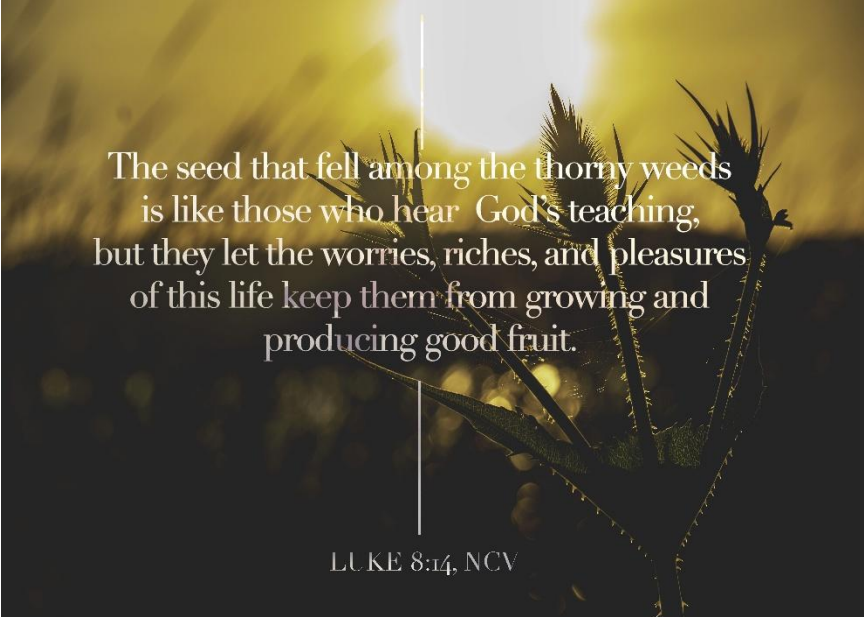


# New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



The seed that fell among the thorny weeds  
is like those who hear God's teaching,  
but they let the worries, riches, and pleasures  
of this life keep them from growing and  
producing good fruit.

LUKE 8:14, NCV

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

July 5, 2026

**9:00 a.m. In Person in Sanctuary**

**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      ***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*** – William B. Bradbury  
   ***Ancient of Days*** – arr. by Phillip Keveren

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Leader:      On Mount Zion the Lord Almighty will prepare a banquet for all the nations of the world, a banquet of the richest food and the finest wine.

**People:      He will suddenly remove the cloud of sorrow that has been hanging over all the nations. The Sovereign Lord will destroy death forever!**

Leader:      He will wipe away the tears from everyone's eyes and take away the disgrace his people have suffered throughout the world. The Lord has spoken.

**People:      When it happens, everyone will say, "he is our God! We have put our trust in him, and he has rescued us. He is the Lord! We have put our trust in him, and now we are joyful because he has saved us."**

\*Opening Hymn #321      ***The Church's One Foundation*** - Aurelia

Invitation to Confession

We are promised that if we confess our sins, God hears us. If we say we have no sin, we have lied to ourselves and the truth about our righteousness is not in us. But when we honestly confess our sins, God hears us and through the finished work of the Cross of Jesus Christ, forgives us.

## Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you and against each other in thought, word, and deed. We do not love you with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive what we have been, help us to change what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that the love of goodness may ever be first in our hearts. Enable us always to walk in your commandments blamelessly and follow to our life's end in the steps of our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

### *Silent Confession*

## 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.**

## \*Collect

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

There are many voices that seek our attention. Open our hearts and minds to listen for the still small voice of the Holy Spirit so that we will be guided to make choices that bring life to ourselves, our families, and our community. **AMEN.**

## ***We Hear and Respond***

The Hebrew Scriptures: Genesis 2:1-9, 15-16

**2** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, <sup>6</sup>but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup>then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>15</sup>The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden,

The Word of God.

**Thank you, God, for your wisdom!**

\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Luke 8:4-15

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

**Glory to Christ our Savior.**

<sup>4</sup>When a large crowd was gathering, as people were coming to him from town after town, he said in a parable: <sup>5</sup>“A sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed some fell on a path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. <sup>6</sup>Some fell on rock, and as it grew up it withered for lack of moisture. <sup>7</sup>Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup>Some fell into good soil, and when it grew it produced a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “If you have ears to hear, then hear!” <sup>9</sup>Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup>He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but to others I speak in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive and hearing they may not understand.’” <sup>11</sup>“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup>As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. <sup>15</sup>But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart and bear fruit with endurance.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

\*Hymn #465

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*** - Converse

## **“Choices”**

\*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

***Eternal Father, Strong to Save*** - arr. by Carol Tornquist

\*Offertory Response # 606

***The Doxology*** – Old Hundredth

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn of Dismissal #286

***Breathe on Me, Breath of God*** - Trentham

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

***Praise Him! Praise Him!*** - words by Fanny J. Crosby;  
music by Chester G. Allen

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## JULY 5, 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  
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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.

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

**THANK YOU** to **Pamela Trimbur** for serving as our pianist this morning.

**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.

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE:** Pastor Dave was at St. Augustine's House and will return to East Greenville tomorrow, July 6. If you should need pastoral care, please call the Church Office or the President of Consistory, Donna Fried.

### Summer Worship in the Park

July 12 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.

**OFFICIAL CALL and ACCEPTANCE:** **Kimberly Cornwell** has formally accepted the call of the congregation to serve as settled pastor at Peace in Zion United Church of Christ in Zieglerville, Pennsylvania. Her trial sermon and congregational vote was last Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Kim expresses her gratitude to the New Goshenhoppen congregation for your love and support throughout her journey. Once confirmed by the Keystone Conference, an announcement of the date of her Ordination and Installation will be made. Kimberly, may God richly bless you and your congregation as you step into this new chapter of your journey.

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

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** All women are invited to join in a doggie roast on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Park. Hot dogs, rolls, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. This will be a time of food, fun and fellowship.

**FIRST MONDAY MEAL:** Too hot to be in the kitchen cooking . . . let us cook for you! Monday, July 6 the BPW (Business and Professional Women) will be your host group at New Gosh . . . preparing and serving sloppy joe, coleslaw, corn on the cob and watermelon! Meal will be take-out style from 6:00-7:00 p.m. OR, Pennsburg UCC will be serving sausage sandwiches with peppers and onions, pasta salad, chips and a fresh fruit cup. This meal will be served 'dine-in' promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

**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.

**VBS ADOPT A PROP!** Are you available for some cutting, pasting, prepping? We need your help getting our decorations ready for VBS. We'll give you a kit with all the supplies and instructions to make things like paper snake chains, tissue paper flowers and palm leaves. We also have some general cutting needs to prep some of the kids' crafts. See our Adopt a Prop display in the Social Room and let us know if you can help!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR 300<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR:** The Confirmation Class for students who are in the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 300<sup>th</sup> 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.

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:** The Friendship Committee is in search of Coffee Hour hosts for July and August. It's summer so we are asking for LIGHT refreshments and there is almost always plenty of tea, juice, etc. in the Fridge in the Social Room that can be used. If and when we are at the Park, just cool drinks and light snacks! Can you help?? Please talk to any member of the Friendship Committee if you are interested in helping out!

**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.

**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.

**SYMPATHY** is expressed to the family of **Maria Lagger** who passed to eternal life on June 17, 2026. Please keep her husband, Walter and her children in your prayers. Maria's obituary may be read at:

[https://www.plattsfuneralhome.com/augusta\\_obituaries/maria-lagger](https://www.plattsfuneralhome.com/augusta_obituaries/maria-lagger)

**BULLETINS** are presented in loving memory of the birthday anniversary of Erma Graber by Tom & Elizabeth Graber.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in memory of loved ones by Gloria & Frank Eidle and family.

**ATTENDANCE: 6/28/26** – 8:00 a.m. 46; 10:30 a.m. 31; Livestream 43; Sunday School-hiatus.

**OPERATING INCOME 6/28/26:** Current & Benevolences including EFT \$7,483; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$547.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Year to Date Income	\$278,706.50
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$278,706.50
Year to Date Expenses	\$309,653.52
Special Income	\$0.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$4,613.98
Capital Campaign Income	\$5,790.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$18,000.00

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
Mon.	5:30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Hot Dog Roast (Park)
	6:00 p.m.	First Monday Meal (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Park)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Quiet Days (various rooms)
Thurs.	12:00 p.m.	Pastor Elaine's Community of Practice group (Social Room / Bell Garden)
	7:15 p.m.	Red Hill Band rehearsal (Park)
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Park)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	2:00 p.m.	Private Event (Park)

**Thank you to our Service Participants**

9:00 a.m.    Narthex: Donna Fried  
                  Roberts' Church Office: Frank Eidle  
                  Elevator: Delores Schuler  
                  Upper Narthex: Donna Fried  
                  Liturgist: Bruce Adam

10:30 a.m.    Narthex: Denise Fox  
                  Roberts' Church Office: Steve Lentz  
                  Elevator: Terry Dworkin  
                  Upper Narthex: Doug Atno  
                  Liturgist/Acolyte: Theodore Kutt

# GOSCHENHOPPEN MEADOWS FUND

Each year the Goschenhoppfen 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 Goshenhoppen website at:

[www.newgoshucc.org/mission-outreach](http://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 Goshenhoppen 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](mailto:moosedlf@aol.com)) 610-730-0088 or Steve Lentz ([sklentz72@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
 2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

She is his new creation by water and the word.  
 her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth,  
 by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
 she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
 yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.  
 And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song,  
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternal ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

# 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐맡은 우리구주

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

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 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868  
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# Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878  
 MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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