

About the Cover: This week The starry night sky reminds us that some of the most sacred moments can't be captured, only experienced. Just as King Solomon acknowledged that even the heavens cannot contain God, we're invited to stop trying to document the divine and simply be present to God's uncontainable presence moving among us and through us into the world.

Attendance: October 19 — 66

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9:00 AM Sunday school | 10:15 AM Worship services

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Solomon's Temple
1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13 Psalm 84:1-4
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Focus Question: What does it mean for the people of God to become the temple of God?

Gathering *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* VT 127

Welcome & Announcements Sue L.S.

Call to Worship

Songs *How Firm a Foundation* VT 592
Blessed Assurance VT 435

Offering Prayer

Coin Collection for MCC

Food Pantry Collection for Center for Healing & Hope

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Song *Alabaré (Video)*

Scripture Reina B., & Margaret M.
1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13 Psalm 84:1-4

Message *The God Who Won't Stay Put* Becky H.

Song *Open the Eyes of My Heart* VT 401

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song *The Lord Lift You Up* VT 832

Blessing

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.
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Today's Volunteers

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

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

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

Music Leader: Todd H.

Worship Leader: Sue L.S.

Speaker: Becky H.

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

Sunday School Greeter: Terry P. Worship Greeter: Lola J.

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, November 2

9:00AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship Focus: *Remembrance Sunday*

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-18

Worship Leader: Becky H..

Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Bill & Carole Schumacher

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

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

Next Sunday in Worship – November 2

The Narrative Lectionary brings us to **1 Kings 19:1-18**, where Elijah encounters God not in wind, earthquake, or fire, but in the *sheer silence* that follows. Our theme, **“God’s Presence in the Silence,”** invites us to listen for the still, small voice that calls us toward compassion and renewal even in a noisy, chaotic world.

We’ll also welcome **Bill and Carole Schumacher**, members of Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City, Ohio, who will share about their work addressing **arsenic contamination in Bangladesh’s drinking water**, a crisis affecting countless families. Their story reminds us that God’s quiet voice often leads us into faithful action, listening deeply to the cries of the earth and its people.

Remembrance Sunday – Next Week

Next Sunday, we will gather for **Remembrance Sunday**, a time to honor and remember those who have died in the past year. During worship, we’ll name those from North Goshen who have passed away and light candles in their memory.

This will also be a time for anyone who wishes to light a candle for loved ones they have lost, whether recently or long ago. Together, we’ll hold space for grief and gratitude, remembering the light that continues to shine through those we love.

Fair Trade Craft Display – Next Sunday

Next Sunday, **Bill and Carole Schumacher** will have a display of **fair trade crafts from Bangladesh** in the Gathering Area. Proceeds support their ongoing work addressing arsenic contamination and supporting local communities in Bangladesh.

You’re under no obligation to buy anything, but if you think you might be interested, this announcement gives you a little notice to bring cash or another payment method next week. You may even find a meaningful Christmas or birthday gift among the items while supporting a good cause.

Koinonia Kafé – Next Sunday

9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Join us next Sunday for our monthly **Koinonia Kafé** between Sunday school and worship, a relaxed time of coffee, treats, and connection before worship. Come early, grab some food and a cup of cup, and enjoy this time of conversation and community.

Thank You for Supporting the Youth Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who brought food and supplies for the youth group's Tiny Pantry Food Drive supporting the **Center for Healing and Hope**. The youth will deliver and fill the pantry this week, helping to stock shelves that serve our neighbors every day.

Today is the last day to bring donations during the offering. Your generosity - steady, practical, and full of care - has made a real difference

Upcoming Events

- 11/2 Daylight Savings Time ends
Koinonia Kafé (Sun., 9:45 AM)
Bill and Carole Schumacher - Moment in Mission (10:15 AM)
- 11/4 Women's Prayer Group @ 9:00 AM @ Greencroft
- 11/5 Youth Group @ 6:30 PM @ Alan's
- 11/13 Men's Group @ Nick's @ 7:00 PM
- 11/17 IMMC Pastors Gathering at Amigo Centre (Mon.-Wed.)
- 11/19 Thanksgiving Community Meal (Wed., 6:00 PM)
- 11/27 Thanksgiving Day
Men's Group Off
- 11/30 First Sunday of Advent

Advent Is Coming!

Believe it or not, we're just **five weeks away from the first Sunday of Advent**, the season when we prepare our hearts and community for the coming of Christ's light. The **Worship Ministry Team** is beginning to dream and plan for this meaningful time, and we'd love your help!

If you'd like to lend your **creativity, musical gifts, artistic touch, or storytelling ideas** to Advent worship or this year's **Christmas program**, please reach out to **Daisy** or **Todd**. Let's bring our imaginations and energy together to shape a season that reflects the beauty, hope, and wonder of our church community

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

10/28 Jerry & Gail Burt
10/29 Belen Robledo