

About the Cover: This series' cover art was created by **Velma Peck**, who has loved drawing and creating since childhood. While she doesn't consider herself a painter, she finds great joy in working with ink, capturing the beauty of God's creation. Her sketch of a wilderness path, dappled with sunrise light, invites us to notice the gifts of the great outdoors and the creativity God plants within each of us. Velma reminds us to keep fostering this gift of imagination with the children around us.

Attendance: August 31 — 66

North Goshen Mennonite Church

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Wayfinding: Discerning God's Path
North Goshen Mennonite Church

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God Is Doing a New Thing

Isaiah 43:18-21

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Focus Statement: How is God inviting us to move beyond scarcity thinking and live into God's abundance?

Gathering *God of the Bible (Video)* VT 420

Welcome & Announcements Kathy N.Y.

Call to Worship

Songs *Come, Thou Fount* VT 563
 Will You Come and Follow Me VT 540

Offering Prayer & Coin Collection for MCC

(Children are dismissed for Children's Church)

Offering Song

You Are Salt for the Earth (Video) VT 297

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:18-21 Zahir & Mariana R.

Message Becky H.
God's Abundance In a Scarcity World

Song *Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing* VT 555

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer Becky

Sending Song *Praise God (Doxology)* VT 71

Blessing

Today's Volunteers

Children's Church: Michael Y., Daisy L., & Jenny G.

Nursery: Deena B., Alan L., & Kristina Be-Mo

Tech Team: Jose J., Greg S & Tim N.

Worship Leader: Kathy N.Y. Music Leader: Todd H.

Greeter: Lola J. Translator: Erin Be-Mo

Ways Children Worship With Us

Children's Church (ages 3 through Grade 4)

- Takes place during second half of worship service
- Children are dismissed after the offering
- Location: Large classroom at bottom of basement stairs
- All children are welcome, especially guests and visitors!

Nursery (infants through age 3)

- Childcare is available in the basement (follow the signs) during the worship service. All are welcome.
- The nursery is staffed by two adults and one youth.

New Small Groups Forming This Fall!

This fall, we're forming small groups designed for connection, care, prayer, laughter, and friendship. Whether you're able to gather in person, online, or need a group to come to you, there's a place for you in this season of community building.

Look for a short interest form in your church mailbox soon. Please fill it out and return it to the Small Groups mailbox by [insert date]. These forms will help us create meaningful, balanced groups that reflect your preferences and needs.

Let's build something beautiful together.

Join Our Visitation Team

Thanks to those who have already reached out about being part of the **Visitation Team**. Your willingness to show up for others means so much.

The Visitation Team is a way to stay connected by stopping in, sharing some conversation, or offering prayer, and reminding folks they're not forgotten. If this sounds like something you'd like to be part of, talk to **Becky** to learn more.

A School Kit Thank You!

Thank you for your generous contributions for MCC school kits. Total donations from North Goshen include:

- 109 notebooks (27 kits)
- 695 pencils (86 kits)
- 370 pens (92 kits)
- 54 rulers (54 kits)
- 57 boxes of colored pencils (57 kits)
- 65 erasers (65 kits)
- 60 metal sharpeners (60 kits)

Caring for Our College Students

Our college students have returned to classes, and we want them to know that their church family is thinking of them! We'll be putting together **care packages** and also sending notes, texts, and encouragement along the way.

We begin collecting care package items today through the end of September, so keep your eyes open for little things that might brighten a student's day. If you have questions or ideas, please connect with **Bonnie C.** or **Becky H.**

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale – September 26 & 27

The **Relief Sale** is almost here! Mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, September 26 & 27! It's time to start digging through those sofa cushions and collecting change for **My Coins Count** each Sunday. Every coin adds up to make a big difference in the work of Mennonite Central Committee around the world.

If you're planning to **bake pies or other goodies** for the sale, containers are available on the bench outside the church office, please pick up what you need.

And stay tuned - soon **Sue LS** will be reaching out for volunteers to help in the **Pie Booth** on Friday evening and Saturday morning. This is a great way to be part of the excitement and fellowship of the Relief Sale while supporting MCC's mission of peace and relief work. Let's bring our energy, generosity, and sweet tooth to this wonderful event!

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

9/11	Joan Troyer
9/12	Erika Byler

9:00 AM Sunday School Classes

Pathfinders

- Intergenerational Bible study using the Mennonite "Builder" curriculum
- Location: Curtained classroom next to kitchen in the fellowship hall
- All are welcome

Contemporary Issues and Christian Faith

- Explores current events through a Christian lens using "The Wired Word"
- Location: South corner of fellowship hall
- All ages welcome

Clase de los Amigos (Latino Bible Study)

- Bible study in Spanish
- Location: Large classroom at bottom of basement stairs
- Todos son bienvenidos

Youth Class (Grades 6-12)

- Location: Basement classroom (follow posted signs)
- All youth are welcome to attend!

Next Sunday, September 14

9:00AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship Focus: *Creation By the Word*

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Worship Leader: Daisy L.

Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Becky H.

Children's Church: Bonnie C., Joan U., & Kristina Be-Mo

Nursery: Belen R., Jeff U., & Jenny G.

Beginning the Narrative Lectionary

Next week, North Goshen will begin using the ***Narrative Lectionary*** in worship. The Narrative Lectionary is a way of reading the Bible that invites us to journey through the whole sweep of scripture during the course of a year. As we move through the fall, we will look at key stories of the Old Testament, from creation and covenant to prophets and exile.

This lectionary helps us hear scripture as one unfolding story of God's love, justice, and peace - not just isolated verses, but a living witness that shapes how we follow Jesus today. For a congregation like ours, the Narrative Lectionary offers a chance to listen together for how God's story connects with our commitments to peace, justice, and community here in Goshen.

We'll begin next **Sunday, September 14**, with the story of creation from Genesis 1:1-2:4a. Our theme will be "*Creation by the Word: God's creation is good – a foundation for justice and peace.*" Together, we'll ask: **How do we live as stewards of creation's goodness in a world of exploitation?**

A detailed calendar of the Narrative Lectionary year is in mailboxes today.

Upcoming Events

9/9 Coordinating Council (Tue., 6:30PM)

9/10 Youth Group (Wed., 6:30 PM)

9/10 Bilingual Group (Wed., 6:30 PM)

9/11 Men's Group (Thur., 7PM) @ Peck's

9/16 Women's Prayer Group (Tue., 9AM) @ Greencroft

9/17 Community Meal (Wed., 6 PM)

9/26- Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale (Fri-Sat.)

9/27 and Pie Booth by NGMC