

About the Cover: Our January bulletin cover was sketched by Margaret Glick Metzler when she was just 17 years old. Margaret grew up as the third of seven children on a dairy farm in North Dakota, later attending Eastern Mennonite College, where she met her husband, Everett Metzler. Together, they dedicated their lives to mission work, serving in Vietnam, Hong Kong, and China, and raising five children along the way. Margaret's lifelong commitment to faith, education, and building meaningful relationships shines through her work, including her recent memoir, *Awesome Things: That We Did Not Expect*.

Do you have a creative skill like painting, drawing, paper quilling, 3-D art, etc., and would like to share it with North Goshen? Reach out to Becky or Belen so we can showcase your creativity on an upcoming bulletin cover!.

Attendance: January 5— 60

North Goshen Mennonite Church

501 N. 8th St., Goshen, IN 46528

574-533-4255 | office@northgoshenmc.org

www.northgoshenmc.org

Pastoral Team

Becky Helmuth 574-370-0767 | rebeccahelmuth@gmail.com

Becky's office hours: Tues. and Thurs., 9 am to 2 pm

Sabbath day: Monday

Izaete Nafziger 574-202-4344 | Izaete@northgoshenmc.org

Office Administrator

Belen Robledo 574-533-4255 | office@northgoshenmc.org

Congregational Chair

Kathy Nofziger Yeakey

kathynofyeak@gmail.com

Elder Team

Jerry Wittrig

jwtrg@comcast.net

Belen Robledo

belen_2910@live.com

Jan Lehman (Chair)

jan.miller.lehman@gmail.com



North Goshen Mennonite Church

Stories of Exodus

Exodus: Called by Name

January 12, 2025

Gathering Song

Todd H.

Come, now is the time to worship

Video

Welcome & Announcements

Mary T.

Call to Worship

Songs *Come, Thou Fount*

VT 563

We Are People of God's Peace

VT 797

Offering Prayer

Song *Jesus Loves Me*

VT 516

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-12

Robert M. & Harlan S.

Reflection: *Burning Bushes; Open Hearts*

Becky H.

Prayer of Commitment:

Song *God Is Here among Us*

VT 62

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song *The Lord Lift You Up*

VT 832

Blessing

Today

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship: *Exodus: Called by Name*

Today's Volunteers

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

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

Song Leader: Erica U. /Todd Translator: Erin Be-Mo

Next Week:

9:00 AM Tue Prayer Group @ Greencroft

6:30 PM Tue Coordinating Council

6:00 PM Wed Community Meal

Next Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:15 Worship: Stories of Exodus

Scripture: Exodus 5:1-9, 6:1-9

Focus: *Faith in the face of resistance and doubt.*

Worship Leader: Erica U. Song Leader: Todd H.

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

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

Exodus for Today: God's Call in Our Time: This week begins our new worship series, **Stories of Exodus**, as we journey alongside the Israelites and explore themes of liberation, resilience, identity, and God's enduring presence. This series invites us to reflect on our own lives and community, drawing connections between the ancient story of Exodus and our experiences today. This week, we focus on Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush, exploring how God's call invites us to recognize holy ground, trust in divine presence, and step into the work of liberation and renewal despite our uncertainties.

Goshen College Chamber Choir, led by Scott Hochstetler, will perform a preview concert on Friday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Rieth Recital Hall. This event is in preparation for their appearance at the Indiana Music Educator's Association conference in Fort Wayne. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students, and are available at the Box Office or by phone at (574) 535-7566.

The 7th Annual Michiana Regional Seed Swap will take place on Saturday, January 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Goshen College Church-Chapel, located at 1900 S Main St. This free event invites gardeners, growers, and plant enthusiasts to exchange seeds, attend educational sessions, and discuss various plant varieties. Participants are encouraged to bring seeds to share, though it's not required!

Art for a Change! A Celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day: Monday, Jan. 20, 1:30–4:30 p.m. ET, at the Tolson Center for Community Excellence, 1320 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana. The Tolson Center and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary invite you to explore the role of art in transforming society — in the past and present, and for the future. This event will feature a screening of the documentary *What Happened at Benham West: African American Stories of Community, Displacement and Hope*; youth art sessions; a photography presentation by Daryck Barnett; and a program that will include performances by the Tolson Choir and Tolson Dance Team. Learn more and view the schedule: ambs.edu/mlk.

Regional Worship Service for Anabaptism at 500: 2025 marks the 500th anniversary of the beginnings of the Anabaptist movement with the first adult baptisms in Zurich, Switzerland. On **Tuesday** evening, **January 21** (7-8:30pm), you are invited to join in a regional worship service at College Mennonite Church, 1900 South Main Street, Goshen, to recog-

Goshen College Chamber Choir, led by Scott Hochstetler, will perform a preview concert on Friday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Rieth Recital Hall. This event is in preparation for their appearance at the Indiana Music Educator's Association conference in Fort Wayne. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students, and are available at the Box Office or by phone at (574) 535-7566.

The 7th Annual Michiana Regional Seed Swap will take place on Saturday, January 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Goshen College Church-Chapel, located at 1900 S Main St. This free event invites gardeners, growers, and plant enthusiasts to exchange seeds, attend educational sessions, and discuss various plant varieties. Participants are encouraged to bring seeds to share, though it's not required!

Art for a Change! A Celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day: Monday, Jan. 20, 1:30–4:30 p.m. ET, at the Tolson Center for Community Excellence, 1320 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana. The Tolson Center and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary invite you to explore the role of art in transforming society — in the past and present, and for the future. This event will feature a screening of the documentary *What Happened at Benham West: African American Stories of Community, Displacement and Hope*; youth art sessions; a photography presentation by Daryck Barnett; and a program that will include performances by the Tolson Choir and Tolson Dance Team. Learn more and view the schedule: ambs.edu/mlk.

Regional Worship Service for Anabaptism at 500: 2025 marks the 500th anniversary of the beginnings of the Anabaptist movement with the first adult baptisms in Zurich, Switzerland. On **Tuesday** evening, **January 21** (7-8:30pm), you are invited to join in a regional worship service at College Mennonite Church, 1900 South Main Street, Goshen, to recog-

nize this significant milestone. The gathering--which will include singing, reflection, scripture reading, confession, and prayer--will also serve as the official launch of the *Anabaptist Community Bible* and conclude with a festive gathering in the Fellowship Rooms for food and fellowship.

Calling All Crafters! Craft Event - Relief Sale Announcement:

Last year's revamped Marketplace at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale was a success and we'd like to keep the momentum going. Join us on Saturday, January 25 from 10-2 at East Goshen Mennonite Church for a fun time of crafting and sewing. No experience needed. Supplies and instructions provided. If you can bring a portable sewing machine, let us know. Bring a sack lunch. All items made will be sold at the Relief Sale in September. RSVP to crafting.mmrs@gmail.com by Jan 22.

Job Opening: Hively Avenue Mennonite Church continues seeking a half-time Administrative Secretary / office manager who will maintain records, supplies and equipment, and be responsible for communication within the congregation and online. This position involves flexible office hours, preferably weekday mornings. Requirements assume familiarity with office software and equipment and the ability to work independently and interact easily with adults and children. For information, see job description: hivelymennonite.org/About/staff.

This week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

1/15 Ruth Ann Wittrig
1/20 Dan & Carol Wolfer
1/23 Baylen Loera

nize this significant milestone. The gathering--which will include singing, reflection, scripture reading, confession, and prayer--will also serve as the official launch of the *Anabaptist Community Bible* and conclude with a festive gathering in the Fellowship Rooms for food and fellowship.

Calling All Crafters! Craft Event - Relief Sale Announcement:

Last year's revamped Marketplace at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale was a success and we'd like to keep the momentum going. Join us on Saturday, January 25 from 10-2 at East Goshen Mennonite Church for a fun time of crafting and sewing. No experience needed. Supplies and instructions provided. If you can bring a portable sewing machine, let us know. Bring a sack lunch. All items made will be sold at the Relief Sale in September. RSVP to crafting.mmrs@gmail.com by Jan 22.

Job Opening: Hively Avenue Mennonite Church continues seeking a half-time Administrative Secretary / office manager who will maintain records, supplies and equipment, and be responsible for communication within the congregation and online. This position involves flexible office hours, preferably weekday mornings. Requirements assume familiarity with office software and equipment and the ability to work independently and interact easily with adults and children. For information, see job description: hivelymennonite.org/About/staff.

This week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

1/15 Ruth Ann Wittrig
1/20 Dan & Carol Wolfer
1/23 Baylen Loera