



About the Cover: Today marks the final showcase of Jenny's wonderful artwork on our bulletin cover. Next week, her piece finds a new home on our Gallery Wall in the Gathering Area, making way for fresh talent on October 13th's cover.

Calling all artists, young and old! Whether you're a seasoned pro or a budding creator, we want to feature your work. Drawings, paintings, paper art - all mediums welcome! Your unique perspective could

inspire our congregation next. Connect with Becky Helmuth to learn how your art can grace our bulletin cover.

A heartfelt thank you to Jenny for kickstarting this exciting initiative. Who will be next to share their artistic gifts with our community?

Attendance: September 22 — 65

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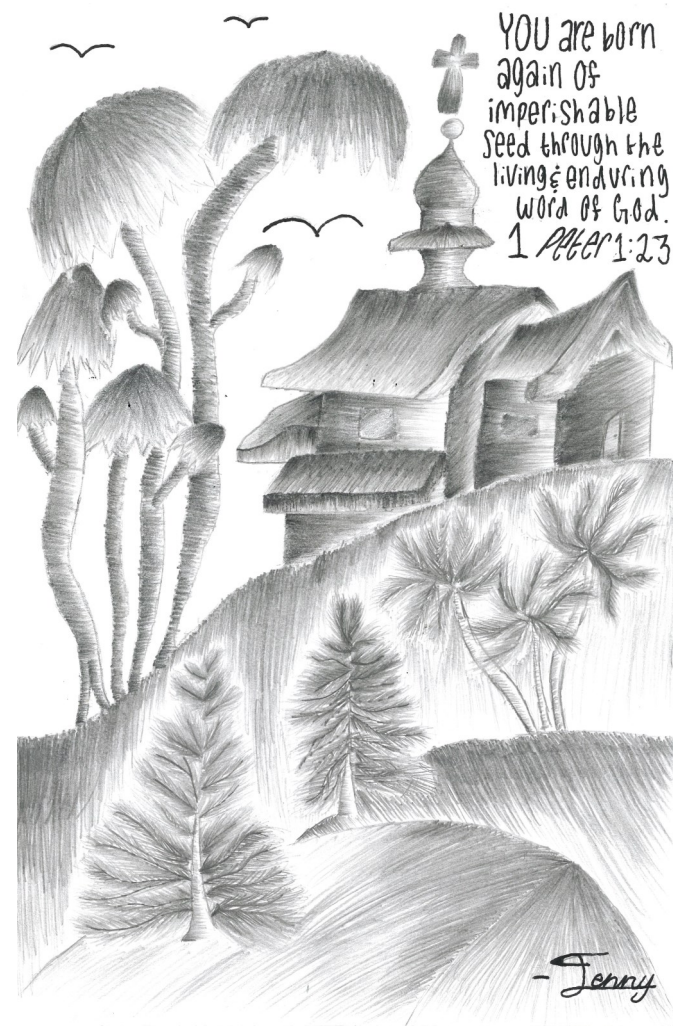
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North Goshen Mennonite Church

September 29, 2024



Fall Series:

Seeds of Hope: Planting for the Future

Embracing God's vision, we're called to nurture hope and work for justice, even amidst societal challenges. .

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Trusting the Soil: Faith in God's Plans

September 29, 2024

Focus Question: In a world of uncertainty, how can we embody God's radical love, actively building beloved community and working towards the flourishing of all people?

Gathering Song

Todd H.

In Christ Alone

VT 332

Welcome & Announcements

Kathy N.

Prayer for Peace

Call to Worship

Songs *Fluye, Espíritu, Fluye*

Siyahamba

VT 793

Offering/Song *Hope Is a Candle*

VT 211

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:4-14

Message

Becky H.

The Long Game: Faith in God's Unfolding Vision

Song *Guide My Feet*

VT 816

Words of Blessing for Izaete and Alaiza

Sharing Time & Prayer

Blessing & Song *Be Still and Know*

VT 37

Today's Volunteers:

Children's Church: Bonnie C., Harlan S. & Kristina B.

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

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

This Week

Tues., 9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Wed., 6:30 PM Youth Group @ Erin's

Wed., 6:30 PM Women's Bilingual Group

Thur., 7:00 PM Men's group @ Greg's

Next Sunday:

Koinonia Cafe @ 9:45 am

Parables (Special Service from Goshen College) @ 10:15 am

Focus: Building Bridges

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

Nursery: Deena B., Alan L., & Kristina B.M.

Worship with Parables - Sunday, October 6: Join us as Goshen College's worship ensemble Parables leads our morning service with a focus on "Building Bridges." This talented group, including our own Francisco Behan-Morillo and Aysia Adkins, blends music, drama, and storytelling for an inspiring worship experience. Don't miss this special event - bring your friends and neighbors!

Our fall worship series, **Seeds of Hope: Planting for the Future**, invites us to explore growth, community, and faithfulness during this season of transition. Using the imagery of gardening, we reflect on how God is at work, helping us plant seeds of hope and nurture them toward renewal and joy. Together, we trust in God's promises as we reflect on the past and embrace the present.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

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- **Junior Class Fish Fry:** Join Rudy for the Junior Class Original Jonah Fish Fry on November 1, supporting Bethany students' senior class trip. Rudy Gonzalez is selling tickets for this event, which offers dine-in from 4:30-8 pm and adult-only carryout from 4-8 pm. Adult tickets are \$15, children in grades 1-6 are \$5, and kindergarten and under eat free. You can purchase tickets directly from Rudy or Bethany's website at <https://www.bethanycs.net/apps/pages/fish-fry> (be sure to select Rudy's name for sales credit). Remember to bring your printed tickets to the event. If you prefer to donate instead of purchasing a meal, please keep your email confirmation for your records. Your support is greatly appreciated!
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