

About the Cover: Marian Hostetler, a member of North Goshen Mennonite Church since 1967, is generously offering her artistic gifts to guide us through this season of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Her work as a calligrapher is nothing short of extraordinary, each piece a blend of precision and poetry. Marian's creativity extends to Japanese-inspired water-color paintings, often depicting delicate birds and trees that she sometimes turns into beautiful greeting cards. Her thoughtful sketches and drawings will bring depth and meaning to the stories we are walking with together this season. We are grateful for the care she has poured into this project, which connects us visually to the hope and promise of the Advent journey.

Attendance: November 24— 67

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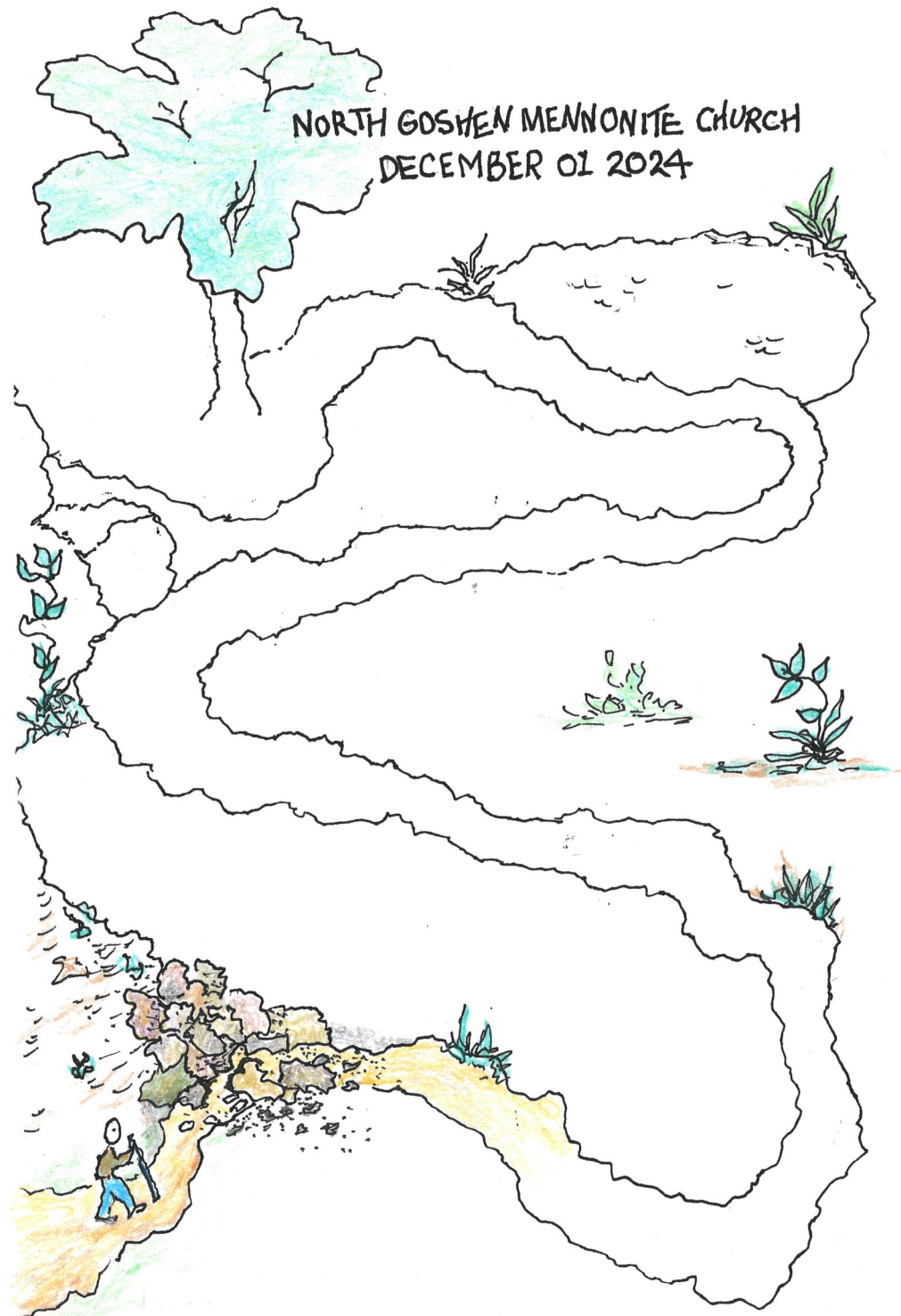
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

North Goshen Mennonite Church

Advent through Epiphany Series:
Together on the Journey
December 1, 2024

Gathering Song

Todd H.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

VT 218

Welcome & Announcements

Elaine H.

Call to Worship

Songs

God of Our Strength

VT 047

Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace

STJ 052

Candlelighting

Song *Fluye, Espiritu, Fluye*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering/Song *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*

VT 210

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Daniel 6:6–27 & Luke 23:1–5

Message When Lions Roar and Bread Rises

Becky H.

Song *Don't Be Afraid*

VT 596

Sharing Time & Prayer

Blessing & Song *Sizohamba naye*

STJ 078

Today

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Koinonia Kafe @ Fellowship Hall

10:15 AM Worship—First Sunday of Advent

Today's Volunteers

Children's Church: Michael Y., Bonnie C., & Jenny G.

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

Song Leader: Todd U.

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

This Week

Tue., 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study

Tue., 10:15 AM Elders Meeting @ Jerry's

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

Wed., 6:30 PM Bilingual Group @ Martin's

Next Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:15 Worship—Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Joel 2:12–13, 28–29; Luke 11:13

Advent 2 Theme: *Opening Hearts: What Do We Ask For?*

Worship Leader: Sue L.S.

Song Leader: Todd H.

Children's Church: Daisy G., Joan U., & Kristina B.M.

Nursery: Belen R., Jeff U., & Jenny G.

Advent & Christmas at North Goshen!

We have an exciting season of reflection, celebration, and community ahead! Check out the special flyer under the church mailboxes or on the church office bulleting board for all the details on our upcoming Advent services, children's activities, Christmas Eve plans, and more. Don't miss out on the warmth, light, and connection as we journey through this sacred time together!

Announcements

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Sharing and Samaritan Funds: As we enter the Advent season, we are reminded of the joy and calling to care for one another. At North Goshen, we do this through the Samaritan Fund, which supports those in our community facing financial challenges, and the Sharing Fund, which provides assistance to those within our congregation. With the holiday season upon us, the needs are great, and we invite you to consider contributing to replenish these vital resources. Your generosity allows us to embody Christ’s love and care for our neighbors in meaningful ways. Thank you for being part of this ministry of love and compassion.

MCC's Christmas Giving Guide: Tuesday, December 3, at 2pm, Join MCC for a live, online event as we take you behind the scenes of MCC's Christmas Giving Guide.. Discover the impact behind each gift and how your generosity makes a difference. Learn more and register to join this event at: mcc.org/yule-love-this.

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