



**About the Cover:** This week, we are excited to introduce a new initiative at North Goshen, inviting artists from our congregation to share their gifts by creating the cover art for our weekly bulletins. For the next several weeks, our bulletin will feature artwork by **Jenny Gonzalez**, a talented sophomore at Bethany Christian Schools. Jenny's first piece beautifully captures a tree, symbolizing our *Seeds for Hope*:

*Planting for the Future* fall series. The tree represents growth, deep roots, and the promise of new life—an image of hope and renewal for our church. We invite you to take a moment to appreciate her work as it reflects the spirit of our community and the journey ahead. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us, Jenny!

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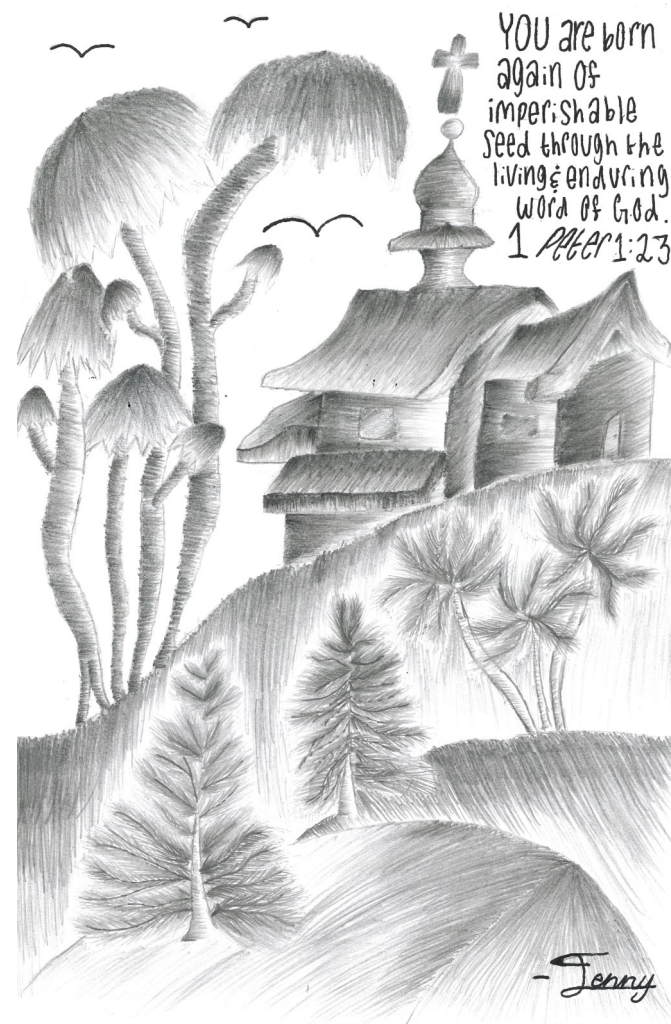
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## North Goshen Mennonite Church

September 15, 2024



Fall Series:

Seeds of Hope: Planting for the Future

*Finding strength and stability in God's love through community support.*

## North Goshen Mennonite Church

*Rooted in Love: Building a Strong Foundation*

September 15, 2024

**Focus Statement:** Reflect on the strength and stability we find in God's love as we consider how our community's support has grounded us through challenging times.

**Gathering Song** *Rooted and grounded in love* (video)

**Welcome:**

**Announcements:**

**Prayer for Peace**

**Call to Worship**

**Song** *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT 057

**Offering/Song** *My coins count* (video)

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 3:16-19

**Message:** "Love Beyond Knowledge."

**Song** *What a friend we have in Jesus* VT 628

**Sharing Time & Prayer:**

**Sending & Song** *The love of God* VT 162

## Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Deena B.

Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Michael Y.

Scripture Readers: Edith V. & Jerry A.

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

Children's Church: Joan U., Bonnie C. & Kristina Be-Mo

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

## This Week

Tues., 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wed., 6:00 pm Community Meal\*\*

## Next Sunday:

Focus: Cultivating Community: Growing Together in Hope

Scripture: Hebrews 10:23-25

Speaker: Becky H.

Worship Leader: Deena B.

Song Leader: Erica U.

Scripture Readers: TBD

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

Children's Church: Elaine H., Kathy N. Y. & Jenny G.

Nursery: Robert M., Ruth Ann W., Hilda L., Kristina B.

Our fall worship series, **Seeds of Hope: Planting for the Future**, invites us to explore growth, community, and faithfulness during this season of transition. Using the imagery of gardening, we reflect on how God is at work, helping us plant seeds of hope and nurture them toward renewal and joy. Together, we trust in God's promises as we reflect on

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