

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vacation Bible School Sunday

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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

August 9, 2026

9:00 a.m. In person and Livestream Worship in Sanctuary

Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church

We have welcomed over 80 children each day to Vacation Bible School 2026! We explored the Nature of God through singing, skits, teaching time, crafts, game time and snacks! Truly, it takes a congregation to make VBS happen!

As you enter the sanctuary, walk down the second-floor hallways, the creative work of members of the congregation is on display with Palm Trees, Flowers, snakes, and even more. The chancel of the church with the waterfall in the front has kept us focused on the theme of the week!

Thank you to all who served this past week to invite children to experience the goodness of God in Jesus Christ.

Nora Newport in *Heart to Heart* shares this story:

As we returned from Vacation Bible School one summer day, my young daughter Melissa asked if we could stop at the library. When I asked her why, she explained, "This morning my teacher told me that the only way we get to heaven is if our name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. I just want to make sure that my name is in there!"

I pray that the investment we made this week in the lives of children bears much fruit in the days and weeks ahead!

Thank you, parents, for entrusting your children to our care and teaching this past week. We are honored here at New Goshenhoppen by your trust!

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

Prelude

Pass It On! – arr. Kurt Colvin

Chiming of the Trinity

Invitation to Worship

*Song of Praise

This Is the Day!

**This is the day! This is the day that the Lord has made.
That the Lord has made.**

**We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
And be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made!

*The Pledges

Christian Flag

**I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior
for whose Kingdom it stands, one Savior, crucified, risen
and coming again with life and liberty for all who
believe.**

The Bible

**I pledge allegiance to the Bible. God's Holy Word. I
will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my
path. I will hide its words in my heart that I might not
sin against God.**

Rise and Shine

**God told Noah there's gonna be a floody, floody
God told Noah there's gonna be a floody, floody
Get those children out of the muddy, muddy
Children of the Lord**

**Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Children of the Lord**

**God told Noah to build him an arky, arky
God told Noah to build him an arky, arky
Build it out of gopher barky, barky
Children of the Lord**

**Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Children of the Lord**

**Along came the animals two by twosie, twosies
Along came the animals two by twosie, twosies
Elephants and kangaroosie, roosies
Children of the Lord**

**Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Children of the Lord**

**It rained and rained for forty daysie, daysies
It rained and rained for forty daysie, daysies
Almost drove those animals crazy, crazies,
Children of the Lord**

**Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Children of the Lord**

**Noah sent dovey to go and take a peeky peeky
Noah sent dovey to go and take a peeky peeky
Dovey came back with leaf in his beaky beaky
Children of the Lord**

**Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Children of the Lord**

**The sun came out and dried up all the landy landy
The sun came out and dried up all the landy landy
Everything was fine and dandy, dandy
Children of the Lord**

**Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory
Children of the Lord**

We Hear and Respond

Scripture Themes of VBS Week

God Is Our Creator – Psalm 103:22

Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom.

God Knows Everything – Psalm 139:1

O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

God Is Our Safe Place – Psalm 142:5

Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say, "You are my place of refuge.

God Is Love – Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

God Is Forever – Psalm 115:18

But we can praise the Lord both now and forever! Praise the Lord!

VBS Children Sing

March in the Infantry

**I may never march in the infantry,
ride in the cavalry, shoot the artillery;**

**I may never fly o'er the enemy,
but I'm in the Lord's army.**

I'm in the Lord's army.

I'm in the Lord's army.

**I may never march in the infantry,
ride in the cavalry, shoot the artillery;**

**I may never fly o'er the enemy,
but I'm in the Lord's army.**

Blessing of the Backpacks

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!

Praise ye the Lord.

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Halleluah!

Praise ye the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord – *Hallelujah!*

Praise ye the Lord – *Hallelujah!*

Praise ye the Lord – *Hallelujah!*

Praise Ye the Lord!

The B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E, yes, that's the book for me.

I stand alone on the Word of God.

The B-I-B-L-E!

A Sunday Word

Dr. Williams – "PD"

The Most Important Thing!

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

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanks

*Song of Going

D Em7 F#m G G/B F#m/A A

1 It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire go - ing,
 2 What a won-drous time is spring when all the trees are bud - ding,
 3 I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that I've found—

D Em7 F#m G G/B F#m/A A

and soon all those a - round can warm up in its glow - ing;
 the birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their bloom - ing;
 on God you can de - pend, it mat - ters not where you're bound;

D/F# G A/G D/F# Em7 F#m Bm

that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per-i-enced it:
 that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per-i-enced it:
 I'll shout it from the moun-tain top, I want my world to know;

you spread God's love to ev - ery - one, you want to pass it on.
 you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
 the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

WORDS and MUSIC: Kurt Kaiser (1934-)
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Following the Light of Christ into the World

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

VBS Children Sing

The Goodbye Song

**Goodbye our God is watching o'er you!
 Goodbye his mercy goes before you!
 Goodbye and we'll be praying for you!
 So, goodbye may God bless you!**

*Dismissal and Blessing

*The Pie

*Going Forth

Jesus Loves Me – J. Wayne Kerr

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AUGUST 9, 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
Cindy Biehn, Administrative Secretary
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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.

TODAY there will be **ONE SERVICE ONLY at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**
We will be celebrating with the Vacation Bible Students.

BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS, thank you does not even come close to how grateful we are for your tireless efforts to make VBS the safari dream we hoped it would be! From decoration prep, snack prep, craft prep, decorating all parts of the church and our day-to-day volunteers making everything seamless, we appreciate and thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We are blessed to have each of you as part of this journey teaching the children about God and his unwavering love. ~ Lori and Janine

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.

BLOOD DRIVE: The summer is winding down fast! Health & Welfare would like to remind everyone that our next Blood Drive is Tuesday, August 11, 1:00-6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment call Miller/Keystone Blood Center at 1-800-1-800-223-6667, #2 and use code E064 or online at: [https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/89809](https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive%20schedule/89809)

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 Gail & David Gerhard

WE FOUND A NEW ENGRAVER! Sanford Werfel Studios of Hightsville, New Jersey will be engraving the accessibility leaves moving forward. Mr. Barrows, our former engraver and member of the community, has officially retired. We are planning to submit an order to Sanford Werfel Studios on August 17th. If you'd like to order a leaf, please remit your form and payment to the Church Office by August 16th. Thank you!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Our outreach for the summer is back-to-school items for Open Link. There is a container in the Social Room for your donations.

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.

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.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: The Friendship Committee is in search of Coffee Hour hosts for August. 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 we are at the Park, just cool drinks and light snacks! Please talk to any member of the Friendship Committee if you are interested in helping out! Also, sign-up sheets for August are posted on the snack cabinet in the Social Room. Please feel free to sign up there!

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.

BULLETINS are presented in loving memory of mother, Linda Campano Smith by Jen & Joe Ventre; and in memory of the birthday anniversary of Sam Treichler by the family.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Earl Shirey by daughter, Gloria and family.

ATTENDANCE: 8/2/26 – 9:00 a.m. 72; 10:30 a.m. 39; Livestream 55; Sunday School-hiatus.

OPERATING INCOME 8/2/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$3,675; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$410.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$311,217.74
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Year to Date Expenses	\$361,874.33
Special Income	\$1,264.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$9,451.48
Capital Campaign Income	\$6,870.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$19,200.00

Thank you to our Service Participants

9:00 a.m. Narthex: Chris Weikel
Roberts' Church Office: Ben Fox
Elevator: Donna Fried
Upper Narthex: Janet Weikel

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Park)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	1:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Property & Park Committees (Park)
Thurs.	7:15 p.m.	Red Hill Band rehearsal (Park)
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Private Event (Park)
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!

THE BLESSING BOX: Our Blessing Box Has Arrived! Take a look in the lower parking lot, next to the sheds. It will be filled with generous donations from our congregation and community. If you would like to donate items, the list of suggestions is below. Just place them in the box! If you are in need of anything, please take what you need. This is open to anyone in our community who is food insecure.

- ❖ 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.

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.

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- 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.
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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.
