

**About the Cover:** This month's cover features Kerry Cripe's sketch of the North Goshen sanctuary—a view he's been enjoying for over 42 years! Kerry, who started sketching back in high school, usually captures scenes from nature, but this time he turned his pencil to something just as familiar and dear: our beloved sanctuary. Thanks, Kerry, for giving us a peek through your artistic eyes! .

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: November 10— 57**

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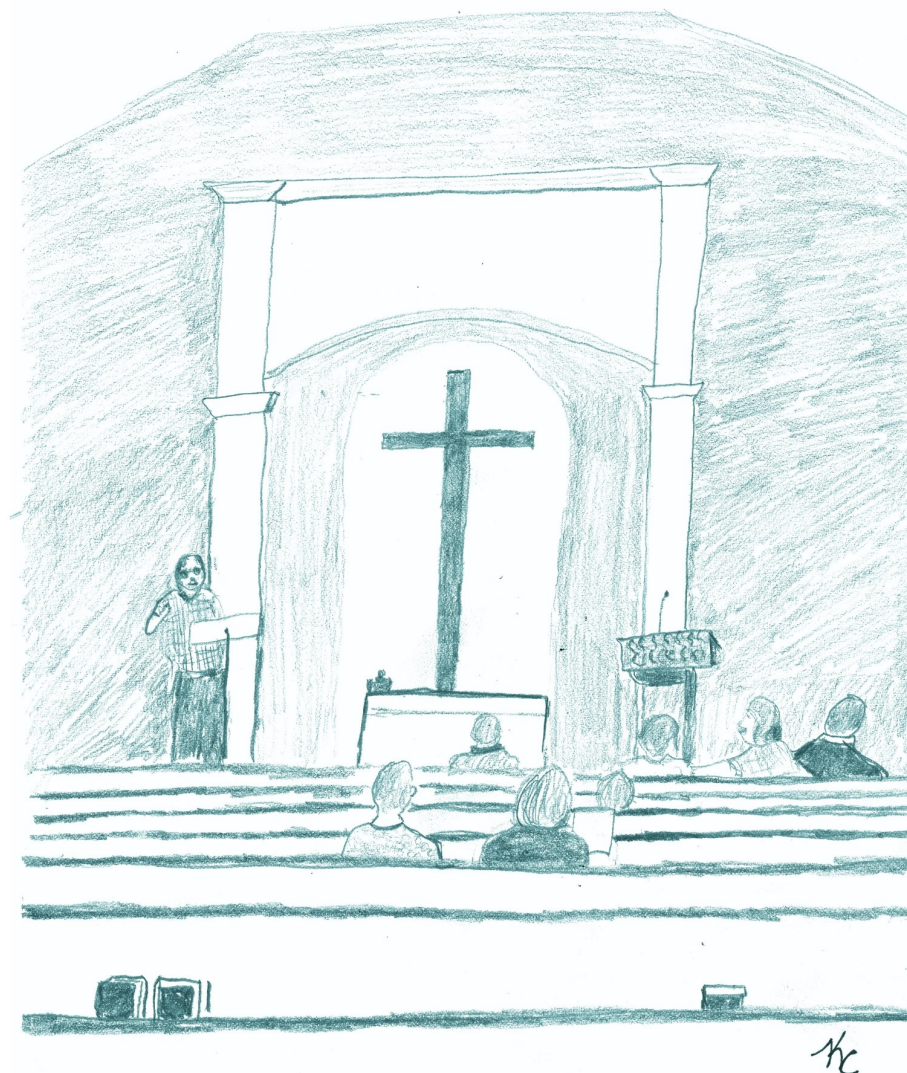
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## **North Goshen Mennonite Church**

**November 17, 2024**



**Seeds of Hope: Planting for the Future**

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Weeds and Wheat: Embracing the Messiness  
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**Focus Question:** How can we embrace both the “weeds” and “wheat” within ourselves and our community, trusting that each is essential to our shared journey?

**Gathering Song** Erica U.  
*There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* VT 828

**Welcome & Announcements** Daisy G.L.

**Prayer for Peace**

**Call to Worship**

**Songs**

*In The Bulb There Is a Flower* VT 670  
*La paz de la tierra* VT 838

**Offering/Song** Mountain Has Broken VT 495

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 13:24-30

**Reflection:** *The Field of Us: Imperfectly Growing* Becky H.

**Conversation with Daisy**

**Song** *Together* VT 389

**Sharing Time & Prayer**

**Blessing & Song** *Sing a New World into Being* VT 809

**Today:**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:15 Worship

**Today's Volunteers:**

Children's Church: Elaine H., Kathy N.Y., & Jenny G.  
Nursery: Robert M., Hilda L., & Kristina B.M.  
Music Team: Todd H. Song Leader: Erica U.  
Translator: Erin Be-Mo

**This Week**

Tue., 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Greencroft  
Wed., 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Community Meal

**Next Sunday:**

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18  
Theme: Thankful Hearts: Gratitude in All Circumstances  
Worship Leader: Deena B. Song Leader: Todd H.  
Children's Church: Bonnie C., Harlan S., & Kristina B.M.  
Nursery: Elaine T., Kerry C., & Jenny G.

**Wednesday's Thanksgiving Meal:** This Wednesday is the Thanksgiving Community Meal where we invite our neighbors to join us for a traditional Thanksgiving meal! NGMC and New Life are working together on this. Aside from the food, we will need help with setting up, serving, and clean-up. Please see Ruth Ann or Deena to if you're able to help.

**Seeds of Hope:** Next week marks the conclusion of our *Seeds of Hope* series with the theme "**Thankful Hearts: Gratitude in All Circumstances**" based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. We'll reflect on how to cultivate gratitude in every season of life, even in challenges, and celebrate the ways our community finds joy and hope together. Join us as we close this series with hearts open to gratitude.

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