

Rejoice always,  
pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

## North Goshen Mennonite Church

December 16, 2018  
Third Sunday of Advent

*Hope was born this night*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Robert & Erin Behan Morillo

*En medio de la vida  
I will come to you in the silence*

Hymnal: A Worship Book 537  
Sing the Story 49

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

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

Introducing Steve Slagel

Jerry Wittrig

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

Jerry & Ruth Ann Wittrig

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Luke 3:7-18

Deena & Christina Elizalde

"Rejoicing in God's Justice"

Kent Miller

*It's about the cross*

### 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)

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: Bess Daly, Elaine Hooley, Daven Molina, Tessa Sommers

Childcare is available in the basement nursery for children ages 3 years and younger.

Today: Erica Miller Unzicker, Jackie Ramirez, Emma Helmuth

### **Coming Events**

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 calls.

See the back of the bulletin for contact information.

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

### **Announcements**

● **Make Christmas Special** for some children 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.

● **This evening, 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!

● **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 today.

● **The Community Meal** will be this Wednesday, December 19, 6pm. Bring a dish to share and join in the fellowship with our church neighbors.

● **The Plowshare** with Christmas greetings will be placed in boxes next Sunday, December 23. Please get the greeting you wish to extend to the congregation to Cheryl before Tuesday,

December 18th.

●**Next Sunday**, Enid Schloneger will bring the message.

There will not be Children's Church.

●**The Christmas Eve Service** will be held here on Monday, December 24 at 7pm.

●**The Church office** will be closed December 24-26. Contact Izaete or one of the Elders if needs arise. There will not be a Plowshare on December 30th.

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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)

*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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