

About the Cover: This week's image from MennoMedia's *Leader* materials invites us into Advent through a quiet night sky, where golden branches reach in like whispers of light. The artwork echoes the series theme, *Be Amazed!*, reminding us that God's presence often shimmers at the edges of our vision before we fully see it. As we begin this season of watching and waiting, the cover draws us to look up, look around, and notice the light already breaking into the darkness.

Attendance: November 23— 58

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North Goshen Mennonite Church

First Sunday of Advent

Be amazed: Hope in the furnace

Daniel 3:1, 8–30

November 30, 2025

Focus Question: Where do you need to trust that you're not alone in the fire?

Gathering *El cielo canta Alegría! (Heaven sings for joy)*

Welcome & Announcements Ronda S.K.

Doorway Scripture

Call to Worship

Advent Candle lighting Belen, Rudy & Jenny

Candle lighting Litany

One: We have been walking through darkness, fear surrounding us like fire.

We long for your hope to find us.

Many: Ven, Esperanza del mundo. Ven a asombrarnos.

Come, Hope of the world. Come amaze us.

All: May your hope quiet our fears.

Song *Hope is a Candle* StS 15
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VT 210

Offering Prayer Ronda S.K.

Song Tú estás aquí (video) VT 67

Children's Story Merv H.
Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Storytelling: Daniel 3 Nancy B. & Sandra M.

Congregational Response:
Nuestra esperanza está en ti, oh Dios.
Our hope is in you, O God.

Message *Waiting for the God Who Climbs In* Becky H.

Song *God Is Here Among Us* VT 62

Prayers of the People

Sending Song *Be Still, My Soul* VT 664

Blessing

Next Sunday - December 7

Next Sunday we journey with the prophet Ezekiel to a valley of dry bones (**Ezekiel 37:1-14**), where God asks an impossible question: "Can these bones live?" We'll explore peace not as the absence of conflict, but as God's breath bringing new life to places we thought were dead. As we reveal more of the Advent star, we remember that God doesn't just restore what was — God creates something new.

Next Sunday, December 7

9:00AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship Focus: *Second Sunday of Advent*

Be Amazed: Peace in the Valley

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:25-26

Worship Leader: Izaete N. Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Becky H. Children's Story

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

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

Upcoming Events

12/2 Women's Prayer Group at Manor 4 (Tues., 9 AM)

12/3 Youth Group at Alan's (Wed., 6:30 PM)

Bilingual Group at Elain's (Wed., 6:30 PM)

12/7 Second Sunday of Advent

Koinonia Café (Sun., 9:45 AM)

Taizé-inspired worship at Walnut Hill MC (Sun., 7 PM)

12/9 Women's Prayer Group at Manor 4 (Tues., 9 AM)

12/10 Youth Group at Alan's (Wed., 6:30 PM)

Bilingual Group at Elain's (Wed., 6:30 PM)

12/11 Men's Group at Peck's (Thu., 7 PM)

12/17 Community Meal (Wed., 6 PM)

12/21 Children's Christmas Program during worship

12/24 Christmas Eve Service at College Mennonite (7 PM)

You're Invited!

Kerry and Bonnie are opening their home (58230 Andrew Drive, Goshen) for an afternoon of connection and joy on **Sunday, December 7**, and you're warmly welcome to stop by **anytime between 2:00–5:00 PM**. Come for good conversation, light snacks, and the gift of simply being together. All ages are invited — bring your whole self and stay as long as you like.

Christmas Eve Worship

For those who love gathering on Christmas Eve, or who are longing for a place to pause and welcome Christ's light, you are invited to **College Mennonite Church's bilingual Christmas Eve service** on **Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 PM**. North Goshen's Worship Planning Team encourages us to attend *together* this year. The service will be in both English and Spanish, a beautiful way to celebrate hope with our wider community. Come as you are, and join us for this meaningful Christmas Eve gathering.

Advent through Epiphany 2025-2026: Be Amazed!

This Advent, we journey through stories of God's powerful and astonishing acts, from fire and dry bones to flowing water and finally to the incarnation itself. Week by week, we'll reveal more of the Advent star in our worship space, reminding us that God's light is always shining, slowly being revealed.

Our Journey:

- **Dec 7** - Peace in the Valley | Ezekiel 37:1-14
- **Dec 14** - Joy in the Desert | Isaiah 55:1-13
- **Dec 21** - Love Comes Down | John 1:1-18
- **Dec 28** - God Among Us | John 1:19-34
- **Jan 4** - Come and See | John 1:35-51



This is Advent as formation: learning to see God's presence, trust God's character, and be amazed by the ways God shows up.

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.

Buddy Bags for Children During Worship

We want children to feel welcome and at home in our worship space. Buddy Bags are available in the narthex (on the hooks behind the sanctuary) for children to use during the service. Please return the bags after worship so they can be ready for next week. Each Buddy Bag may include:

- Soft, quiet fidget toys
- Picture books and Bible storybooks
- Small puzzles or matching cards
- A notebook for doodling or drawing
- Coloring books and crayons (found on the shelf next to the bags)

Children are part of our worship — their presence and energy are a gift. Feel free to take what is helpful for your child to wiggle, listen, create, and belong.

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

12/01 Elaine Hooley
Sue Sommers
12/02 Ruth Ochoa
12/06 Joan Yeakey

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!

Today's Volunteers

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

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

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

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

Speaker: Becky H.

Music Leader: Todd H.

Worship Leader: Ronda S.K.

Sunday School Greeter: Terry P.

Worship Greeter: Lola J.