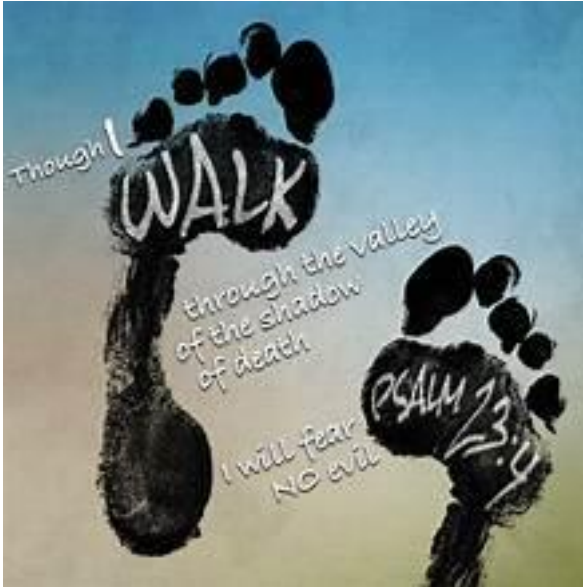


Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Graduation and Scholarship Sunday

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



1070 Church Road † East Greenville PA 18041

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"Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people."

June 14, 2026

8:00 a.m. In Person in Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. In person and Livestream Worship in Sanctuary

Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church

*This Lord's Day we turn to the phrase of Psalm 23 **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.***

We pay a great deal of money for a sense of security these days. We have Home Land Security, Internet Security, Airport Security, Global Security, Home Security Systems, and Wireless Cameras all over the place! We've got locks on our doors, alarms on our cars, and tracking devices on our electronic devices. Now you tell me that we are a secure society! We may not feel very secure, but we are sure paying a lot of money for something we don't have.

My next question for this Lord's Day is: Are you living a satisfied life? Can you say this morning, "Pastor, I'm living a secure and satisfied life." Wonderful! For those who are living a secure and satisfied life – I have a question: "What is giving you security and satisfaction? Is it your retirement account? Is it your job? Is it your health? Is it your family? What is bringing you security and satisfaction and what happens to your security and satisfaction if something happens to it?"

Take away your retirement account --- how secure and satisfied are you now? Take away your job – how secure and satisfied are you now? Take away your health – how secure are you now?

Psalm 23 teaches us that in life before we are on the "mountain top" we will find ourselves down in the valley. It is in the valleys of life that we discover how much we will trust the Good Shepherd to lead us to a place of satisfaction and security.

Do you find yourself this morning in the valley? It is a good place to be, for Jesus has promised to lead us up and out to a place of blessing.

We Praise and Confess
*The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.*

Preparation for Worship

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

---based on Psalm 19:14

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me – J. Wayne Kerr

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

---from Isaiah 41:9-10 NRSV

You whom I took from the ends of the earth,
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, "You are my servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off";
do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

*Hymn of Praise: No. 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken – Austrian Hymn

*Prayer of Adoration

---based on Ephesians 1:3-18

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

All glorious God,

**we give you thanks: in your Son, Jesus Christ,
you have given us every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly realms.**

**You chose us, before the world was made,
to be your holy people, without fault in your sight.
You adopted us as your children in Christ.
You have set us free by his blood;
you have forgiven our sins.
You have made known to us your secret purpose,
to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.
You have given us your Holy Spirit,
the seal and pledge of our inheritance.
All praise and glory be yours, O God,
for the richness of your grace,
for the splendor of your gifts,
for the wonder of your love.**

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth your praise.

*Praise

He Is Jehovah!

**He is Jehovah, God of creation;
He is Jehovah, Lord God Almighty.
'The Balm of Gilead, the rock of Ages;
He is Jehovah, the God that healeth thee.
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah!
He is Jehovah, Lord God Almighty;
He is Jehovah, the God that healeth thee.**

**He is the great I AM, the God of Abraham,
Jehovah Halom, the God of peace, I AM.
The God of Israel, the Everlasting One;
He is Jehovah, the God that healeth thee.
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah!
He is Jehovah, Lord God Almighty;
He is Jehovah, the God that healeth thee.**

**He's your Provider, Jehovah Jireh,
God of salvation, God of Messiah.
The Son He sent to you, He testified of Him;
He is Jehovah, the God that healeth thee.
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah!
He is Jehovah, Lord God Almighty;
He is Jehovah, the God that healeth thee.**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven,
**we thank you
that you have led us into the light.
We thank you for sending the Savior
to call us from death to life.
We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard
his call,
but when we heard him, like Lazarus, we arose.
But, Jesus, the grave clothes bind us still.
Old habits that we cannot throw off,
old customs that are so much a part of our lives
that we are helpless to live the new life
that Christ calls us to live.
Give us strength, Jesus, to break the bonds;
give us courage to live a new life in you;
give us faith to believe that with your help we cannot fail.
All this we ask in the name of the Savior
who has taught us to come to you. Amen.**

Silence

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
A new heart I will give you,
and a new spirit I will put within you;
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.

We Hear and Respond

From a Letter of Peter

1 Peter 5:6-11

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. ¹

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

From the Psalter

Psalms 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), 1 Pe 5:6–11.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. ²

*Gospel Acclamation: No. 48

Rain Down

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

St. John 10:27-30

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one." ³

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

² *The Holy Bible: King James Version*, electronic ed. of the 1769 edition of the 1611 Authorized Version. (Bellingham WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1995), Ps 23:1–6.

³ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Jn 10:27–30.

**begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Dr Williams – “PD”

Through – You Go Through!

Honoring Our Graduates [10:30 a.m.]

Welcoming New Members [10:30 a.m.]

Morning Prayer

Our Savior’s Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings
Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by
scanning the QR code with your camera



Offertory

*Offertory Response: No. 606

The Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

*Dismissal Song

God Will Make a Way – Don Moen

**God will make a way where there seems to be no way,
He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me;
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side,
With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way,
He will make a way. [Repeat]**

**By a roadway in the wilderness He'll lead me,
And rivers in the desert will I see;
Heaven and earth will fade but His Word will still remain,
He will do something new today.**

Following the Light of Christ into the World

***We go. . .
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus
with all people!***

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Going Forth

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THE FATHER'S DAY CARNATION PROJECT!

REMEMBERING FATHER, GRANDFATHER, UNCLE ON FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 21st

We are pleased to have this opportunity both to honor men and financially support The Veterans' Coalition in Reading, PA.

This year, instead of delivering carnations to a health care facility, we wish for all men of New Goshenhoppen to be remembered. At the conclusion of both services, every man is invited to come to the chancel railing and receive a carnation.

Use a separate form for each carnation ordered.

My gift is: *(check one)* ___ In Honor of: or ___ In Memory of:

Name (first, last) (Please indicate Father, Grandfather, etc.)

Given by _____

Please mail this completed form, along with **\$5.00**, to
New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Road, East Greenville, PA 18041.

Checks should be made payable to New Goshenhoppen Church.

Deadline: Monday, June 15th

JUNE 14, 2026

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers
Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Senior Pastor and Organist
Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, Pastor Emerita
Rev. Erick Kern, Associate Pastor
Rev. Elaine Ely, Minister of Grief Support
Kelly Johannsen, Lay Minister of Visitation
Susan Hemperly, Senior Choir Accompanist
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Visit us online at www.newgoshucc.org

WELCOME VISITORS ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship! Please sign the visitor card located in the pew rack and drop in the offering plate.

WiFi PASSWORD: Network: NewGoshGuest, password: **wearethechurch**

TODAY we welcome **Dawn Ferketich, Dylan Kolb, and Anna Smith** as members of New Goshenhoppen Church. Dylan and Anna will be married on October 4, 2026.

BREAKFAST: The Friendship Committee will be serving Breakfast from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. TODAY! All are welcome for "Green Eggs & Ham"! There will be a delightful menu of breakfast food and "graduation cake!" We will celebrate with our graduates at a reception between morning worship and honor them at the 10:30 a.m. service.

CARETAKER: The Personnel Committee welcomes application for the position of Caretaker based on 10 hours per week on a salary basis of \$1,000 per month. Primary duties to include managing cleaning staff, ordering supplies, supervising vendors, and cemetery management. The full job description is available from Donna Fried, the Church Office, or Pastor. Applicants must be able to pass all the required clearances to hold the position. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

COOKBOOK—COMING SOON: Recipes have been collected, typed, and edited. We are almost ready to send it to the printer. Before we do that we need to know an approximate number of books to order. Please sign up to reserve a copy for yourself, friends, and family. The price will be between \$10-\$15 (more orders, lower price) and will be available in early 2027. Sign-up sheet in the Social Room.

Summer Worship in the Park

Beginning July 5 through August 30 the New Goshenhoppen Worship Schedule will be:

9:00 a.m. in the Park

10:30 a.m. in the air-conditioned Sanctuary

Please know that if temperatures are forecasted for 90 or above, both services will be held in the air-conditioned Sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER BREAK: Youth Sunday School will continue in the Christian Education Building through Sunday, June 14. We will take a break during July and August. We will resume our Rally Day kickoff event on Sunday, September 13!

THE ROTARY CLUB is hosting the Upper Perk Hometown 4th of July Celebration at the New Goshenhoppen Park. They need volunteers to help in the Concession Stand, Parking Lots, Bounce House, and general helpers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Toback at sarahtoback@gmail.com

SCOUTING NEWS: **Cub Scouts** is for boys and girls Kindergarten to 5th grade. If interested in joining, please call or text Kyle Moyer at 610-360-0924. **Scouts BSA** is for 11- to 18-year-olds. If interested in joining, please call or text Scott Spaar at 484-431-3178. Check out the photos and newspaper clippings on their bulletin board.

VBS needs YOU! Are you available the week of August 3 – 7 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Noon and want to join our VBS kids on a Rainforest Adventure? You could help just one day or all five, whatever fits in your schedule. Do you like to be the leader? You could be a Student Guide helping the children find their way from station to station. Maybe you love to sing or play an instrument ... you could help in the Sing and Play Lagoon. The Imagination Station is always a fun place to be...or Wild games! And of course, snacks ... we'll need fuel to re-energize. No planning required on your part, just join in the fun. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Social Room :) Any questions, please see Lori or Janine Horning.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR 300th ANNIVERSARY YEAR: The Confirmation Class for students who are in the 7th grade and up will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 a.m. in the Confirmation Classroom. This class will be confirmed on Pentecost, May 2027 as we are celebrating our 300th Anniversary. Confirmation Classes will meet on Sunday mornings on a schedule agreed between Pastor Dave and the families, understanding that there are a few life events that make it necessary to be flexible. Please call the Church Office to register for the class.

BABYSITTING SERVICE: If anyone is in need of a babysitter this summer and lives in the Upper Perkiomen Valley, please call or text Naomi Bull at 610-972-5615. Naomi is 17 years old and has a driver’s license.

BULLETINS are presented in memory of parents, Evelyn & Nicholas Brauner and departed loved ones by Deb & Tom Brauner and family.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in loving memory of Janice Elaine Iman by her family.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT are presented in honor of the wedding anniversary of our parents, Neil & Barbara Kemp by Terri, Tammi, Kenny and their families.

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT are presented in memory of Fern Fried by Donna, Scott, and Kent.

ATTENDANCE: 6/7/26 – 8:00 a.m. 49; 10:30 a.m. 30; Livestream 40; Sunday School 36.

OPERATING INCOME 6/7/26: Figures were unavailable at time of printing but will be included in next week’s bulletin.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$259,412.72
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Year to Date Expenses	\$278,956.46
Special Income	\$0.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$3,563.98
Capital Campaign Income	\$5,665.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$18,000.00

Make Music Upper Perk --



a community music festival held annually on June 21 - invites the congregations of the Valley to join for a special day of fellowship and musical performances. With 16 venues in 6 towns, no matter where you are in the Upper Perkiomen Valley, you are never far from the music.

A favorite spot for music lovers has been the New Goshenhoppen Park Bandshell. In the late afternoon and evening, you can enjoy Swing Shift at 5:00 p.m., the Red Hill Band at 7:00 p.m., and a Campfire Singalong at 9:00 p.m.

All performances are free to the public and will feature local musicians, bands, and choirs. The day will be a celebration of music in our local community and will include genres for all ages. All events are free and open to the public, and you are invited! The full schedule will be released in *The Town and Country*, as well as at ValleyArtScene.wordpress.com. Printed programs are also available in church offices and throughout the community.

Celebrate the 1st day of summer enjoying music with your neighbors and friends!

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Presentation of Scholarships and 2026 Graduates

Scholarship recipients:

**Mason Basara, Lindsay Bieler,
Taylor Bieler, Nicholas Cressman**

2026 Graduates:

Nicholas Cressman, Upper Perkiomen
High School



Carly Eidle, PharmD from Wilkes University

Wesley Roma, Bachelor of Science from Pennsylvania College of
Technology--major in Construction Management and minors in
Business Administration, Small Business & Entrepreneurship

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	9:15 a.m.	Friendship Breakfast and Graduate Celebration (FH)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) – Graduates Honored and Scholarships awarded
	1:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts – end of year picnic (Park)
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Park)
	6:30 p.m.	Elders Meeting (Pastor Dave’s office)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
Thurs.	1:00 p.m.	Grief Support (Parlor)
	7:15 p.m.	Red Hill Band rehearsal (Park)
Sat.	7:00 a.m.	Private Event (Park)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	5:00 p.m.	Make Music UP (Park)

Thank you to our Service Participants

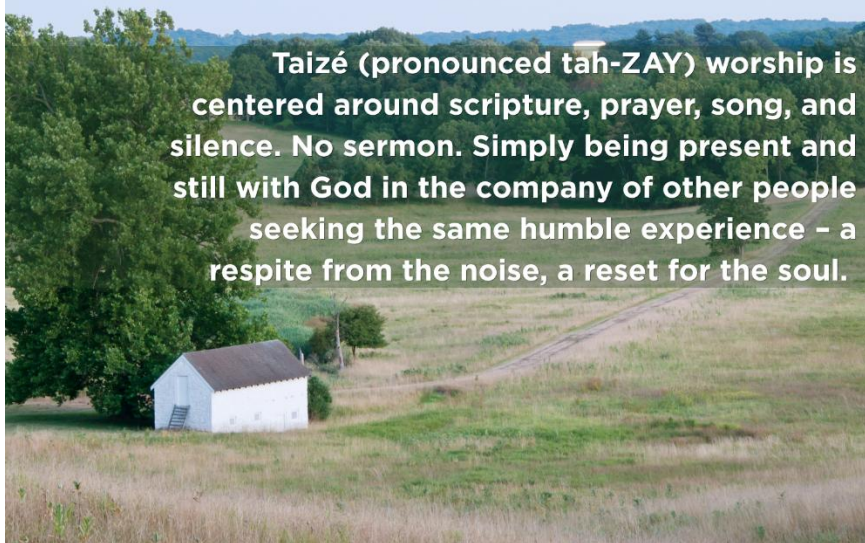
8:00 a.m. Narthex: Bruce Adam
 Roberts’ Church Office: Donna Fried
 Elevator: Gene Basara
 Upper Narthex: Stacie Miller
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Delores Schuler

10:30 a.m. Narthex: Sue Jacobs
 Roberts’ Church Office: Theodore Kutt
 Elevator: Tom Bancroft
 Upper Narthex: Cindy Roma
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Peter Hemperly

TAIZÉ EARLY EVENING WORSHIP

**6:00pm, Wednesday, June 17, 2026
at The Center at The Open Link
517 Jefferson Street, East Greenville**

Taizé (pronounced tah-ZAY) worship is centered around scripture, prayer, song, and silence. No sermon. Simply being present and still with God in the company of other people seeking the same humble experience – a respite from the noise, a reset for the soul.



81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

TEXT: John Newton, 1775, alt.
 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt.

AUSTRIAN HYMN
 8.7.8.7.D

Rain Down

48

Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)

F A7 Dm F7 B^b

Rain down; rain down; rain down your

(D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)

F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm

love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain

(D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)

F7 B^b Gm C7 B^b F

down; rain down your love, God of life.

This refrain comes from a longer song based on Psalm 33, but the striking image of God's love falling like rain is not actually present in that psalm. That image may be based on Ezekiel 34:26, where God promises to send showers of blessing upon the people of the covenant.

TEXT: Jaime Cortez, 1991
 MUSIC: Jaime Cortez, 1991; arr. John Carter, 2001
 Text and Music © 1992 Jaime Cortez (Published by OCP)

RAIN DOWN
 Irregular

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDRETH
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