

About the Cover: This linocut print was created by Becky H. as a reflection on our summer worship theme, *Becoming the Body*. Inspired by the visuals in the new *Anabaptist Community Bible*, Becky decided to try her hand at this bold, tactile art form—carving an image that weaves together the Tree of Life and a human figure. In this piece, the trunk becomes a figure, grounded and reaching, as branches stretch outward in community. Like the worship series itself, this image is about growth, connection, and the Spirit alive in all our becoming.

Attendance: July 6— 72

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Becoming the Body

Community, Calling, and the Spirit at Work

The Fruit We Bear

July 13, 2025

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Galatians 5:13–26

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Focus Question: What fruit is growing in our community
– and what kind of soil does it need?

Gathering and Centering

Summoned by the God Who Made Us VT 1

Welcome & Announcements

Becky H.

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

God, Be the Love VT 43

Mountain of God VT 11

Offering Prayer & Collecting Coins for MCC

Offertory *Bless the Lord* VT 111

Youth Report from MennoCon25

Alan, Aysia, Jenny, Jordan, Kristina, Rudy

Dramatic Reading Galatians 5:13–26 Youth

Storytelling from a Month with MDS Jan L.

Song *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside* VT 514

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer Becky

Sending Song *Shout to the Lord / Cante al Señor* VT 125

Blessing

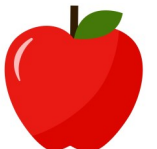
Visual Response: *The Fruit We Bear*

As we reflect on the fruits of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control — we invite you to consider:

Which of these fruits is growing in you right now?

Which one do you long to grow more fully?

You'll find an apple-shaped paper in your bulletin. Before you leave today, write a word or short phrase on it — a fruit you're cultivating, or a hope for growth. Then hang it on the tree in the narthex. Let's fill the branches with our prayers, our intentions, and the Spirit's quiet work among us.



Next Sunday, July 20

9:00 AM Sunday school

10:15 AM Worship Focus: *Devoted to One Another*

Scripture: Acts 2:42–47

Worship Leader: Michael Y.

Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Becky H.

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

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

Living the Legacy: Anabaptism at 500

Next Sunday we begin a new worship series, *Living the Legacy: Anabaptism at 500*, marking 500 years since the Anabaptist movement began in 1525 as a radical expression of following Jesus in community, simplicity, and peace. Week 1 is titled **“Devoted to One Another”** and will explore how the early church's model of shared life and mutual support (Acts 2:42–47) continues to shape our faith and practices today. We'll hear stories about the power of community and reflect on what it means to live our faith *together*. Whether you're rooted in the Anabaptist tradition or new to it, this series is an invitation to discover how these core values still speak to us — and guide us — in our world today.

Upcoming Events

- 7/15 Elders Meeting at Wittrig's (Tues., 10:15 AM)
Coordinating Council Meeting (Tues., 6:30 PM)
- 7/16 Community Meal (Wed., 6:00 PM)
- 7/20 Living the Legacy: Anabaptism at 500 Series
- 8/10 Church Picnic, at Pringle Park (Sun., 10 AM)
Back to School Sunday

July Community Meal: Build-Your-Own Hot Dog Bar

July is National Hot Dog Month, and we're celebrating with a **Build-Your-Own Hot Dog Bar** at our community meal this Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall!

Hot dogs and buns will be provided — including options for gluten-free and plant-based diets.

We invite everyone to bring a **topping to share**, inspired by your favorite flavors or family traditions. Some ideas:

- Sauerkraut, relish, or pickled jalapeños
- Salsas, elote, guacamole, chimichurri, or curry ketchup
- Coleslaw, caramelized onions, or kimchi
- Shredded cheese, mango chutney, or spicy mayo
- Chili, cheese, and diced onions

Also bring a **side dish or dessert** to share as you're able. Let's enjoy good food and good company as we gather around the table—everyone's welcome!

Church Picnic & Back to School Sunday

Save the date! On **Sunday, August 10**, we'll gather at the Pringle Park pavilion in Goshen for our annual Church Picnic and a special Back-to-School Sunday celebration. Watch for more details to come!

Pastoral Schedule Update

Becky has now concluded her interim work at East Goshen and is giving renewed pastoral focus to North Goshen. As part of this transition, she will be shifting her Sabbath day from Monday to Friday. Becky's regular office hours will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and she remains available for pastoral care, visits, and meetings as needed. You're always welcome to reach out to schedule a time to connect.

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!

Join us in celebrating Merv's 85th birthday!

Come to the Fellowship Hall between Sunday school and Worship TODAY as we gather to honor Merv and celebrate his 85 years of life, ornery-ness, and laughter. All are welcome!

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.

Today's Volunteers

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

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

Worship Leader: Becky H.

Speaker: Jan L.

Song Leaders Todd H.

Musicians: Aysia A., Erica U., Erika B., Josh H.

Scripture: Alan, Aysia, Jenny, Jordan, Kristina, and Rudy

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

Greeter: Lola J.

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

Have an Announcement?

If you have something you'd like included in the Sunday bulletin or weekly newsletter, please email it to **Belen** at office@northgoshenmc.org **by noon on Thursday.**

Thank you!

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

- 7/12 Alies Alindor
- 7/12 Merv Helmuth
- 7/15 Jake & Barb Stoltzfus
- 7/16 Areli Nimio Arellano
- 7/18 Nancy Behan
- 7/19 Ron Chupp