosting week for Family Promise at Hope will be **November 29 – December 6**. Our VOMO sign-up will be available beginning Sunday, November 15.

The Hope Justice Together (JT) Team leaders invite everyone to the JT community assembly **tomorrow, November 9 from 6-8 pm at First United Methodist Church** (330 N Broadway). Along with local officials who will be attending, we will: 1) Hear what over 130 justice ministry team leaders from more than 40 Wichita congregations learned in our listening process; 2) hear updates on the efforts to address homelessness, affordable housing, and gun violence prevention; and 3) learn about next steps. Hope Team Leaders: Grace Parker Sutter, Doug Voran, Heather Voran, Pam Carter, and Ruth Harder.

From Care and Nurture: We would love to have you come join us on Wednesday, **November 11**, 6:00 pm, for a pizza dinner followed by peppernut baking. Many hands are needed to prep the fellowship hall, sanctuary, and other food prep in anticipation of the Craft Bazaar November 14. Sign up on the bulletin or by the electronic link provided in the congregational email.

A proposal for local law enforcement to NOT enter into, renew, or enhance 287(g) agreements with Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) will be presented this coming week. Information is on the literature table if you are interested in writing to council members and/or attending Thursday's meeting. See Marcus Loganbill if you would like additional information.

Eden Mennonite Church of Moundridge is scheduling a Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) Civil Rights Pilgrimage, April 20-27. They need two- three more individuals to join them. Marcus and Cynthia Loganbill will be part of the group. The deadline to sign up is next week. On the trip, we will learn about the struggle for dignity and humanity, from museums, significant places and powerful memorials as we visit Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma and other cities. You can learn more by visiting this link: civil rights pilgrimage or go to the MMN website: mennonitemission.net. Let Marcus or Cynthia know if you are interested.

Prayers for the wider church

…Give thanks for Western District Conference ministers and children & youth leaders who gathered this weekend in Texas for a retreat on the theme *Connecting Generations, Cultivating the Faith*. sponsored b ythe Ministerial Leadership Commission and Kids Meet Christ program.

… Pray for the Colorado Springs Service Adventure participants, Josiah Eisenhour and Ralph Lipscomb, who are working at Greccio Housing, a local nonprofit that exists to create stable, affordable-housing options for low-income people.

… On November 11, Armistice Day, pray that Isaiah's prophecy would be fulfilled through us today: "And they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning knives. Nation will not lift up a sword against nation, and never again will they learn war"



Hope Mennonite Church Craft Bazaar
November 14 9 am - 2 pm

Our annual bazaar is almost here. There are many ways to get involved – check out the opportunities on the bulletin board and sign up to help that day. We also covet your prayers for the event to bring honor to God and assistance to those in need beyond our walls.

Peppernut baking during 2nd hour
November 8
Hope Friends meal at 6 pm and peppernut baking
Wednesday, November 11 – Pizza meal
Sign up to help: in-kitchen helpers, kitchen window servers, cashiers, bake sale table workers, front door greeters, parking lot attendants and rovers.
Bake Sale: You are invited to donate items for the bake sale table: cakes, cookies, rolls, candy, etc. Please provide specific labels (ie. gluten free, nuts included). Bring items Friday evening.
Casserole sale: Consider donating a frozen casserole (with attached recipe) either 8x8 or 9x13. There are disposable pans in the kitchen for you to use.
Parking request: If you arrive early that morning, please park on the street east of the church and enter through the gate. This will open parking spaces for our guests.
Lunch celebration: Please enjoy another round of lunch on Sunday, November 15, following Sunday School. Donations accepted.
Committee: Katie Chlumsky, Renetta Gooden, Shelby Kaufman, Connie Luty, Emily Regehr, Laurie Regehr, Natalie Regehr, Tiffany Regehr