

# New Holland Mennonite Church

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 Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



**Give THANKS to GOD,  
 for GOD is GOOD!  
 God's faithful love lasts forever!**

## *Annual Covenant Worship Service*

### **We Bring Our Thanks**

*I Owe the Lord a Morning Song (VT 496) (vs 1-3)* Praise Team  
 Call to Worship/Prayer Steven Lantz  
 Litany of Celebration Leadership Team  
 Wade: Give thanks to God, for God is good.  
**All: God's faithful love lasts forever.**  
 Steven: We celebrate those who walked before us  
 and became known in the community as  
 New Holland Mennonite Church.  
 Lois: The people who moved into town to operate  
 businesses, to initiate ministry through revival  
 meetings, Sunday school and sewing circle.

Steven: Those who first constructed a building and  
 celebrated with the words from Genesis 12:8 ,  
 "And there Abram built an altar unto the Lord and  
 called upon the name of the Lord."

Lois: We acknowledge the men and women who, on  
 Sunday, November 18, 1923, voted unanimously  
 to organize as a congregation, and continued  
 through the years to worship through  
 congregational singing and preaching, to show  
 hospitality to those in need, and to engage in  
 mission, at home and in the world.

Wade: God has been our strength and protection,

**All: God has been our saving help.**

Wade: God has acted.

**All: We rejoice and celebrate in it!**

Wade: You are our God!

**All: We give thanks to you!**

Wade: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

**All: God's faithful love lasts forever!**

Children's Dance: *Promises* by Maverick City  
 Led by Danika Snader & Michele Good

Sharing our Tithes and Offering Steven Lantz  
 Prayer: We Say "Thank you"

"Thus Far God Has Helped Us" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower  
 Scripture: Psalm 118: 1-5

Story 1: "We Faced Death" Jenn Esbenshade  
 Scripture: Psalm 118: 6

Story 2: "\$2,000 Short" Bryan Hower  
 Scripture: Psalm 118: 7-8

Story 3: "A New Heating System" Wade Esbenshade  
 Scripture: Psalm 118: 14

Story 4: "A Pandemic" Steven Lantz  
 Scripture: Psalm 118: 21-24

Story 5: "Early Learning Center Reorganization" Lois Zimmerman  
 Scripture: Psalm 118: 28-29

Building an Ebenezer: "For thus far God has helped us"  
*Come, Thou Fount (VT 563)*

## **We Covenant and Commune Together**

Membership Transfer: Ruth Douglas Miller, Keith Miller,  
Sarah Reese, Sean Reese

Covenant Signing by Church Members

Communion

*We Place Upon Your Table (VT 462)*

## **Connected we go ...**

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Brenda Martin Hurst

*Great is Thy Faithfulness (VT 419)*

Benediction

**Everyone is invited to stay for a meal following worship.**

**Coffee:/Greet/Close:** Sue & Tim Martin

**Praise Team:** Francy Bailey, Jenn Esbenshade, Bryan Hower,  
Jen Morales; **Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenshade

**Gather & Count Offering:** Brenda Martin Hurst & Lois Zimmerman

### **November 13**

**Attendance:** 45 (8 on zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$2,551.00

### **NEXT SUNDAY: November 27**

**Coffee:** Evelyn Bailey; **Greet:** Michele, Ellie, & Maggie Good

**Close:** Tim Martin; **Worship Leader:** Steven Lantz

**Praise Team:** Ruth Douglas Miller, Dawn Kaczor, Steven Lantz,  
Keith Miller, Jen Morales; **Sound:** Mike Good

**Sermon/Congregational Prayer:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Gather & Count Offering:** Sue Martin & Lois Zimmerman

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**December 9: ELC Christmas Program,** 6 p.m.

**December 10: Men's Breakfast:** 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

**December 14: Women's Dinner:** 6 p.m. Panera Bread, Ephrata

**December 25: Christmas Brunch:** 9 a.m.; **Worship:** 10 a.m.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**November 26:** Marilynn Miller; **November 27:** Mike Good

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**November 22:** Brenda & Ray Hurst

## **Church News**

**Bury the Barrow:** We as a congregation have the privilege of helping CrossNet by providing food for the Food Pantry. Bring food and place it in the display on the platform at church by the end of November. Items needed: soup, pasta sauce, instant potatoes, ketchup, pancake mix, pancake syrup, cooking oil, crackers, toilet paper, paper towels, body wash, shavers for women and men, laundry detergent. Additional items are listed at [elanco-cross.org](http://elanco-cross.org). **Let's "bury the wheelbarrow!"**

**Advent Devotional:** We will be using materials from Sanctified Art for Advent this year, beginning on November 27. **Please let Pastor Dawn know by TODAY (Nov. 20) if you would like to have a printed version of the devotional.** The cost of a printed devotional is \$9. Please give payment to Pastor Dawn.

**Christmas Program:** On **Friday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.**, we have the privilege to welcome a couple hundred guests here in our space when we host the Early Learning Center Christmas program. **Volunteers of all ages are needed.** Sign up: [signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AAAE23A6F49-volunteer1](https://signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AAAE23A6F49-volunteer1)

**Women's Dinner: Wednesday, December 14,** 6 p.m., Panera Bread, Ephrata. Beginning in 2023, meet at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month in the Concord Room at Garden Spot Village. Pick up food at the Harvest Table Restaurant. Food available for purchase until 6:30 p.m.

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**Leadership Team:** Wade Esbenshade, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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## Membership\* Covenant

- ◆ We believe in God, the creator; Jesus, the savior; and the Holy Spirit, the sustainer.
- ◆ We accept the Word of God as guide and authority for our lives.
- ◆ We affirm our faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ, our Lord, and to the gospel he proclaimed.
- ◆ We unite as a congregation and worship, serve, and share in its ministry.
- ◆ We will support this congregation with our earnest prayers, regular attendance, loyal service, and faithful stewardship as God gives us strength.
- ◆ We will live and share with the congregation in the bonds of Christian fellowship, giving and receiving love, sharing and bearing one another's joy and pain.

**Attendee:** These are people who want to attend, participate, and call New Holland their spiritual home, yet do not wish to formally covenant or have not yet been baptized or transferred their membership from another congregation. Attendees' participation, wisdom, and insight are welcome in congregational life.

\* **Covenant Members:** These are people who want to make a formal commitment to the community of faith. Covenant members attend regularly, participate in and vote on congregational decisions, and take leadership in the congregation. Covenant members annually sign the Membership Covenant Agreement.

## Community News

**Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster:** Come experience the retelling of the glorious birth of Jesus through song and scripture at our 2022 Christmas concert series. Singers will be joined by local guest artists. **Saturday, December 3:** St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lancaster, PA; **Sunday, December 4,** 4 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA; **Wednesday, December 7,** 7 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA. Details: [mennonitechildrenschoir.org](http://mennonitechildrenschoir.org)

**Alive with 55 & Up:** Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **December 13,** 10 a.m. The Ukulele Band will lead us in a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long, followed by a delicious Christmas meal.

**Deux Voix, Wednesday, March 15,** 7 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster). Formed in 2014, Deux Voix ("two voices") has amassed a sterling reputation with national and international acclaim. In their mission to expand the world of trumpet and organ, Stephen Langham and Justin Distad are constantly adapting works from other genres and instrumentations. Details: [www.highlandpc.org](http://www.highlandpc.org).

**Rizzetta's Tones: Wednesday, May 10,** 7 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster). Rizzetta's Tones is a Celtic Americana band whose repertoire includes music from Ireland, Scotland, and the United States, but draws on other sources as well. Forging new arrangements and writing their own material, they present audiences with a pleasing twist on musical traditions. Details: [www.highlandpc.org](http://www.highlandpc.org).

**Highland Chancel Choir, Wednesday, June 7,** 7 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster). This concert will take us on a journey through musical theatre history featuring well-known songs by Rodgers & Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, Stephen Sondheim, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and others. The program also features the celebrated and stirring *Gospel Mass* by Robert Ray. Details: [www.highlandpc.org](http://www.highlandpc.org).