

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: June 29 — 53

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Becoming the Body

Community, Calling, and the Spirit at Work

Room for Every Gift

July 6, 2025

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Romans 12:1-8

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Focus: Each person in the body of Christ carries something valuable. Paul reminds us not to think too highly—or too lowly—of ourselves, but to see our gifts as part of a whole.

Gathering and Centering

The Lord Is My Light

VT 437

Welcome & Announcements

Nick K.

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

Come, We That Love

VT 31

We Are Marching in the Light of God

VT 793

Offering Prayer & Collecting Coins for MCC

Piano Offertory

Lucas Harnish

Scripture

Romans 12:1-8

Daisy L. & Freeman H.

Reflection

A Body That Makes Room

Becky H.

Song

Move in Our Midst

VT 827

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Visual Response

Congregational Prayer

Izaete N.

Sending Song

You Shall Go Out with Joy

VT 847

Blessing

Visual Response: *Room for Every Gift*

Today, our visual response is not action, but attention. The slips of paper beneath the tree were written last fall—gifts named in one another, held quietly until now. We rest in these words, letting them remind us that grace has been here all along.



Next Sunday, July 13

9:00 AM Sunday school

10:15 AM Worship Focus: *The Fruit We Bear*

Scripture: Galatians 5:13–26

Worship Leader: Becky H.

Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Jan L.

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

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

Next Sunday Worship

Join us next Sunday as we conclude our *Becoming the Body* worship series with the theme ***The Fruit We Bear***, based on Galatians 5:13–26. Our time together will center on the Fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—not as individual achievements, but as ways of living in community.

We're especially grateful to hear from **Jan Lehman**, who recently spent a month volunteering with Mennonite Disaster Service in Selma, Alabama. Jan will share stories and reflections from her time in Selma as we are invited to consider how the Spirit cultivates love, patience, and joy through service, listening, and cross-cultural connection..

Upcoming Events

- 7/8 MennoCon25, Greensboro, N.C., through 7/12
- 7/12 Youth/Sponsors/Delegates travel home from MennoCon
- 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

Who's Going to MennoCon 25?

Alan, Aysia Adkins, and Todd will accompany our youth—**Rudy, Jenny, Christina, and Jordan**—to the *Follow Jesus 25* Youth Convention in Greensboro, NC, July 8–12. **Deena and Becky** will also attend, participating in the Women in Leadership Summit on July 8, joining the adult conference, and serving as delegates on July 11.

Please keep the group in your prayers as they travel to and from North Carolina and as they engage in learning, worship, connection, and discernment with others from across the church. They'll return home on Saturday, July 12.

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.

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.

Have an Announcement?

If you have something you'd like included in the Sunday bulletin, please email it to **Belen** at office@northgoshenmc.org **by noon on Thursday**. This helps ensure everything is prepared and printed in time for Sunday worship. Thank you!

9:00 AM Sunday School Classes

Pathfinders

- Intergenerational Bible study using the Mennonite "Builder" curriculum
- Location: Curtained classroom next to kitchen in 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!

Koinonia Kafé – 9:45 AM Today!

Join us at **9:45 AM** in the fellowship hall for **Koinonia Kafe**—a relaxed and joyful time of connection between Sunday school and worship. Grab a cup of coffee, enjoy a light snack, and catch up with friends (or make a new one!). Whether you're here every week or just finding your way in, this is your invitation to pause, connect, and be part of the conversation. Everyone is welcome—we'd love to see you there!

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.

Living the Legacy: Anabaptism at 500

You are invited to experience a four-week series at North Goshen this summer called *Living the Legacy: Anabaptism at 500*. From July 20 through August 10, we'll reflect on the core values that have shaped Anabaptist faith for the past five centuries — community, discipleship, peace, and hope — and ask what it means to live that legacy here and now. As part of this series, we're planning **a churchwide visit to MennoHof in Shippshewana** — a unique opportunity for those newer to Mennonite history (and longtime members, too!) to explore the peace tradition in an engaging, hands-on way. Watch for more information!

Today's Volunteers

Children's Church: Joan U., & Harlan S.

Nursery: Jeff U., & Jenny G.

Worship Leader: Nick K.

Song Leaders: Todd H.

Speaker: Becky H.

Scripture: Romans 12:1-8

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

Greeter: Lola J.

Translator: Belen R.

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

7/4 Victoria Thomas

7/4 Rosa Cender