

About the Cover: Jenny G., one of our youth, created this image for our month of remembering. In both Mennonite practice and Latin American traditions like Día de los Muertos, November is a time to honor those who have died with gratitude and hope. As we remember, we join countless others across cultures who know that love is stronger than death, and that those we've lost continue to companion us on the journey.

Attendance: November 2 — 62

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Justice Rolls Down
Amos 1:1–2; 5:14–15, 21–24
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Focus Question: What is damming up the waters of justice in our community?

Gathering *God of Grace and God of Glory* VT 716

Welcome & Announcements Deena B.

Call to Worship

Songs *We Are People of God's Peace* VT 797
Fluye

Offering Prayer

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Song *Rain Down* VT 703

Scripture Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

Message Becky H.

We Can't Do This Alone (And We're Not Supposed To)

Song *O Healing River* VT 706

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song *Thuma Mina (Send Me, Lord)* VT 834

Next Sunday 0 November 16

Next Sunday, the Narrative Lectionary brings us to **Isaiah 9:1–7**, with its stirring promise: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Our focus, "**Light Shines in Darkness**," invites us to consider how God's light breaks into the shadowed places of our world and our lives, offering hope, justice, and peace even amid struggle and uncertainty.

Next Sunday, November 16

9:00AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship Focus: *Light Shines in Darkness*

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7

Worship Leader: Mary T.

Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Becky H.

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

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

Upcoming Events

- 11/11 Women's Prayer Group at Greencroft (Tues., 9:00 AM)
Joint Leadership Meeting at NGMC (Tues., 6:30 PM)
- 11/12 Izaete, Tim, and Alaiza on vacation through Nov. 21
Youth Group at Loera's (Wed., 6:30 PM)
Bilingual Conversation Group at Elaine H.'s (6:30 PM)
- 11/13 Men's Group at Nick's (Thur., 7:00 PM)
- 11/15 Reparations Summit at Assembly MC (Sat., 9 AM-3 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

Community Meal & Thanksgiving Dinner

Sign-Ups Begin Today

We're preparing for our **Thanksgiving Community Meal on Wednesday, November 19**, and we'll need lots of good food to share. **Sign-up sheets are available this morning**, so please consider bringing a dish, dessert, or side. Let's create a meal that reflects the warmth and abundance of this community.

Hospitality to Our Neighbors

As part of our Thanksgiving Community Meal, we are inviting neighbors from the North Goshen community and guests from **First Light Mission** to join us at the table. This is one small way we practice welcome and shared belonging.

Wishlist Collection for First Light Mission

To support guests staying at **First Light Mission**, we'll be collecting items from their **Wishlist** on **Sundays, November 16 and 23**. Look for the collection area in the Gathering Space, and please consider donating if you're able. More details and the wishlist are available in mailboxes today.

Gratitude from Center for Healing and Hope

On Wednesday evening, four of our youth delivered the to the items donated for the food drive to the Center for Healing and Hope and **filled the Tiny Pantry from top to bottom**. Missy Schrock, CHH's director, shared her deep gratitude and told the youth that these donations will make a real difference for many neighbors in our community in the weeks ahead. Your generosity, and the youth's hands-on work, reflect the kind of care that holds us all together.

Reparations Summit: A Call to Repair

On Saturday, November 15, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Assembly Mennonite Church will host a **Reparations Summit** featuring theologian and activist **Dr. Drew Hart**. We'll learn together about the biblical and historical call to reparations and the new **Reparations-Inspired Fund of Elkhart County**. The event is **free** and includes lunch; organizers ask that you register ahead to help with planning. Becky is attending and welcomes others from North Goshen to join her.

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.

Buddy Bags for Children During Worship

We want children to feel welcome and at home in our worship space. Buddy Bags are available in the narthex (on the hooks behind the sanctuary) for children to use during the service. Please return the bags after worship so they can be ready for next week.

Each Buddy Bag may include:

- Soft, quiet fidget toys
- Picture books and Bible storybooks
- Small puzzles or matching cards
- A notebook for doodling or drawing
- Coloring books and crayons (found on the shelf next to the bags)

Children are part of our worship — their presence and energy are a gift. Feel free to take what is helpful for your child to wiggle, listen, create, and belong.

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

11/11 Joan Ulrich

11/13 Becky Helmuth

11/15 Margaret Metzler

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., & Jenny G.

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

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

Speaker: Becky H.

Music Leader: Todd H.

Worship Leader: Deena B.

Sunday School Greeter: Terry P.

Worship Greeter: Lola J.