



New Holland Mennonite Church

August 30, 2026 • Volume 71, No. 34
Fellowship: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Gathering & Praising God

Hallelu! Dawn Kaczor & Grace Kehm
Call to Worship & Prayer
“The Extraordinary in the Ordinary” Dawn Kaczor

Hearing God’s Voice

The Fruit of the Spirit’s Not ...
Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord (VT 401)
The Parable of the Seeds and Soils
Based on Matthew 13:3-23

Responding

Conversation with Adults Maggie and Ellie Good
These Seeds You Have Sown (VT 777)
Bibles to Sixth Graders Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower
Shawn Cunningham, Bradley Leonard, Hunter Leonard,
Joe Kehm, Amen Siyoum
Prayer for a New School Year Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower
Prayer of the People Dawn Kaczor
Announcements

Sending

Blessing

Picnic Lunch

Coffee: Ray Hurst; **Greeter:** Brenda Hurst
Pianist: Jenn Esbenshade; **Close:** Bryan Hower
Sound: Wade Esbenshade; **Nursery:** Lois Zimmerman
Offering: Francy Bailey & Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel

August 23: Attendance and Offering

Attendance: 35 (6 Zoom) • **Offering:** \$5,370.00

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 1: Dot & Irvin Weaver

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 1: Irvin Weaver; **September 3:** Joe Kehm

September 4: Shawn Cunningham

September 4: Mekdes Anshebo; **September 6:** Caleb Siyoum

NEXT SUNDAY: September 6: At Church

Morning planned by Ruth Douglas Miller & Lois Zimmerman

Greeter: Francisco Morales; **Coffee:** Ashly Escalante

Close: Tim Martin; **Offering:** Francy Bailey & Sue Martin

SUNDAY: September 13: At Esbenshade Farm

Morning planned by Jenn & Wade Esbenshade

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

EVERY TUESDAY, Sprouts for Peace Garden Work, 6 p.m.

Vacation: Pastor Dawn will be on vacation September 4-7.
Please contact Lois Zimmerman with Pastoral Care concerns.

Membership: Interested in joining New Holland Mennonite Church? Talk with Pastor Dawn about preparing for Annual Covenant Sunday on November 22.

THURSDAY, September 3: Men’s Dinner at Garden Spot Village Concord Room: Room is reserved from 5:30-8:00.

WEDNESDAY, September 16: Women’s Dinner at Garden Spot Village Concord Room: Room is reserved from 5:30-8:00.

SUNDAY, September 20: Juntos en el Duelo, Unidos en la Oración (Together in Grief, United in Prayer): 3:30 p.m. Join us as we remember, lament, listen, and pray together in solidarity with immigrant communities. Spread the word — especially to anyone in the immigrant community, or to anyone who supports them! More information in weekly email update.

WEDNESDAY, September 30: “God’s Love Knows No Borders” Float in New Holland Parade (Sign up by September 1). Details in weekly email update.

SUNDAY, September 20: Sunday School begins for all ages.

A Change of Plans — and Two Sundays to Look Forward To!

We had planned to gather at the Esbenshade Farm for an outdoor worship service focused on creation, followed by a picnic and outdoor games on Sunday, September 6. Since many people will be traveling over Labor Day weekend, we are moving that special time together to Sunday, September 13.

That gives us an opportunity for something different—and we're looking forward to it! **On Sunday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m.**, we'll gather at the church for a **relaxed morning of light brunch, conversation, and worship around the theme of Labor Day.**

- ♦ We'll enjoy bagels, coffee cake, fruit, and beverages as we explore what the Bible has to say about labor, justice, and rest.
- ♦ We'll also learn more about one another as we share the many jobs we have done throughout our lives—from first jobs to careers—and hear about the jobs and careers our youth dream about for their futures.

Then mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 13, when we'll gather at the Esbenshade farm to celebrate creation with worship, a picnic, and outdoor games!** Please sign up in the weekly email to attend the picnic or to bring food. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on, the food you signed up to bring, and your favorite lawn games.

SUNDAY, October 4: Intergenerational Sunday School: Blessing the Early Learning Center

SUNDAY, October 11: 9 a.m. – *What is God calling us to do in 2027?*

SUNDAY, October 18: 9 a.m. – *How do we carry out what God is calling us to do in 2027?*

SUNDAY, October 25: 9 a.m. – *How will we fund what God is calling us to do in 2027?*

WEDNESDAY, October 28: Book Club: 7 p.m. at Jenn's house.
Book: *The Kin* by Tayari Jones.

SUNDAY, November 22: Annual Covenant Sunday

Sunday, January 10: 9 a.m. – Presentation of the proposed 2027 Ministry Plan, 2027 Narrative Budget, and 2027 Annual Budget.

Sunday, February 7: Annual Congregational Meeting: 9 a.m.
Vote on the 2027 Ministry Plan, Narrative Budget, and Annual Budget.

Pastor: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Leadership Team:** Dawn Kaczor,
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