

Estén siempre alegres,  
oren sin cesar,  
den gracias a Dios en toda situación,  
porque esta es su voluntad para ustedes en Cristo Jesús.  
(1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-18)

## **North Goshen Mennonite Church**

December 9, 2018  
Second Sunday of Advent

*Hope was born this night*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Robert & Erin Behan Morillo

*Bless'd be the God of Israel  
Come, thou long expected Jesus*

Hymnal: A Worship Book 174  
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Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts  
*Glory, let there be peace*

Children ages 4 through grade 2 are dismissed to Children's Church

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Izaete Nafziger

*Where have you witnessed God's work during the week?  
Where is God's presence needed?*

Bethany Christian Schools Concert Choir

Brody Thomas

Benediction

Robert & Erin Behan Morillo

The Peace Lamp is lit each week as a reminder to pray for peace in our community and world.

### **Our Prayers**

**Those unable to attend services:** Erma Yoder, Warren Bontrager & Ruby Snyder, Ruby Nussbaum, Judy Yoder, Jim Burkholder, Bill Yoder, Thelma Harley, Elroy & Alberta Troyer

**Pastor Mario, Carmen and family** with the Iglesia Arca de Dios, our sister church in San Martin, Mexico.

**Congregational members** who have lost spouses and family members.

**Those recovering:** Sue Leatherman Sommers, Velda Hershberger,

Pastor Amado Morales (brother to Santa & Patricia Morales)

### **Nurture**

Sunday school classes for all ages are held from 9-10am

Children's Church: ***To help assure the safety of the children, we ask that a responsible person meet your children at the Children's Church door as soon as they are dismissed.***

Today: Joan Ulrich, Tim Nafziger, Francisco Behan Morillo, Calista Swartzendruber  
Childcare is available in the basement nursery for children ages 3 years and younger.

Today: Elaine Thomas, Kerry Cripe, Fiona Yeakey, Luke Sommers

### **Coming Events**

December 19	Community Meal
December 23	Enid Schloneger brings the message
December 24	7pm Christmas Eve Service
December 30	Michael Yeakey brings the message

During this time of transition feelings of anxiousness are normal.

There are plans in place for those who need visits or have emergencies. Izaete Nafziger, Jerry Wittrig & the Elders are available for ca

lls. See the back of the bulletin for contact information.

### **Announcements**

- **Second Sunday Roll Sale TODAY!** Stop by the fellowship hall before Sunday School or between S.S and worship and **support the MYF!**
- **Make Christmas Special** for some kids from our neighborhood that attend North Goshen. We have four families of children that attend regularly, and whose parents aren't able to buy presents for the children. Please contact Izaete if you would like to be a part of making Christmas for these children.
- **Are you missing a dish?** Please check the counter in the fellowship hall and take dishes home. They will be donated to The Depot after December 16th.
- **Note the address changes,** for your directories, that are listed in the Plowshare. New ones each week!
- **MYF** will at the church at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 12. Note that, due to final exams and Christmas break, the MYF will not meet again in December.
- **The Christmas Express** Play practice: Wednesday, December 12, 6:30pm & Saturday, December 15, 9:30am. Please be prompt!
- **Mennonite Women Service Day** is the second Thursday each month. Meet on Thursday, December 13. Lunch is a carry-in.
- **Senior Bingo and Lunch** will be on **Friday,** December 14th at noon. Plan to bring a dish to

share for the carry-in and bring a white elephant gift for Bingo!

●**Next Sunday, December 16, is a full day of church activities**

beginning in the morning as Kent Miller brings the message and we meet Steve Slagel, our transitional pastor. There will be a noon potluck to welcome Steve Slagel.

Please bring a dish to share, according to your family's last name:

Last names A-J: Bring a main dish

Last Names I-Q: Bring a salad or fruit

Last names R-Z: Bring a dessert

All are welcome, even if you cannot bring food.

In the evening, **at 6pm**, the children's department will present the Christmas program: "The Christmas Express—finding joy in the journey"

Following the children's program, join us in the fellowship hall for Christmas goodies.

Please bring snacks and Christmas cookies to share!

*If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact Izaete Nafziger or one of the Elders, either after worship today or during the week.*

*Available elders are Jonathan Nussbaum, Merv Helmuth & Ruth Ann Wittrig.*

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