

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 13— 64

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9:00 AM Sunday school 10:15 Worship services

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Living the Legacy: Anabaptism at 500

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Acts 2:42–47

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Focus Statement: The church isn't a place - it's a people. We thrive when we live our faith in relationship, choosing community over isolation and mutual care over self-interest.

Gathering *Sing a New World into Being* VT 809

Welcome & Announcements Deena B.

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

Heart with Loving Heart United VT 813

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me VT 306

Offering Prayer & Coin Collection for MCC

(Children are dismissed for Children's Church)

Piano Offertory Lucas H.

Scripture Acts 2:42–47 Maria Juarez & Ruth Ann W.

Message *Anabaptism Before It Was Cool* Becky H.

Song *God of the Bible* VT 420

Convention Delegate Report Deena & Becky

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song
Blest Be the Tie That Binds VT 830

Blessing

Did You Know? Anabaptist Origins

The Anabaptist movement began in **1525** in Zurich, Switzerland, when a small group of young adults gathered in a home and baptized each other — choosing faith freely, rather than by state mandate.

“Anabaptist” means “rebaptizer” — a nickname given (not kindly!) by those who opposed them.

Early Anabaptists believed following Jesus meant more than believing the right things — it meant living differently: loving enemies, sharing resources, telling the truth, and refusing to take up arms.

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: Bonnie C., Joan U., & Kristina Be-Mo

Nursery: Belen R. & Jeff U.

Worship Leader: Deena B.

Speaker: Becky H.

Song Leaders Todd H.

Musicians: Lucas H.

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

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.

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. It's one of the main ways we stay connected — with one another, with our local community, and with the wider church.

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.

Let's keep telling the stories of this vibrant, beautiful church community we're building together.

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

7/20 Maria Juarez

Next Sunday, July 27

9:00 AM Sunday school

10:15 AM Worship Focus: Following Jesus Together

Scripture: Luke 9:23–27

Worship Leader: Michael Y

Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Becky H.

Children's Church: Elaine H., Kathy N. Y., & Jenny G.

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

Living the Legacy: Anabaptism at 500

This worship series celebrates 500 years of Anabaptist witness by exploring four core values that continue to shape our life together: **community, discipleship, peace, and hope**. We'll reflect on how the legacy of Anabaptism calls us not only to remember — but to live boldly and faithfully today.

- **Week 2 – July 27: Following Jesus Together**

Next Sunday we continue our *Living the Legacy* series with a focus on discipleship as a communal journey. Grounded in Luke 9:23–27, we'll explore what it means to follow Jesus not alone, but together — in community, with courage and care.

- **Week 3 – August 3: Peace in Action**

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

Theme: Living out the Anabaptist commitment to peace and nonviolence

- **Week 4 – August 10: Hope for the Future**

(*Outdoor Picnic Worship & Back-to-School Sunday*)

Scriptures: Jeremiah 29:11; Revelation 21:1–5

Theme: Looking forward with hope, grounded in God's promises. Worship will take place at **Pringle Park Pavilion**, followed by a potluck picnic!

Upcoming Events

7/22 Women's Bible Study (Tue., 9 AM, Greencroft)

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

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

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)

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. Watch for more details to come!

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 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.