



New Holland Mennonite Church

April 19, 2026 • Volume 71, No. 16

Fellowship: 8:30 a.m. • Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Gathering & Praising God

For We Are Strangers No More (VT 409) Dawn Kaczor
Call to Worship & Prayer Ruth Douglas Miller
Heart with Loving Heart United (VT 813)

Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children Bryan Hower
Scripture: John 20:19-31 (*Gospel of John* from Visual Bible International)
Sermon: "Back to the Table: It Was Never Just About the Cross"
Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Enviados somos de Dios (We Have Been Sent by God) (VT 771)
Prayer of the People Ray Hurst

Sending

Seeds (VT 777)
Sending Blessing

Coffee: Ray Hurst; **Greeter:** Lisa, Joe, & Grace Kehm

Sound: Seth Lantz; **Nursery:** Lois Zimmerman

Close: Tim Martin; **Offering:** Sue Martin & Keith Miller

April 12: Attendance and Offering

Attendance: 36 (3 Zoom) • **Offering:** \$2,556.63

NEXT SUNDAY: April 26

Coffee: Sue Martin; **Greeter:** Francy Bailey

Song Leader: Jenn Esbenshade; **Sermon:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

Worship Lead: Bryan Hower; **Prayer:** Lois Zimmerman

Children: Ray Hurst; **Sound:** Mike Good

Nursery: Ruth Douglas Miller; **Close:** Tim Martin

Offering: Brenda Hurst & Ruth Douglas Miller

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 24: Marilyn & Tom Miller

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

Schedules: Joe Kehm's baseball and Grace Kehm's softball schedules are in the weekly update.

Rejoice: Daily Devotional Readings: A yearly subscription (4 books) is \$36.63. Let Pastor Dawn know if you would like to subscribe. Place a check, labeled "Rejoice" in the church offering.
Due by April 30.

Church Retreat Proposal Team: Due to limited volunteer interest, plans for a church retreat are being set aside. Instead, we're looking forward to gathering for Sunday afternoon picnics and lawn games after worship throughout the summer.

Friday-Sunday, April 17-19: SpongeBob the Musical! at Garden Spot High School: Ellie Good did set construction. Maggie Good did set painting and hair and make-up. April 17 & 18 at 7:30 p.m.; April 19, 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12.
<https://gspa.seatyourself.biz>

SUNDAY, April 19: Campership Applications due. Awarded end of May. Each child who receives a campership is asked to do 5 hours of community service with the church.

TUESDAY, April 21: ICE Preparation Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (POSTPONED until needed)

FRIDAY, April 24: Book Club: 7:00 p.m. at Brenda & Ray Hurst's home. Brenda leading the discussion. *Theo of Golden*, Theo visits the local coffeehouse, where ninety-two pencil portraits hang on the walls, portraits of the people of Golden done by a local artist. He purchases them, one at a time, and puts them back in the hands of their "rightful owners." With each exchange, a story is told, a friendship born, and a life altered.

SUNDAY, April 26: Band Concert: 2 p.m. GSHS Auditorium. Joe Kehm, Hunter & Leah Leonard,

WEDNESDAY, April 29: Second Grade Concert: 7 p.m. New Holland Elementary. Grace Kehm & Maddie Leonard. A smaller venue so you may need to stand.

SATURDAY, May 2: Lancaster County ICE Watch Training: 1-3 p.m., Landisville Mennonite Church, 3320 Bowman Rd., Landisville, PA. In Minneapolis, mass participation in rapid response networks, legal observance, and mutual aid were key in defending the city during the ICE surge. This training will provide our community with the structure and knowledge to perform ICE watch now, and to scale up the efforts if the need arises. Link to register in weekly email.

TUESDAY, May 5: Garden Spot Band and Orchestra Concert: 7 p.m., GSHS Auditorium. Maggie Good in Band and Ellie Good in Orchestra,

THURSDAY, May 7: Men's Dinner at Garden Spot Village
Concord Room: Room is reserved from 5:30-8:00. Food is available to purchase until 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday May 12: Garden Spot Chorus Concert: 7 p.m., GSHS Auditorium, Maggie is in a Middle School Ensemble of select choir singers!

What We Value

With Jesus as our center, we commit to including all people, strengthening our relationships (and) practicing peace and justice. (adopted February 2023)

Land Acknowledgment: We acknowledge, with humility, that the land where we sit and stand today is land that was home to the Susquehannock, Shawnee, and Lenape people. Let us be aware that we occupy their homeland, and that their presence is imbued in this land.

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Money Talk & Ministry Priorities

April 19 Sunday School: Congregational Autobiography
We continue our financial conversation that Colin started last week, focusing on attitudes, principles and practices related to money in our congregation.

April 26 Intergenerational Sunday School Class **A Quarter, 2 Dimes, and a Nickel for God:** *Sharing our stories of the offering plate and Sunday School collections*

In an increasing digital world in which we rarely keep cash in our wallets, how do we teach the next generation the importance and the blessing of giving cheerfully to God and our church's ministries?

August Worship: Our Money Story A 4-Week Worship Series from Sanctified Art

Money and possessions are one of the most common topics in scripture, and Jesus talked about money more than faith and prayer. Our money story, therefore, is a spiritual story.

This theme invites us to discover and tell our money stories in light of God's money story of liberation and justice.

This series encourages us to transform our stewardship practices into more full expressions of who we are and what we believe.

Summer 2026

The Leadership Team, with Colin Saxton, will reflect on the past year, revisit our core values, and prepare for a meaningful fall congregational conversation.

Fall 2026

Together, we'll align our ministries, structure, staffing, and facility plans with who we are called to be and what we are called to do—here and beyond. A budget will be developed to support this shared vision and reflect our capacity as a congregation.