

About the Cover: This week marks the third in a six-week series of bulletin covers featuring quilts pieced by **Carol Wolfer**, whose artistry has been enjoyed by many and supported the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Today's cover shows a **"4 Hearts" wall hanging**, made by Carol as a wedding gift in March 2004. May these images remind us of the beauty that emerges when pieces are stitched together with care, creativity, and generosity.

Attendance: October 5 — 77

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God Calls Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-21 and John 20:21-23

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Gathering *Come, All You People* VT 2

Welcome & Announcements Sandra M.

Call to Worship

Songs *Mountain of God* VT 11
 Shout to the Lord VT 125
 Over My Head VT 594

Offering Prayer

Coin Collection for MCC

Youth Collect Items for CHH Tiny Food Pantry

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Song *Siyahamba / We Are Marching in the Light* VT 793

Scripture Readers.

1 Samuel 3:1-21 and John 20:21-23

Reflection *Finding the Way* Rachel Whitmer

Song *Here I Am, Lord* VT 545

Ordination Service*

Led by Joanne Gallardo, Conference Minister for IMMC

Ordination Litany (Joanne)

Words of Support (Ruben Chupp)

Declaration (Joanne)

Anointing

Prayer of Consecration

Becky's Response

Leadership Team Response (Izaete N.)

Greetings & Introductions

*An opportunity to welcome one another and those who have
joined us for this special day of worship.*

Blessing

Sending Song *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* VT 828

*This morning we celebrate a special milestone in the life of our congregation and in Becky's ministry. Joanne Gallardo, conference minister with Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference (IMMC), joins us on behalf of the wider church to lead Becky's ordination, affirming her ongoing call to pastoral ministry. Together we give thanks for the ways God's Spirit continues to call, equip, and send leaders among us.

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!

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.

Today's Volunteers

Children's Church: Joan U., Bonnie C., & Kristina Be-Mo

Nursery: Belen R., Jeff U., & Jenny G.

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

Music Team: Todd H., Danny Casey & Amy Waldron

Ordination Officiant: Joanne Gallardo, IMMC

Speaker: Rachel Whitmer

Worship Leader: Sandra M.

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

Sunday School Greeter: Terry P.

Worship Greeter: Lola J.

Carry-In Lunch – Stay and Share a Meal!

Everyone is warmly invited to stay after worship today for our **carry-in lunch** in the Fellowship Hall. Whether or not you brought food, there's always plenty to share. Come enjoy a meal together and thank you to all who prepared dishes for today's table of abundance!

Community Meal This Wednesday

Come gather for a **Harvest-themed Community Meal**, this Wednesday, October 15 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Simple, cozy, and full of fall flavors and good conversation. Bring a friend or neighbor, and if you'd like, bring a harvest-inspired dish (think apples, squash, soups, breads); there will be plenty to share either way. All are welcome - come as you are, linger as you can, and let's celebrate the abundance of community around the table.

Next Sunday, October 19 – Communion Sunday

9:00AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship Focus: God Calls David

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14

Worship Leader: Daisy L.

Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Becky H.

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

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

Next Sunday in Worship – October 19

Next Sunday, we continue our journey with the Narrative Lectionary as we hear the story of God calling David in **1 Samuel 16:1-13** and join the psalmist in praying, *"Create in me a clean heart, O God."*

Our focus will be **God looks at the heart** - an invitation to reflect on what it means to see with God's eyes and to value integrity over appearance. Becky will share the message, exploring how God chooses and shapes leaders through mercy, not merit.

We will also share in **communion**, remembering that Christ gathers us around a table of grace where everyone is welcome and there is enough for all. During worship, the youth will collect food pantry items for The Center for Healing and Hope, alongside the children's coin collection for MCC.

Free Gas Dryer

Merv Helmuth has a used gas dryer that still has a lot of life in it. If you need a dryer, please give Merv a call.

October Food Drive

Our North Goshen youth group continues collecting **pantry-stable food and household items** this month for the **Tiny Pantry at the Center for Healing and Hope**. Each Sunday in October, the youth will gather donations during the offering as part of their fall service project.

When the collection wraps up, the youth will deliver the items and tour the Center to learn more about how it supports our neighbors in need. Let's keep the momentum going - bring your items each week and help fill the pantry to overflowing! A list of suggested donations is available in your mailbox.

Upcoming Events

- 10/14 Women's Prayer Group at Manor 4 (Tues., 9 AM)
Parent-Teacher Conference Meal at Chamberlain
- 10/15 Community Meal (Wed., 6:30 PM)
- 10/19 Communion Sunday
- 10/23 Men's Group at Robert's (7:00PM)
- 11/17 IMMC Pastors Gathering at Amigo Centre (Mon.-Wed.)
- 11/27 Thanksgiving Day

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

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| 10/13 | Nora Fuentes
Luke & Debanhi L. |
| 10/14 | Nick & Ronda King |
| 10/16 | Tim Lehman
Erin Be-Mo |
| 10/17 | Mariana Ramos
Jose Luis Lopez |