



# New Holland Mennonite Church

November 13, 2022 • Volume 67, No. 45  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School • 10:00 a.m. Worship

## Gathering & Praising God

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship (VT 29)* Praise Team  
Call to Worship and Prayer Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower  
*Micah 6:8 (NRSV)*

## Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings  
Conversation with Children Ray Hurst  
Scriptures: Micah 1:3-5; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8 (NLT)  
Sermon: "Who is Yahweh and What is Yahweh Like?"  
Caleb Simmers \*

## Responding

*Hope is a Candle (VT 211)*  
Moment in Mission: Bridge of Hope Caleb Simmers  
Sharing and Announcements Lois Zimmerman

## Sending

*We Dream of a Turning (VT 209)*  
Benediction

**Coffee:** Ray Hurst; **Close:** Mike Bortzel; **Greet:** Jim & Evelyn Bailey  
**Praise Team:** Francy Bailey, Brenda Hurst, Ruth Douglas Miller,  
Keith Miller, Dawn Ranck Hower; **Sound:** Bryan Hower  
**Gather & Count Offering:** Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel & Sue Martin

**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.

\* Caleb Simmer serves as Bridge of Hope Lancaster Church Engagement and Housing Director. He has spent his career in church ministry, primarily youth and family ministry. Within that role he has worked in communities that required the church to play an active role in meeting social, financial, and cultural needs in the community. He has a history of coordinating collaborative efforts among various churches and non-profits to meet those needs. He and his wife Ashley currently reside in Lititz.

## November 6

**Attendance:** 37 (7 on zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$3,800.00

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**November 16:** Dot Weaver; **November 17:** Sarah Sauder

## NEXT SUNDAY: November 20

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

**Worship Leader:** Steven Lantz

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

**Homily:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Congregational Prayer:** Brenda Martin Hurst

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**November 9: Women's Dinner:** 6 p.m. Panera Bread, Ephrata

**November 12: Men's Prayer Breakfast:** 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

**November 20: Congregational Meeting,** 9 a.m.

**November 20: Annual Covenant Sunday,** 10 a.m.

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

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

## 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!"**

**Financial Update:** As of the November 7, the congregation has a deficit of \$4,313.00 for the year.

**Annual Covenant Sunday, November 20.** A Sunday of remembering the faithfulness of God. We will sing, pray, read scripture, celebrate communion, receive new members, sign the annual covenant (*see back of bulletin*), and hear our congregations stories of God's faithfulness. Julia Buhl, Ruth Douglas Miller, Keith Miller, Sarah Reese, and Sean Reese will become members.

**Please plan on attending this important worship service where we recommit to each other for the next year. Note: Please contact Pastor Dawn if you are unable to attend but want to remain a member for another year.**

**Fellowship Meal after church on November 30:** Bring a hot and/or cold dish to share and your own place settings. Hot dish should be in a slow cooker. The meal will be served in the lobby and begin approximately 15 minutes after service is over. Let Evelyn know if you are available to help.

**Advent Devotional:** We will be using materials from Sanctified Art for Advent this year, beginning on November 27. Please let Pastor Dawn know 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)

## 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)

## 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.

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