



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 13 — 52

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North Goshen Mennonite Church

October 20, 2024



Fall Series:

Seeds of Hope: Planting for the Future

Tending the Garden: Renewed Vision & Purpose



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Focus Question: How can we renew our vision and purpose as a faith community, tending to the challenges and opportunities before us with fresh eyes and trusting in the hope that God's power is at work within us?

Gathering Song Erica U.
Mountain of God VT 011

Welcome & Announcements Sandra M.

Prayer for Peace

Call to Worship

Songs *Beauty for Brokenness* VT 712
Lead Me, Guide Me VT 601

Offering/Song *How Great Is Our God* VT 116

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:18-19 Kathy N.Y.

Reflection Becky H.
Sowing Hope, Growing Purpose

Song *Open the Eyes of My Heart* VT 401

Sharing Time & Prayer

Blessing & Song *New Earth, Heavens New* VT 377

Today's Volunteers:

Children's Church: Kathy N.Y., Elaine H., Jenny G.
Nursery: Tony U., Hilda L., & Kristina B.M.
Translator: Erin Be-Mo

This Week

Tue., 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Greencroft
Tue., 10:15 AM Elders Meeting @ Jerrys
Wed., 6:30 PM Youth Group @ Maple City Bowl
Wed., 6:30 PM Bilingual Group @ Martin's
Thur., 7:00PM Men's group @ Tim's

Next Sunday:

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30
Focus: *Weeds & Wheat: Embracing Imperfection*
Children's Church: Bonnie C., Harlan S., & Kristina B.M.
Nursery: Elaine T., Kerry C., Jenny G.

Breaking Bread: Sabor de Comunidad:

Share your family recipes! We're collecting your favorite family recipes to celebrate the diverse flavors of our church community. Include a short note or story about why the recipe is special to you. Photos are welcome! Recipe forms are available in church mailboxes and on the library table. Let's come together and celebrate our love of culture and food.



Our fall worship series, **Seeds of Hope: Planting for the Future**, invites us to explore growth, community, and faithfulness during this season of transition. We reflect on how God is at work, helping us plant seeds of hope and nurture them toward renewal and joy.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

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- **Church Doors**
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