

About the Cover: This week marks the final week in a six-week series of bulletin covers featuring quilts pieced by **Carol Wolfer**, whose artistry has been enjoyed by many and supported the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Today's cover shows a **"Mennonite Church" wall hanging**, pieced by Carol for Forks Church in 2006. May these images remind us of the beauty that emerges when pieces are stitched together with care, creativity, and generosity.

Attendance: October 12 — 103

North Goshen Mennonite Church

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God Calls David

1 Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 51:10–14

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Focus Question: How do we practice looking at one another and ourselves with the eyes of mercy rather than judgment?

Gathering *Here in This Place* VT 10

Welcome & Announcements Daisy L.

Call to Worship

Songs *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT 1
 Eat This Bread VT 476

Offering Prayer

Coin Collection for MCC

Food Pantry Collection for Center for Healing & Hope

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Song *I Come with Joy (Video)*

Scripture Robert M. & Sue L.S.
 1 Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 51:10–14

Message *The God Who Sees Differently* Becky H.

Song *Create in me a Clean Heart* SFJ 942

Invitation to the Table

Communion Liturgy

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* VT 828

Blessing

Communion: Remembering and Belonging

Today we share Communion, remembering the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the Anabaptist tradition, the table is a place of remembrance, reconciliation, and renewal - not a boundary but an invitation. We come not because we are perfect, but because Christ meets us in community, offering mercy and hope.

Here we remember that God's presence is made known not in power or hierarchy, but in shared bread, mutual service, and lives shaped by peace. All who desire to follow in the way of Jesus are welcome at this table.

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!

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: Elaine H., Kathy N. & Jenny G.

Nursery: Robert M., Hilda L. & Kristina Be-Mo

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

Music Leader: Todd H.

Worship Leader: Daisy L.

Speaker: Becky H.

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

Sunday School Greeter: Terry P.

Worship Greeter: Lola J.

Next Sunday, October 26

9:00AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship Focus: *Solomon's Temple*

Scripture: 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

Worship Leader: Robert M.

Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Becky H.

Children's Church: Elaine H., Harlan S., & Kristina Be-Mo

Nursery: Elaine T., Jan L., & Jenny G.

Next Sunday in Worship – October 26

Next Sunday, the Narrative Lectionary takes us to the story of Solomon's Temple in *1 Kings 5:1-5* and *8:1-13*. The temple was meant to be a dwelling place for God's name, but even Solomon admits that no building, however grand, can contain the Holy One.

Our focus will be **From Temple to People: The God Who Dwells Among Us**. Together, we'll reflect on what it means for God's presence to move beyond walls and into the everyday places where love and mercy take root.

A Special Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with **Rachel Troyer's** funeral meal on Saturday - those who cooked and baked, set up tables, washed dishes, decorated, cleaned up the fellowship hall, and showed up with steady, compassionate presence. Your hospitality made space for grief, storytelling, and quiet comfort, and it reflected the best of who we are as a community. Your care let the family and friends focus on remembering Rachel. Thank you for embodying love in such practical, tender ways.

A Note of Gratitude

Last Sunday was a glimpse of what the kingdom of God looks like—full of laughter and singing, casseroles and conversation, tears and the laying on of hands. Thank you for the countless ways you showed up, for the hours of planning and the quiet acts of service no one saw but that made everything work. I'm grateful beyond words for this congregation, for your faithfulness, your tenderness, and your stubborn hope. You remind me again and again that love is most visible when we make room for one another at the table. — Becky

Upcoming Events

- 10/21 Women's Prayer Group @ 9AM @ Greencroft
- 10/22 Youth Group @ 6:30PM @ Alan's
- 10/22 Bilingual Group @ Elaine's @ 6:30PM
- 10/23 Men's Group at Robert's (7:00PM)
- 11/2 Koinonia Café (Sun., 9:45 AM)
Bill and Carole Schumacher - Moment in Mission (10:15 AM)
- 11/17 IMMC Pastors Gathering at Amigo Centre (Mon.-Wed.)
- 11/27 Thanksgiving Day

Becky at AMBS This Week

On Monday and Tuesday, I'll be at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in Elkhart for the Ministry Reflection Circle, a program that brings together pastors to reflect on the challenges and joys of ministry. I'm grateful for the chance to slow down, reflect, and bring those insights back into our shared life at North Goshen.

October Food Drive

Our North Goshen youth group continues collecting **pantry-stable food and household items** this month for the **Tiny Pantry at the Center for Healing and Hope**. Each Sunday in October, the youth will gather donations during the offering as part of their fall service project.

When the collection wraps up, the youth will deliver the items and tour the Center to learn more about how it supports our neighbors in need. Let's keep the momentum going - bring your items each week and help fill the pantry to overflowing! A list of suggested donations is available in your mailbox.

Free Gas Dryer

Merv Helmuth has a used gas dryer that still has a lot of life in it. If you need a dryer, please give Merv a call.

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

- 10/21 Harlan & Michele S.
- 10/22 Jose Juarez
- 10/24 Velda H.
Greg S.