

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 23, 2018  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Hope was born this night*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Robert & Erin Behan Morillo

*Hark! The herald angels sing  
Angels we have heard on high  
Silent night, holy night*

Hymnal: A Worship Book 201  
Hymnal: A Worship Book 197  
Hymnal: A Worship Book 193

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Bob Schloneger

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

Luke 2:46-55 The Magnificat: Mary's Song of Praise

Ruth Ann Wittrig, Izaete Nafziger

*Mary, Did You Know?*

Christina Elizalde, Calista Swartzendruber  
Beth Yoder, Pianist

"Mary Remembers..."

Enid Schloneger

*My soul proclaims with wonder*

Hymnal: A Worship Book 181

Benediction

Enid Schloneger

*Joy, unspeakable joy*

### **Our Prayers**

**Those unable to attend services:** 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.

### **Nurture**

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

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

Today: Terri Yeater, Michele, Quinn & Devin Stoltzfus

### **Coming Events**

January 1	NO Lunch Bunch
January 6	1st Sunday offerings and food bank donations
January 6	Steve Slagel brings the message
January 7	North Goshen Day at MCC Meat Canner
January 8	Lunch Bunch - 2nd Tuesday due to holiday & NEW Location- meet at the Trolley Café in the Old Bag Factory
January 8	Coordinating Council
January 10	Women's Work Day
January 13	2nd Sunday Roll Sale/Steve Slagel
January 16	Community Meal
January 19	Men's Breakfast
January 20	Izaete brings the message

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

### **Announcements**

●**No Children's Church today.**

●**The Christmas Eve Service** will be held here tomorrow, 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.

●**Household Interviews** with Steve Slagel will take place in January, February and March. Contact Merv Helmuth or Ruth Ann Wittrig to get on the interview schedule. Question sheets for these meetings are in your literature boxes.

**Care groups** will also be formed. Care groups will meet 3 times:

January 13, February 17 and March 17. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of a care group although it is voluntary. Please sign up to confirm that you wish to be included in a care group. Care Group Sign-Up Sheets are located on the bulletin board.

●**Next Sunday**, Michael Yeakey will bring the message.

●**Mark your calendar** and plan to spend some time helping out at the MCC Meat Canner on January 7. The meat canner will be at “The Depot” and North Goshen is scheduled to send volunteers on Monday the 7th. This is a great opportunity for families, mentor pairs, Sunday school classes, etc. to share some time together while helping others.

●**Contact** information for Steve Slagel, transitional pastor:  
Phone: 536-1461, Email: pastor.slagel@gmail.com

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.

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)

*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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