

**About the Cover:** This week marks the second 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 **"Candle" wall hanging**, pieced by Carol in October 2007 for the foyer at Forks Mennonite Church and quilted by the women of Forks. May these images remind us of the beauty that emerges when pieces are stitched together with care, creativity, and generosity.

**Attendance: September 21 — 53**

**North Goshen Mennonite Church**

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*Jacob's Dream*

Genesis 27:30-35, 42-43; 28:10-17

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**Focus Question:** What happens when God shows up in unexpected places, reminding us that grace is greater than our failures?

**Gathering** *You Are Here*

**Welcome & Announcements** Kathy NY

**Call to Worship**

**Songs** *In Your Presence I Am Content*  
*Come, Let US All Unite to Sing* VT 7

**Prayer of Confession**

**Offering Prayer & Coin Collection for MCC**  
(Children are dismissed for Children's Church)

**Offering Song** *Dios Esta Aquí*

**Scripture Reading** Marian H. & Santa M.  
Genesis 27:30-35, 42-43; 28:10-17

**Message** *God's Grace In Our Messy Lives* Izaete N

**Words of Assurance**

**Song** *Who I Am*

**Sharing Joys & Concerns**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Sending Song** *You Shall Go Out with Joy* VT 847

**Today's Volunteers**

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

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

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

Worship Leader: Kathy NY

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

Greeter: Lola J.

## 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.

## October Food Drive

Our **North Goshen youth group** is leading a food drive throughout the month of October to support the **Tiny Pantry at the Center for Healing and Hope**. This pantry provides free, 24/7 access to food and basic supplies for neighbors in our community.

Each Sunday in October, the youth will collect donations during the offering. Week by week, we'll watch the collection grow until it's ready to fill the pantry shelves and meet real needs in Goshen. This is part of the youth's fall service project, and when they deliver the food they'll also tour the Center to learn more about the important work being done there.

Please bring pantry-stable foods and basic household items to share God's love in a practical way. A list of needed items is in your mailboxes today. Together, we can help the youth fill the pantry to overflowing and support our neighbors in need.

## Small Groups - Final Reminder

We're almost ready to launch our new small groups this fall! If you haven't turned in your form yet, please drop it in the **yellow-marked mailbox** in the Gathering Area today.

Extra copies are available there if you need one.

We hope everyone takes part in these circles of connection, prayer, and support. Every voice matters - let's step into this together!

## Upcoming Events

- 9/30 Women's Prayer Group (9:00 AM, Manor 4)
- 10/5 Koinonia Café (Sun., 9:45 AM)  
Everence Presents the Wittrigs with the Journey Award
- 10/7 Coordinating Council (Tues., 6:30 PM)
- 10/9 Men's Group @ Michael's (Thu., 7:00 PM)
- 10/12 Ordination Service for Becky
- 10/14 Parent-Teacher Conference Meal at Chamberlain
- 10/19 Communion
- 10/23 Men's Group @ Robert's (7:00PM)

## Coordinating Council & Leadership Gathering

The next Coordinating Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7, at 6:30 PM. This will be a combined gathering of the Coordinating Council, the Spiritual Leadership Council (SLC), and the co-coordinators of the four ministry teams. The group will meet at the home of Becky and Todd Helmuth.

During this meeting, leadership will continue working on next steps for implementing North Goshen's new church structure. The focus will include clarifying leadership roles, identifying key areas of need, and laying the groundwork for collaborative ministry in the year ahead.

## College Students Care Packages - Last Call!

Today is the **last day** to bring items for our college student care packages. If you still have something you'd like to add, please let **Bonnie** or **Becky** know and we'll make arrangements to get it included. Together, we're sending our students encouragement, care, and love from North Goshen.

### Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

9/28 Sharon Helmuth

## 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!

## Next Sunday, October 5

9:00AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship Focus: God Provides Manna

Scripture: Exodus 16:1-18

Worship Leader: Elaine H.

Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Becky H.

Children's Church: Daisy L., Michael Y., & Jenny G.

Nursery: Deena B., Alan L. & Kristina Be-Mo

## Koinonia Café – Next Sunday at 9:45 AM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday for our monthly Koinonia Café between Sunday school and worship. Join us for a relaxed time of coffee, snacks, and conversation before worship. Come early, connect with friends and neighbors, and enjoy the gift of community together.

## Next Sunday in Worship – October 5

Next Sunday, we'll hear the story of manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16:1-18). Our theme is **"God's Provides Manna"** Becky will reflect on how God provides daily bread in surprising ways, calling us to trust God's abundance even when the world insists there is never enough.

## Honoring Jerry & Ruth Ann Wittrig

As part of worship next week, we are delighted to welcome guests from Everence, an Anabaptist faith-based financial services organization that helps individuals and congregations live out stewardship as an expression of faith. Everence President and CEO Ken Hochstetler and Financial Consultant Kent Miller will present the **Journey Award to Jerry and Ruth Ann Wittrig**. This award honors individuals whose lives reflect generosity, love, and faithful stewardship. Jerry and Ruth Ann have been longtime members of North Goshen, and their witness of care for others and commitment to living simply and generously has deeply blessed our congregation and community.

Come ready to rejoice in God's daily provision, to celebrate Jerry and Ruth Ann's faithful example, and to trust again that God provides enough for all.