



January 29, 2023 • Volume 68, No. 5

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

### Gathering & Praising God

*How Great is Our God (VT 116)*

Jenn Esbenshade

Call to Worship and Prayer

Bryan Hower

*Spirit Open My Heart (VT 636)*

### Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Scripture: Matthew 6:7-24

Conversation with Children

Dawn Kaczor

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon: "A Lesson from Nature" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

### Responding

*Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God (VT 653)*

Sharing and Announcements

Steven Lantz

Congregational Prayer

### Sending

*You are Salt of the Earth (VT 297)*

Benediction

**Coffee:** Evelyn Bailey; **Close:** Jim Bailey

**Greeters:** Michele, Mike, Ellie, Maggie Good

**Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenshade

**Gather & Count Offering:** Sue Martin & Brenda Martin Hurst

**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.

**January 22**

**Attendance:** 44 (6 on zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$1,680.00

**NEXT SUNDAY: February 5**

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

**Worship Leader:** Sue Martin; **Praise Team:** Dawn Kaczor,  
Steven Lantz, Ruth Douglas Miller, Keith Miller

**Sermon:** Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Sound:** Bryan Hower

**Children's Time:** Michele Good; **Prayer:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Gather & Count Offering:** Keith Miller & Lois Zimmerman

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**January 29:** Brenda Martin Hurst

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**February 5: Sunday School: "Our Origins and the Early Years"** 9:00 a.m. **(Zoom provided).**

**February 11: Men's Breakfast:** 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

**February 12: Congregational Meeting:** 9:00 a.m.

(Not February 5 as previously announced).

**February 15: Women's Dinner:** 6 p.m. Garden Spot Village,  
Room across from Harvest Table

## Church News

**LGBTQ+ Congregational Learning and Discerning:** Each class will open with a time of guided prayer. No Zoom provided.

**Sunday, February 19: 9 a.m.: Hearing from Each Other.**

Our personal experiences with LGBTQ+. Telling our stories around tables.

**Sunday, February 26, 9 a.m.: Hearing from Science.**

Defining Terms.

**Sunday, March 12, 9 a.m.: Hearing from LGBTQ+ Persons.**

A panel discussion.

**Sunday, March 19, 9 a.m. Hearing from the Bible.** A closer

look at the prohibitive tests: Leviticus 18, 20, Romans 1,  
1 Corinthians 6, 1 Timothy 1

**Sunday, March 26, 9 a.m.: Where do we go from here?**

**Sunday School on February 5 “Our Origins and the Early Years”:** Mark your calendars and plan to attend this first session in a series of Sunday School classes that will retell the story of New Holland Mennonite Church (NHMC). On this first Sunday, Darvin Martin (who wrote the 75th-anniversary historical account of NHCM, "A People on the Way") will be with us to recapture our origins in Europe and migration to the Groffdale and Weaverland Valleys of Lancaster County in the 1700s. Brenda Hurst will share about the broader Mennonite stirrings in the US in the late 1890s to 1910s, which created the Weaverland Missions Committee who envisioned a church in New Holland. Steven Lantz will present about the moving of families into the New Holland Borough and the early formation and activities of this congregation. Come and engage with our church story!

This will be just the first of a series of sessions planned for the first Sunday of every month this spring and fall (March 5, April 2, May 7, Sept 3, Oct 1 and Nov. 5) to capture the interesting 100 - year history of New Holland Mennonite Church. This year of focus on our history will culminate in a **Centennial Celebration on Covenant Sunday, November 19, 2023.**

**Lent Worship Services, beginning February 25: Theme: The Kingdom of God:** Throughout Jesus’ ministry, he teaches his disciples about the kingdom of God. Through a series of parables and lessons, the followers of Jesus begin to grasp “God’s way,” which is often different than what we might expect. As we learn more about the kingdom, we discover that we are called to embody these kingdom values now, as we await the full coming of God’s kingdom in the future.

## Community News

**Everence Free Medicare Workshops:** Learn more about Medicare. Topics include: enrollment details and deadlines. How to move from current coverage. Prescription drug coverage. Plans that supplement Medicare. **Webinar: Feb. 2:** 6 p.m.; **April 20:** 6 p.m.; **August 24:** 6 p.m. **October 6:** 6:30 p.m. **In Person: October 5:** 6:30 p.m. **Bonus: September 28,** 6:30 p.m. “Retired with Confidence” seminar. Register or learn more at [everence.com/centralpenn](https://everence.com/centralpenn).

**Mennonite Disaster Service Celebration: Friday evening, February 10, 6:00 p.m.** at the Worship Center, Leola. Come for a meal followed by a program highlighting MDS stories, the Mennonite Children’s Choir of Lancaster, and a performance by Piercing Word Ministries. The celebration will resume Saturday morning with additional stories about the work of MDS volunteers. The event is free and open to all. Please register by January 31. Learn more at <https://mds.org/annual-celebration/>

**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).

**Stewardship University: Rooted in Faith. Reimagined for the Future, Saturday, March 18, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.** A ministry partnership between Everence and our local faith community. One of the workshops will explore better stewardship through budgeting and financial wisdom: presented by Todd Captao of Solanco Neighborhood Ministries and Denise Wayman of Everence Federal Credit Union. Discounted rates through February 9. For information or to register visit [everence.com/StewU](https://everence.com/StewU).

**Mennonite Central Committee PA Relief Sale Craft Stand:** A reminder to be creating for the annual sale to be held Friday and Saturday, **March 31 & April 1, 2023**, in the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, PA. We are seeking new quality items made from fabric, yarn, thread, wood, paper or your specialty medium, including fancy soaps, candles, etc. See bulletin board at church for details or contact Janet Runion Patton: 717-926-4008; [jcpatton99@gmail.com](mailto:jcpatton99@gmail.com)

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