

About the Cover: Over the next six weeks, our bulletin covers will feature quilts pieced by Carol, whose artistry has brightened countless people and supported the work of Mennonite Central Committee. This week's quilt is a Lone Star design, which was sold at the 2008 MCC Relief Sale for \$550 and also earned third place in the People's Choice awards at the Essenhuis Quilt Show. Across her quilting years, Carol pieced more than 150 quilts and wall hangings, many of which were donated for MCC Relief Sales and community fundraisers. May these images remind us of the beauty that emerges when pieces are stitched together with care, creativity, and generosity.

Attendance: September 14 — 60

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North Goshen Mennonite Church
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Binding of Isaac
Genesis 21:1-3;22:1-14
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Focus Statement: How do we resist theologies of violence and live God's way of peace?

Gathering *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT 1

Welcome & Announcements Michael Y.

Call to Worship

Songs *Come, We That Love the Lord* VT 31
In Christ There Is No East or West VT 390

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

Offering Song *Longing For Light (Video)* VT 715

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Message Becky H.
Interrupting the Cycle

Song *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God* VT 653

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song *The Lord Lift You Up* VT 832

Blessing

Today's Volunteers

Children's Church: Kathy N.Y., Elaine H. & Jenny G.
Nursery: Tony U., Hilda L. & Kristina Be-Mo
Tech Team: Jose J., Greg S & Tim N.
Worship Leader: Michael Y. Music Leader: Todd H.
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.

Moving Forward with Our New Church Structure

Following the congregation's affirmation of our new leadership structure at the Sept. 7 business meeting, the Coordinating Council met last week to begin planning the transition from our current roles into this new framework. This is not a sudden shift, but rather a thoughtful process that will take place over the 2025–2026 church year.

A huge thank-you to all who have already said “yes” to serving in the new structure! Your willingness to lead, support, and collaborate is a gift to our whole community.

We're happy to introduce the first **Ministry Co-Coordinators** who will be helping shape this next chapter of North Goshen's shared life:

- Worship Ministry Co-Coordinators:**

- Daisy L and Todd H

- Faith Formation Ministry Co-Coordinators:**

- Bonnie C and Joan U

- Congregational Life Ministry Co-Coordinators:**

- Deena B and Elaine H

- Mission & Outreach Ministry Co-Coordinators:**

- Sue LS and Ronda SK

Each team will be supported by the **Spiritual Leadership Council**, which includes Kathy NY, Izaete N, Becky H, Nick K, Robert BeMo, Belen R, and Jan L, and will be grounded in shared decision-making, spiritual discernment, and active collaboration.

This new structure was created not just to “streamline” our work, but to better reflect who we are as a congregation today, a community that values connection, mutual support, and the many gifts of the Spirit.

Stay tuned for more updates and invitations to participate as we continue this important work together!

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale – September 26 & 27

The Relief Sale is almost here! This Friday and Saturday, September 26 & 27 at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds .

Today is our **final My Coins Count collection** for the MCC year, so let's make it a challenge! Every penny, nickel, dime, and dollar we bring will be added to our children's collection and make a difference for families around the world. Dig deep in those sofa cushions, jars, and car cup holders and let's see how much we can raise together!

If you're planning to bake pies or other goodies, **containers are available** on the bench outside the church office, please pick up what you need. And don't forget: **Sue L.S. is still looking for volunteers** to help in the Pie Booth on Friday evening and Saturday morning. This is one of the best ways to join in the excitement of the Relief Sale and serve together as a community.

Caring for Our College Students

Our college students have returned to classes, and we want them to know that their church family is thinking of them! We'll be putting together care packages and sending notes, texts, and encouragement along the way. Look for a list of our students' favorite things in mailboxes today.

A **collection box is now in the Gathering Area** to receive care package items. We'll be collecting from now through the end of September, so keep your eyes open for small things that might brighten a student's day. If you have questions or ideas, please connect with **Bonnie C.** or **Becky H.**

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

9/21 Alan & Daisy Loera

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, September 28

9:00AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship Focus: Jacob's Dream

Scripture: Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:1-17

Worship Leader: Kathy N.Y.

Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Izaete N.

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

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

Next Sunday in Worship – September 28

We continue our journey with the Narrative Lectionary, a year-long cycle of scripture that traces the broad sweep of God's story, from creation, through Israel's history, into the life and ministry of Jesus, and the witness of the early church. Each week we hear a foundational story that invites us to see God's love and justice unfolding across generations.

Next Sunday, we'll hear the story of **Jacob's Dream (Genesis 27:1–4, 15–23; 28:10–17)**. Our theme is *"God shows up even in our mess."* **Izaete** will reflect on how God meets us in the middle of brokenness and transforms us with grace..

New Small Groups Forming This Fall!

This fall, we're forming small groups designed for connection, care, prayer, laughter, and friendship. Whether you're able to gather in person, online, or need a group to come to you, there's a place for you in this season of community building.

Forms are in your church mailbox today. Please fill one out and return it to the Small Groups mailbox by October 5. Your responses will help us create meaningful, balanced groups that reflect your preferences and needs. Let's build something beautiful together.

Upcoming Events

9/26- Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale (Fri-Sat.)

9/27 and Pie Booth by NGMC

10/5 Koinonia Café (Sun., 9:45 AM)

Everence Presents the Wittrigs with the Journey Award

10/7 Coordinating Council (Tues., 6:30 PM)

10/12 Ordination Service for Becky

10/14 Parent-Teacher Conference Meal at Chamberlain

10/19 Communion