



**About the Cover:** This month's bulletin cover showcases the vibrant doodle art of **Kathy N.** Kathy's whimsical flower designs are a perfect representation of our "Seeds of Hope" series, symbolizing new growth, resilience, and the beauty that emerges when we nurture the seeds of faith and community.

We invite other artists of all ages in the congregation to share their creativity! If you're inspired to contribute your own artwork for future bulletin covers, please reach out to Becky or Belen. Let's continue to celebrate hope through art!

**Attendance: October 6 — 59**

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**North Goshen Mennonite Church**

**October 13, 2024**



Fall Series:

Seeds of Hope: Planting for the Future

Weathering the Storms: Perseverance in Hope



# North Goshen Mennonite Church

*Weathering the Storms: Finding Hope in Trials*  
October 13, 2024

**Focus Question:** Reflecting on how life's challenges and storms can actually deepen our faith, build our character, and give us strength. How do we root ourselves in God's love and in community to find perseverance?

**Gathering Song** Todd H.  
*God, Be the Love* VT 043

**Welcome & Announcements** Deena B.

**Prayer for Peace**

**Call to Worship**

**Songs** *How Firm a Foundation* VT 592

**Offering/Song** *When Peace like a River* VT 617

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 5:3-5 and Ephesians 3:16-19  
Barb. S. & Reina B.

**Reflection** Becky H.

*Rooted in Love: Building a Strong Foundation*

**Song** *My Life Flows On* VT 605

**Sharing Time & Prayer**

**Blessing & Song** *La paz de la tierra* VT 838

## Today's Volunteers:

Children's Church: Bonnie C., Joan U. & Kristina B.M.  
Nursery: Belen R., Jeff U., & Jenny G.  
Translator: Erin Be-Mo

## This Week

Tues., 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study  
Wed., 6:00 PM Community Meal "Everything Squash"

## Next Sunday:

Scripture: Ephesians 1:18-19  
Theme: *Tending the Garden: Renewed Vision and Purpose*  
Children's Church: Kathy N.Y., Elaine H., Jenny G.  
Nursery: Tony U., Hilda L., & Kristina B.M.

**Breaking Bread: Sabor de Comunidad:** We need your recipes! From traditional recipes passed down through generations to new favorites, we want to highlight the rich variety of flavors that represent our church community. Please consider sharing a recipe along with a short note or story about why it's meaningful to you. Photos of the dish or family memories are welcome as well! Every contribution will help us create a unique cookbook that celebrates our shared love of food. Copies of the recipe form are in church mailboxes and on the library table. Let's come together and celebrate the many ways we break bread as a community.



**Breaking Bread: Sabor de Comunidad**

Recipe

Who are you?

## Announcements

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