

**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 3 — 99**

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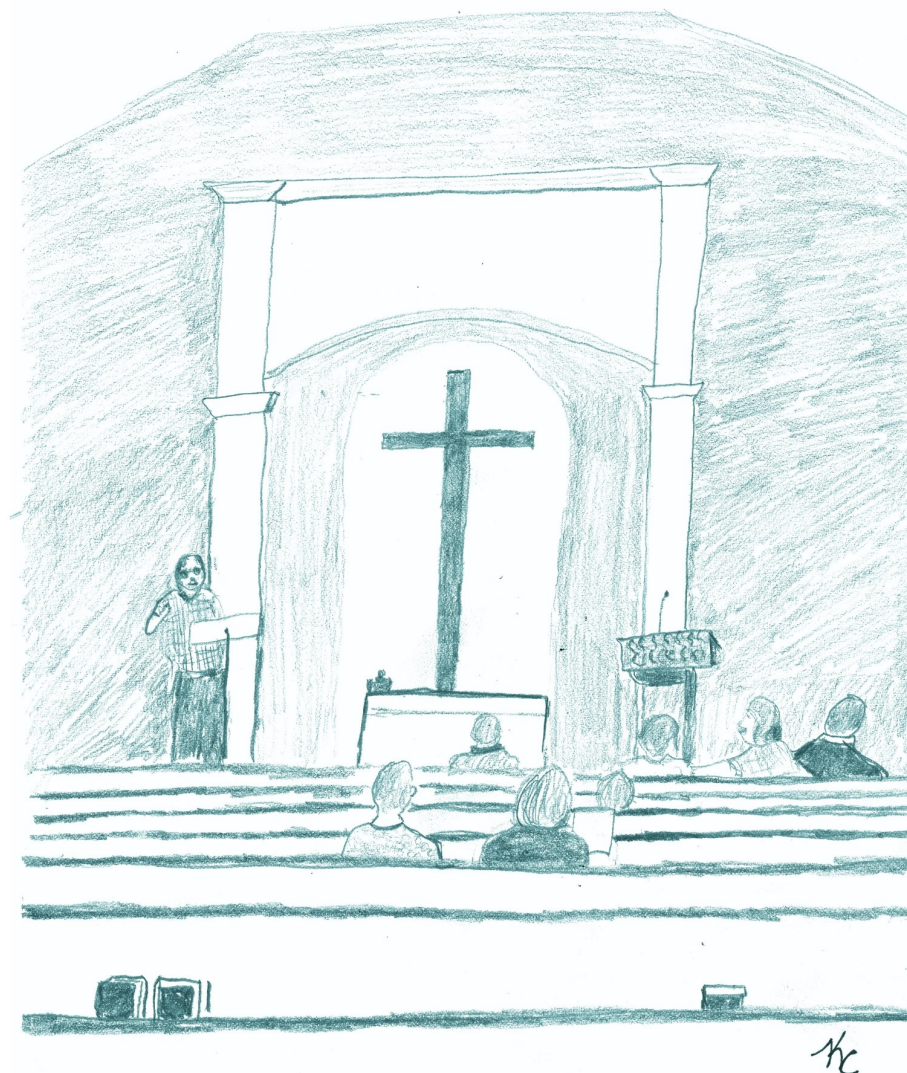
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**Focus Question:** What does it mean to you to be part of a community where each person's contributions are valued and needed?

**Gathering Song** Todd H.  
*Shout to the Lord* Video

**Welcome & Announcements** Deena B.

**Prayer for Peace**

**Call to Worship**

**Songs**

<i>Summoned by the God Who Made Us</i>	VT 001
Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord	VT 131
<b>Offering/Song</b> Alabare	Video

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

**Conversation with Kerry Cripe**

**Gifts Invitation**

**Song** *There are many Gifts* Video

**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: Joan U., Bonnie C., & Kristina B.M.  
Nursery: Belen R., Jeff U., & Jenny G.  
Music Team: Todd H.  
Translator: Erin Be-Mo

**This Week**

Tue., 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Ruth Ann's  
Tue., 10:15 AM Elders Meeting @ Jerry's  
Tue., 7:00 PM Coordinating Council  
Wed., 6:30 PM Youth Group @ Erin's  
Wed., 6:30 PM Bilingual Group @ Martin's

**Next Sunday:**

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30  
Theme: Weeds and Wheat: Embracing the Messiness  
Worship Leader: Daisy G.L. Song Leader: Erica U.  
Children's Church: Elaine H., Kathy N.Y., & Jenny G.  
Nursery: Robert M., Hilda L., & Kristina B.M.

**Our Gifts:** Today, at the end of worship, we invite everyone to take part in a special gifts activity. Please write down a gift you bring to this church and a gift you see in someone else on the slips of paper provided. Once completed, clip your slips to the strings on the back bulletin board. Let's celebrate the unique gifts among us and how they strengthen our community!

**Thanksgiving Meal:** We are looking forward to the Thanksgiving Community Meal on November 20 when 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 volunteer.

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