

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 27— 59

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Peace in Action
North Goshen Mennonite Church

August 3, 2025

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Living the Legacy: Anabaptism at 500

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Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:17–21

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Focus Statement: Peace isn't passive - it's a courageous, daily choice to return good for evil, love for hatred, and mercy for vengeance. The Anabaptist legacy of peace is rooted in this bold, countercultural discipleship.

Gathering *God Is Here Among Us* VT 62

Welcome & Announcements Sandra M.

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

Heart with Loving Heart United VT 813

Take My Life and Let It Be VT 759

Offering Prayer & Coin Collection for MCC

(Children are dismissed for Children's Church)

Offering Song

Jesus, Be the Center VT 584

Scripture Matt. 5:9; Rom. 12:17–21 Kathy Y. & Elaine H.

Message *Children of God, Makers of Peace* Becky H.

Song *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands* VT 485

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer Becky

Sending Song

Go Now in Peace VT 835

Blessing

Did You Know? Anabaptism Today

Over 2 million Anabaptists today live in 85 countries. About 10 percent reside in Latin America, with significant communities in Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Colombia.

Latin American Anabaptists have shaped global peacemaking conversations with the birth of *liberation theology* which emphasizes justice, dignity, and accompaniment in the Anabaptist tradition.

From GAMEO.org

9:00 AM Sunday School Hour — Today

Congregational Conversation on Church Structure

Join us for a special Koinonia Café as the Coordinating Council shares a proposed new leadership structure for North Goshen — one designed to better reflect our current size, energy, and mission. This is a time for listening, asking questions, and discerning together.

No decisions will be made during the café; a vote to affirm the new structure and approve the 2025–26 budget will take place at our **Business Meeting on Sunday, Sept. 7**. Coffee, snacks, and community conversation!

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 the 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: Bonnie C., Harlan S., & Kristina Be-Mo

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

Worship Leader: Sandra McMasters

Speaker: Becky H. Song Leader: Todd H.

Greeter: Lola J. Translator: Erin Be-Mo

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

With Love and Gratitude

We send our love and blessing to the Unzicker family — Joel, Erica, Leena, Eliza, and Cal — as they transition to a new church home. Joel grew up at North Goshen, and after he and Erica married, they returned and made this their home together. Over the past decade, they've shared their lives and gifts with us — especially through Erica's faithful presence in worship and music.

After much prayer, they've discerned the need for a congregation with more peers for their children. We will miss them deeply and send them with full hearts and prayers for the Spirit's continued leading — in their lives and in ours. We invite you to reach out to the Unzicker family with your own words of blessing, gratitude, and encouragement as they begin this next chapter.

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

8/7	Todd & Becky Helmuth
8/7	Zahir Rodriguez

Next Sunday, August 10

Church Picnic & Worship at Pringle Park!

We'll wrap up our *Living the Legacy: Anabaptism at 500* series with an outdoor worship service and picnic at **Pringle Park next Sunday, August 10 at 10:00 AM.**

Our worship will celebrate the legacy of hope that we carry forward with storytelling and songs as we look at what the scripture passages in Jeremiah 29:11; Revelation 21:1–5 mean for us today. This will be followed by *interactive stations* for creating prayer flags, creating an art wall, drawing inspiration from a kindness jar, and writing letters to future us.

We'll celebrate **Back-to-School Sunday** while reflecting on what it means to live as a people of peace, community, discipleship, and hope today. This is a come-as-you-are gathering — relaxed, meaningful, and rooted in our shared life together. Activities will be available for the youngest among us.

After worship, stay for a **church-wide picnic!** Please bring:

- A **dish or two to share**
- Your own table service
- A **lawn chair**

Note: There will be no service or activities at the church building next Sunday.

Congratulations to Jerry and Edith!

We celebrate with Jerry Acosta and Edith Varillas as they prepare to have their ministerial credentials from Peru officially transferred to the local Episcopal diocese. They are being received into the diocese today. This is a meaningful milestone in their journey of faith and ministry — please join us in offering our prayers and congratulations!

Upcoming Events

- 8/5 Women's Bible Study (Tues., 9 AM)
- 8/5 Coordinating Council (Tue., 6:30 PM)
- 8/6 Bilingual Conversation Group (Wed., 6:30 PM)
Youth Group at Loera's (Wed., 6:30 PM)
- 8/10 Church Picnic, at Pringle Park (Sun., 10 AM)
Back-to-School Sunday
- 8/17 Becky worshipping at Wildwood Mennonite Church, Engadine, Mich., in her role as moderator of IMMC
- 8/20 August Community Meal (Wed., 6 PM)
- 8/24 Becky will preach at her home congregation of Sharon Mennonite Church, Plain City, Ohio
- 8/28 Men's Group (Thu., 6:00 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!