

About the Cover: The olive branch featured in this image, created by MennoMedia for the *Anabaptism at 500* anniversary celebration, symbolizes the peace at the heart of the Anabaptist tradition. Surrounding it are the words **“Anabaptism at 500”**, marking five centuries since a small group in Zurich chose to follow Jesus in a new, radical way — through community, discipleship, and nonviolence. This global initiative invites us to reflect on the movement’s history and live out its core values today. Our worship series, *Living the Legacy*, draws from this milestone, reminding us that faith isn’t just inherited — it’s embodied, together, in every generation

Attendance: July 20— 64

North Goshen Mennonite Church

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9:00 AM Sunday school 10:15 Worship services

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Following Jesus Together
North Goshen Mennonite Church

July 27, 2025

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Living the Legacy: Anabaptism at 500

Following Jesus Together

Luke 9:23–27

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Focus Statement: Discipleship is not a solo journey — it's a communal path of love, courage, and faithful resistance. Together, we follow Jesus.

Gathering *Let Us Build a House* VT 36

Welcome & Announcements Michael Y.

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus VT 443

Will You Come and Follow Me VT 540

Offering Prayer & Coin Collection for MCC

(Children are dismissed for Children's Church)

Offering Song

Rain Down VT 703

Scripture Luke 9:23–27 Kathy N.Y., & Robert M.

Message *Fluent in Love* Becky H.

Song *Longing for Light* VT 715

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer Becky

Sending Song

La Paz de la Tierra VT 838

(The Peace of the Earth Be with You)

Blessing

Did You Know? Anabaptist Origins

Women Were Early Leaders in the Movement. Despite the risk of imprisonment and death, women like Ursula Jost and Margaretha Sattler helped shape early Anabaptist theology and community life.

In 1527, just two years after the movement began, a gathering of Anabaptists in Schleithem drafted a confession of faith. It emphasized community, mutual aid, nonviolence, and following Jesus together—even if it meant persecution.

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

Nursery: Tony U., Hilda L., Kristina Be-Mo

Worship Leader: Michael Y.

Speaker: Becky H.

Song Leaders Francisco Be-Mo

Scripture: Luke 9:23-27

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

Greeter: Lola J.

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

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.

Church Picnic & Back to School Sunday

Only two weeks away! 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.

Stay Connected: Newsletter & Bulletin Submissions

Each Friday, we send out a **weekly email newsletter** filled with stories, announcements, upcoming events, and important updates from across our church life. If you **prefer a printed copy**, no problem — just let Belen or Becky know, and we'll make sure one finds its way to you each week.

Have something to share?

If you have an announcement, event, or update for the bulletin or newsletter, please send it to Belen and Becky by **Thursday at 9:00 AM** so we can include it.

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

- 7/28 Kathy Nofziger Yeakey
- 7/29 Kerry Cripe
- 7/29 Jordan Rodriguez
- 7/31 Catalina Loera

Next Sunday, August 3

9:00 AM Sunday school

10:15 AM Worship Focus: Peace in Action

Scripture: Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:17–21

Worship Leader: Erica U.

Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Becky H.

Children's Church: Bonnie C., Harlan S., & Kristina Be-Mo

Nursery: Elaine T., Kerry C., & Jenny G.

Living the Legacy: Anabaptism at 500

Next Sunday, our series turns our attention to one of the core values of our tradition: peace — not as avoidance, but as bold, embodied practice. Our scriptures, **Matthew 5:9 and Romans 12:17–21**, call us to be peacemakers who do not repay evil for evil, but overcome evil with good. In the Anabaptist tradition, peace has never been passive — it's a daily, lived commitment to justice, reconciliation, and nonviolence. Together, we'll reflect on what it means to practice peace in our relationships, our communities, and our world.

Upcoming Events

7/29 Women's Bible Study (Tues., 9 AM))

8/3 Congregational Meeting (Sun., 9 AM)
Koinonia Kafé

8/5 Women's Bible Study (Tues., 9 AM))

8/6 Bilingual Conversation Group (Wed., 6:30 PM)

8/8 Men's Group @ Peck's (Fri., 7:00PM)

8/10 Church Picnic, at Pringle Park (Sun., 10 AM)
Back-to-School Sunday

8/20 August Community Meal (Wed., 6 PM)

9/7 Business Meeting (Sun., 9 AM)

Help Us Update the Church Directory!

It's time to refresh our North Goshen Church Directory, and we need your help! This week, you'll find a form in your church mailbox for your current contact information. Please take a few moments to fill it out with your address, phone numbers, and email addresses.

We're also asking how you prefer to receive information from the church — whether that's by email, phone call, printed copy, or our new churchwide **text message system**. This new tool allows us to send out timely prayer requests and last-minute updates, like weather cancellations or reminders for church events.

Please return your updated form to the church office or place it in the designated basket by **Sunday, August 31**. Thank you for helping us stay connected and keep everyone in the loop!

Looking Ahead: A New Structure for North Goshen

The Coordinating Council has been working on a new leadership structure for North Goshen — one that better fits our current size, energy, and vision. This is an opportunity to adapt our structure so it supports the life we're already living and the future we're discerning together.

A draft of the proposed structure will be shared with the congregation ahead of a congregational meeting during the Sunday school hour next week, on **August 3**. This meeting will provide time for questions, conversation, and feedback.

Our annual **Business Meeting** will be held on **September 7**, where we hope to formally approve both the **2025–26 budget** and the **proposed new structure**. Thank you for being part of this journey toward a more sustainable and Spirit-led future together.