

SUNDAY, March 29: Intergenerational Sunday School:

We will be filling Easter eggs for the ELC Easter Egg Hunt and preparing treats for the ELC staff. Please sign up in the weekly email update to bring individually wrapped candy for eggs or treats for the staff.

SUNDAY, April 12: Long-Term Planning and Sustainability, 9 a.m. Colin Saxton will be with us in person to lead this meeting and bring the morning sermon..

SUNDAY, April 12: College Care Package: As Davin and Kai finish up their college year, consider sending a little encouragement their way. You're invited to write a note and/or contribute a small gift such as snack foods, cereal, or chocolate (*school supplies are not needed*). Please place items in the boxes on the table at the front of the sanctuary by Sunday, April 12.

Sunday, April 19: Campership Applications due. Contact Pastor Dawn if you would like to apply for a camp scholarship for Summer 2026. Camperships will be awarded by the end of May. Each child who receives a campership is asked to do 5 hours of community service with the church.

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

Dwelling in
DISSONANCE

Standing Up & Standing Back

Focus Statement: We all have moments of courage and fear, self-protection and solidarity with others, compassion and denial. This week puts us firmly in the dissonance that Jesus, the disciples, and we experience.

Confident, hesitant, maybe just tired.

We come to worship.

Wanting to follow but not always sure how.
Embarrassed by the ways we've fallen short.

We come anyway.

Seeking, hurting, longing, needing.

We come.

When hopes are high, and dreams are bright.
When hopes are dashed, and the world is not all right.

We come again. We keep coming.

Ready or not. Here we are.

Come, Jesus. Come and meet us.

Order of Worship

My Coins Count

Gathered by Children

Gathering & Praising God

Come, Walk with Us (VT 23)

Call to Worship & Prayer

Lord, I Need You (VT 155)

Jenn Esbenshade

Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel

Hearing God's Voice

Extinguish Candle

Conversation with Children

Jen Morales

Scripture: John 18:[1-11] 12-27

(Gospel of John from Visual Bible International)

Sermon: "Standing Up & Standing Back"

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (VT 156)

Prayer of the People

Announcements

Brenda Hurst

Sending

Don't Be Afraid (VT 596)

Sending Blessing

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

Sound: Bryan Hower; **Nursery:** Ray Hurst

Offering: Mike Good & Lisa Kehm; **Close:** Mike Good

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 10: Bryan Hower & Dawn Ranck-Hower

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 15: Dawn Kaczor

March 1: Attendance and Offering

Attendance: 42 (6 Zoom) • **Offering:** \$1,470.00

NEXT SUNDAY: March 15

Coffee: Sue Martin; **Greeter:** Bryan Hower; **Close:** Tim Martin

Worship Lead: Sue Martin; **Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade

Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Prayer:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

Children: Dawn Kaczor; **Sound:** Wade Esbenshade

Nursery: Bryan Hower; **Offering:** Mike Good & Lisa Kehm

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

TUESDAY, March 10: 11 a.m. **Potato Cutting:** There are signs the long cold winter of 2026 is ending and warmer days are on the way. Let's celebrate the coming spring by preparing to plant potatoes! Gather at table by the shed by the garden. Dress warm and bring a knife for cutting. Let the fun begin!

FRIDAY, March 13: 11 a.m. **Potato Planting**

FRIDAY, March 13: Book Club at Bryan & Dawn's house.

Conversation led by Pat Thomas: *Buckeye*, a novel by Patrick Ryan. One town. Two families. A secret that changes everything.

SUNDAY, March 15: Parking Lot Process Meeting, 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 18: Women's Dinner at GSV Concord

Room: Reserved from 5:30-8:00. Food available until 6:30 p.m.

Atlantic Coast Conference Assembly Weekend: Exile: Dwelling in Dissonance: Assembly is open to anyone who wants to reflect on what it means to be church and how we live out faith together.

FRIDAY, March 20: Watch Party at the home of Pastor

Dawn and Bryan: Gather at 6:45 p.m. with others from NHMC for the Opening Assembly, featuring a keynote address by Matthew D. Taylor on the weekend's theme, **Exile: Dwelling in Dissonance.** Taylor—an author, theologian, and religious studies scholar specializing in Christian Nationalism—will explore the tension between our cultural moment and our calling as Christian peacemakers. Discussion and dessert to follow. RSVP to Pastor Dawn.

SATURDAY, March 21: In Person Gathering at North

Baltimore Mennonite Church: AAs followers of Jesus, lives of love, peacemaking, and justice can place us at odds with the world around us. At times we may feel like exiles in our own communities, while others experience exile because of culture, sexuality, or life circumstances. At ACC Assembly, we will explore this theme through conversations on Christian nationalism and loving our LGBTQIA+ and immigrant neighbors. Bus transportation is available. **See weekly email update for additional details or to register.**