

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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

August 23, 2026

9:00 a.m. In Person in Park

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

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

Prelude

There is a Redeemer – arr. Jan Sanborn
In Heaven's Eyes – arr. Bill Wolaver

Call to Worship (Psalm 51 adapted)

Have mercy on us, O God according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out our
transgressions, wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and
cleanse us from our sin.

**You desire truth in our inward being, therefore teach
us wisdom in our secret heart. Purge us with hyssop,
and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter
than snow.**

Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have
crushed rejoice. Hide your face from our sins and blot out all
our iniquities.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and
right spirit within us.**

Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take
your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your
salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit.

*Opening Hymn #682 ***It is Good to Sing Your Praises*** – Ellesdie

Invitation to Confession

Even though we are children of God, we still find it impossible to truly live a righteous life. God calls us to confess our sin handing it over to God and receive, in its place, forgiveness. Please join me in the prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

Having given us new life and called us to service in Jesus Christ our Lord; we your Church confess, that we have not followed Jesus' path of righteousness; or served him to our best capacity. We have faltered in our life, our zeal, and our witness, and our deeds testify to our weakness of spirit. Forgive us Lord, and renew us by your Holy Spirit, so that we can cast off the chains that bind us to ourselves, to the ordinary, and to the expedient. Awaken in our hearts, a new quest for your Way, as we seek to serve you, through your Church, in our community, sharing your Gospel of life, and restoration for all people.

Silent Confession

God hear the confessions we make to you personally. We ask for your forgiveness and healing.

Declaration of Pardon

Upon this humble confession which you have made, and by the authority of the Word of God, and as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, I do declare to you, that all your sins are forgiven, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

*Song of Praise - tune # 643

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
With count-less gifts of love, that still are ours to-day.**

*Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Holy Spirit, the unseen presence in our life. Open our hearts and minds to receive all that you have for us this day. As we worship fill us with love for God and God's love for us. Amen.

We Hear and Respond

From the Letter to the Galatians 5:22-25:

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of God.

Thank you, God, for your wisdom!

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: John 13:34-35; 14:18-24

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

*Hymn #840

When Peace Like a River - Ville du Havre

The Word of God Proclaimed

Rev. Erick Kern, Jr.

"Sanctification"

*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was Crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Debts and Debtors)

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN.

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 Music

Fairest Lord Jesus – arr. Melody Bober

*Offertory Response #606

The Doxology – Old Hundredth

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn of Dismissal #697

Take My Life - Hendon

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

Benediction

Postlude

Majesty - Jack W. Hayford

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Thank you to our Service Participants

9:00 a.m. Next to stage toward Third Street: Stacie Miller
 Next to stage toward townhouses: Frank Eidle
 Upper part toward refreshment stands: Janet Weikel
 Liturgist: Bruce Adam

10:30 a.m. Narthex: Steve Lentz
 Roberts' Church Office: Theodore Kutt
 Elevator: Cindy Roma
 Upper Narthex: Denise Fox
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Peter Hemperly

AUGUST 23, 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
Susan Hemperly, Senior Choir Accompanist
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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.

THANK YOU to **Pamela Trimbur** for playing the piano for our worship services today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER BREAK: Sunday School is on hiatus. We will resume with our Rally Day kickoff event on Sunday, September 13!

SUMMER WORSHIP IN THE PARK: Through August 30th 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.

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.

FULL MOON CAMPFIRE on Friday, August 28th, beginning at 8:15 p.m. This event is weather permitting. Rain and "thumpers" cancel. Bring a chair, favorite non-alcoholic beverage, and a snack to share.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the name of loved ones and friends.

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Phyllis Ackerman

by Michael & Sally Dougherty

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: The Women's Fellowship will participate in **East Greenville Community Days with a bake sale. The event will be held on Saturday, September 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Donations of baked goods are appreciated. Breakfast cakes and cookies are always a favorite. Since this is an outdoor event, please, no items which require refrigeration. Help is needed on Friday evening (September 11th) at 4:00 p.m. in the church kitchen to price the items. Help is also needed to host the bake sale table on Saturday. Please mark your calendar. Contact Delores Schuler (610-295-9165) with any questions or if you are able to participate. All women are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Activity books, cards, and small craft kits are being collected to give to children and youth at CHOP (Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania). These items will help to occupy their time as they deal with medical needs. There is a collection box in the Social Room for your contributions.

HAROLD FOX will be celebrating his 100th birthday on August 31!

If you would like to help make his milestone birthday even more special, please consider sending him a birthday card at:

Harold Fox, The Village at LifeQuest, 2100 Cherry Blossom Lane,
Apt. 201, Quakertown, PA 18951

Your thoughtful wishes would surely brighten his celebration. Thank you!

BULLETINS are presented in loving memory of Jack & Elaine Whitcomb and Francis & Esther Kline by Amy Hangey.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Michael E. Gery by sisters, Janis, Gail, Lynn, Lauren and families.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR are presented in honor of our grandchildren, Zachary and Anna Peterson and Owen Goryl by grandparents, Randy & Sherry Peterson.

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE ALTAR are presented in memory of wife, Cheryl Hill by Gerald Hill.

ATTENDANCE: 8/16/26 – 9:00 a.m. 52; 10:30 a.m. 24; Livestream 47; Sunday School-hiatus.

OPERATING INCOME 8/16/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$7,902; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$472.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$326,742.54
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$326,742.54
Year to Date Expenses	\$377,716.30
Special Income	\$1,264.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$10,536.48
Capital Campaign Income	\$8,310.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$19,200.00

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Park)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Park)
	6:30 p.m.	Consistory (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Historical Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
	6:30 p.m.	300 th Anniversary Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
Thurs.	7:15 p.m.	Red Hill Band rehearsal (Park)
Fri.	8:15 p.m.	Full Moon Campfire (Prayer Meditation Wall)
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Park)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)

Reformation Sisters Worship on September 6 – Labor Day Weekend Worship, Park Picnic, and Band Concert!

Many have wonderful memories of the Park Supper and Band Concert for 101 years at New Goshenhoppen. Last year, we let it rest and as promised, it is being “re-invented!”

The last several summers the Reformation Sister Congregations have come together for corporate worship on Labor Day weekend. New Goshenhoppen has been honored to host it in the New Goshenhoppen Church Park.

For those who find the Park not “safe” or “conducive” to worship, there will be a 9:00 a.m. service at St. Mark’s Lutheran. Rev’d Sellers will preach, Dr. Williams will preside at the organ, and Holy Communion will be celebrated. A link will be provided to each congregation so that our online congregations may participate.

The Park Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. with the Red Hill Band, and Rev’d Kevin Compton, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, preaching. Following worship there will be a community picnic. New Goshenhoppen will provide the “Burgers and the Dogs” – you bring the rest!

Following the picnic at 1:00 p.m., the Red Hill Band will provide a Park Concert! The Refreshment Stand will be open and the pastors will be dipping ice cream for “Open Link!” A day to invite family and friends to the Church Park for worship, fellowship, and music!

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SNOW CONES: The Friendship Committee is in need of youth and /or families to help with our annual Snow Cone stand on September 12 during Community Days. Help for an hour or whatever time you are able to give! This is a great opportunity to share and connect with our friends in the community. The signup sheet can be found on the Social Room Bulletin Board or speak to anyone on the Friendship Committee.

THANK YOU: The Health and Welfare Committee and MKBC would like to THANK all that took the time to donate Blood at our August 11th drive. The drive collected 14 good pints of blood which can potentially affect the lives of 42 people in need! Mark your calendars and watch for information on the next drive on November 10th!

THE BLESSING BOX: Our new mission, **The Blessing Box**, is now up and open! Our Theme, "Give What You Can. Take What You Need", seems to be a success. It is being used by those in need. If you can donate anything on the list below, it would be so appreciated. Thank you to all who have been "Giving What You Can". You can place your items in the Blessing Box, next to the lower parking lot, or in the blue container in the social room.

NEEDED ITEMS FOR BLESSING BOX

- Boxes of any type of pasta
- Any canned protein such as tuna, chicken, or beans
- Rice and rice meals
- Mac and cheese
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Boxes of pudding and Jello
- Granola bars and fruit snacks
- Ramen noodles
- Boxed cake and muffin mixes
- Pancake Mix and syrup
- Jelly or jam
- Soups
- Crackers
- Tomato and spaghetti sauces
- Canned ravioli or spaghetti
- Gatorade
- Cereals and oatmeal
- Bottled water and juices
- Baby wipes, food, or diapers
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Laundry detergent and dish soap

Please check expiration dates.

No household items, such as lamps or clothing.

No items that will spoil or need refrigeration.

If Blessing Box is full, please put items outside of the church office door.

HARVEST HOME

On Sunday, September 20, 2026, Harvest Home will be observed during our worship services. Each day, we give thanks to God for His provisions that enable our sustenance. However, it is on this Sunday that we ask members to remember those who may not be as fortunate as we are. Would you please donate non-perishable food items to be donated to OPEN LINK?

If you wish, you may bring donations of food to our church any time before Sunday, September 20 or you may bring them when you come to worship on September 20. Please do what is convenient for you. We ask that you place your donations in the Social Room or in the vestibule to Fellowship Hall. Please mark the bags or boxes with the words, OPEN LINK or HEALTH AND WELFARE. Another option would be to place the donations into the large white box (located in the Social Room) marked OPEN LINK. The Health and Welfare Committee will make certain that the food is delivered to Open Link.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FROM OPEN LINK:

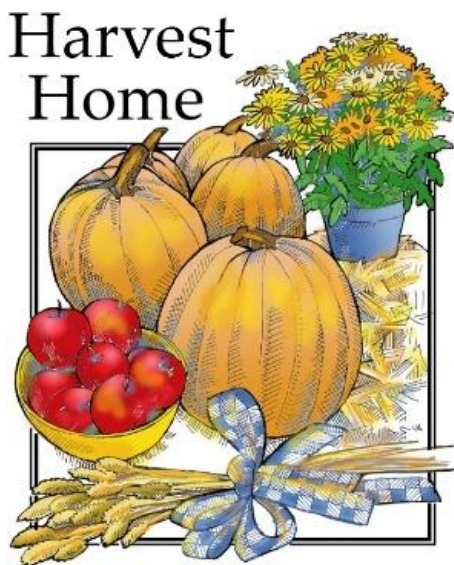
- Canned fruit and applesauce
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Pasta and sauce
- Cereal
- Canned chili
- Canned chicken
- Pork and beans
- Baby diapers
- Baby wipes
- Personal care items---shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste
- Cleaning supplies and paper products---toilet paper, paper towels, all-purpose cleaner, etc.
- OR-----Any non-perishable food item would be appreciated.

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IN ADDITION TO NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS---- We please ask that members continue to donate any monetary funds and gift cards that can be used for the purchase of food for those in need. These gifts will remain in our church for distribution to members and even non-members. By providing monetary gifts and gift cards, families are able to purchase fresh produce and perishable items, such as meat, fruits and vegetables, and dairy products.

Of a special note: Would you kindly check expiration dates on the packages and cans that you donate? Please.....only donate items that are not expired. Your cooperation is appreciated and we thank you.

~ The Health and Welfare Committee



GOSCHENHOPPEN MEADOWS FUND

Each year the Goschenhoppen Meadows Fund supports Ministry, Mission, and Maintenance projects above and beyond the annual budget. This year a total of \$44,109.36 will be distributed to proposals submitted by the congregation (\$14,703.12 allocated to each category): Ministry, Mission, and Maintenance. Ministry covers what we can do for the sake of the Gospel. Mission is financial support for the spread of the Good News and Christian acts of love in places beyond our local church. Maintenance covers short and long-term improvements at our church campus.

Applications and details on the submittal process are available on the New Goschenhoppen website at:

www.newgoshucc.org/mission-outreach

Scroll down to the bottom of the Mission and Outreach web page and click on one of the three application links under the Meadows Fund: Ministry Application, Mission Application, and Maintenance Application. Applications may also be obtained by contacting the Church Office directly.

1) Proposals by members and friends of New Goschenhoppen Church are due in the Church Office by **August 31, 2026**.

2) All proposals are screened by the Consistory Vice-President and the Senior Pastor to ensure sufficient information is included. Proposal authors are contacted as necessary.

3) Proposals are distributed to the appropriate committees for review and disposition.

- Ministry proposals – Church and Ministry Committee
- Mission proposals – Deacons' Committee
- Maintenance proposals – Property, Park, and Cemetery Committees

4) Committee recommendations are submitted to Consistory for approval at their October meeting.

5) Approved projects are shared at the November Congregational Meeting.

Please contact Donna Fried (moosedlf@aol.com) 610-730-0088 or Steve Lentz (sklentz72@gmail.com) 215-804-6637 with any questions regarding the proposal application process. As with previous years, the individuals submitting proposals will remain anonymous throughout the proposal review process.

It Is Good to Sing Your Praises 682

(Psalm 92)



1 It is good to sing your prais-es and to thank you, O Most
 2 You have filled my heart with glad-ness through the works your hands have
 3 But the good shall live be - fore you, plant - ed in your dwell-ing



High, show-ing forth your lov-ing-kind-ness when the morn-ing lights the
 wrought; you have made my life vic-to-rious; great your works and deep your
 place, fruit-ed trees and ev-er-ver-dant, nour-ished by your bound-less



sky. It is good when night is fall-ing of your faith-ful-ness to tell,
 thought. You, O Lord, on high ex-alt-ed, reign for-ev-er-more in might;
 grace. In his good-ness to the righ-teous God his righ-teous-ness dis-plays;



while with sweet, me-lo-dious prais-es songs of ad-o-ra-tion swell.
 all your en-e-mies shall per-ish, sin be ban-ish-ed from your sight.
 God, my rock, my strength and ref-uge, just and true are all your ways.

Psalm 92, paraphrased here, is the only psalm that the Bible assigns to a specific day: the Sabbath. This may be because of the mention of "works" in stanza two, recalling that, after six days of creation, God rested on the Sabbath (Genesis 2:2-3), when the faithful do the same.

TEXT: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*, 1909, alt.
 MUSIC: Leavitt's *Christian Lyre*, 1830/31

ELLESDIE
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840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well It is well with my soul; with my soul;

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

it is well; it is well with my soul.

This musical score is for the hymn 'Trusting in the Promises of God'. It is written in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'it is well; it is well with my soul.'

SERVICE MUSIC

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise *him, all crea - tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

This musical score is for the doxology 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It is written in a key with one sharp (F-sharp) and a common time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: '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

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Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.