

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 17— 60

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Seeds of Hope: Planting for the Future

Thankful Hearts: Gratitude in All Circumstances

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Focus Statement: Reflect on what the changing seasons teach us about the rhythm of gratitude.

Gathering Song Erica U.

Shout to the Lord VT 125

Welcome & Announcements Deena B.

Prayer for Peace

Call to Worship

Songs

For the Beauty of the Earth VT 120

Sing to the God of Harvest VT 122

Offering/Song *Come, Thou Fount* VT 563

Scripture Reading: 1 Thess. 5:16-18 Deena B. & Izaete N.

Finding Gratitude: A poem by Erma Y.

Reader's Theater: *Seasons of Gratitude*

Spring: Kristina B.M. Autumn: Harlan S.

Summer: Belen R. Winter: Elaine H.

Song *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* VT 419

Sharing Time & Prayer

Blessing & Song *The Lord Lift You Up* VT 832

Today

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship

Today's Volunteers

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

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

Song Leader: Erica U.

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

This Week

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

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

Wed., 6:30 PM Bilingual Group @ Martins

Thu., Thanksgiving Day, church office closed

Next Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Koinonia Kafe @ Fellowship Hall

10:15 Worship—First Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Daniel 6:6-27; Luke 23:1-5

Advent 1 Theme: *Between a Rock and a Hard Place:
How Do We Continue On?*

Worship Leader: Elaine H. Song Leader: Todd H.

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

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

Advent and Christmas Worship Services:

This Advent, we explore the theme **"Together on the Journey"** as we reflect on God's faithful presence in our lives and in the world. Each week, we'll engage with scripture, song, and visual elements that guide us on a path of hope, justice, and renewal. As we journey through Advent and into Epiphany, let's walk together, drawing strength from God's Spirit and the support of our community.

Announcements

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- **Young Adult Care Packages:** Today is the last Sunday to collect item for our young adults. Let's come together to show our love and care for our college-age young adults who are out navigating the world. We're collecting goodies—baked goods, candy, popcorn, snacks—and notes of encouragement to fill care packages that will remind them of their North Goshen family as finals draw near or as they continue their work. Each of these young adults is part of our congregation's identity. Though they may be in different places and stages, our connection to them remains. Please contact Becky before Monday afternoon if you have something to include in the care packages.

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