



New Holland Mennonite Church

September 24, 2023 • Volume 68, No. 39

Fellowship: 8:30 am • Sunday School: 9 am • Worship: 10:00 am

Gathering & Praising God

Oceans (VT 456)

Call to Worship / Prayer

Blessed Be Your Name (VT 637)

Jenn Esbenshade
Brenda Martin Hurst

Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-30 (NRSV)

Conversation with Children

Sermon: "God-Wrestler and Grace"

Ray Hurst
Mark Wenger*

Responding

Beautiful Things (VT 551)

Moment in Mission: New Holland Early Learning Center

Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel & Jen Morales

Sharing & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Jenn Esbenshade

Sending

Spirit, Open My Heart (VT 636)

Benediction

Coffee: Ray Hurst; **Greeters:** Ray Hurst & Brenda Martin Hurst

Close: Mike Bortzel; **Sound:** Mike Good

Gather & Count Offering: Francy Bailey & Sue Martin

* **Mark Wenger** is a retired pastor and educator. He provides care for his wife Kathy, and works part-time as bishop of the Lancaster District, LMC, and as a faculty mentor with Kairos University.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 24: Jim Bailey

September 25: Evelyn Bailey; Karina Morales

September 26: Grace Kehm; **September 30:** Victor Woods

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 28: Patricia & Victor Woods

NEXT SUNDAY: October 1

Coffee: Sue Martin; **Greeters:** Sue & Tim Martin

Close: Tim Martin; **Worship Leader:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

Song Lead / Guitar: Kelsey Means

Piano: Jenn Esbenshade

Praise Team: Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel & Bryan Hower

Sermon: Judy & Ron Zook; **Children's Time:** Michele Good

Prayer: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Sound:** Kai Esbenshade

Gather & Count Offering: Ruth Douglas Miller & Brenda Martin Hurst

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

September 24: Adult Sunday School: Focus 1989-2002

September 29: Book Club, 7 p.m. Pat Thomas' home

September 30: Charles Longenecker Memorial, 3 p.m.
at Landis Homes

October 1: Adult Sunday School: Focus 2002-2013

Fellowship Meal following worship

October 7: Lancaster City Historic Walking Tour: 2 p.m.

October 14: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

October 16: Blood Donation, 1-6 p.m.

October 21: Apple Cider Making: 2-5 p.m. Ray & Brenda's home

**November 11: Walking Tour: Stories of Southeast Lancaster
City: The Heritage of the Polite Family,** 2 p.m.

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)

September 17 (Hans Herr House)

Attendance: 33 • Offering: (Combined with September 24)

Church News

Vacation: Pastor Dawn and Bryan are in Boston September 22-25. Contact Ray or Brenda with pastoral care emergencies.

October Fundraiser: You are invited to participate in a fundraiser for the New Holland Early Learning Center. During the month of October, funds will be raised to go toward the ELC PreK educational supplies. **The first \$3,000 will be matched.** Mark your offering envelopes "ELC Fundraiser."

Fellowship Meal: Sunday, October 1. 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 Bailey know if you are available to help.

Address Update: Judy Schweitzer, Hillcrest Apt. 303, PO Box 190, Honey Brook, PA 19344.

Book Club: Educated. Pat Thomas will host a book discussion about "Educated" on **Friday, September 29**, 7 pm. Please sign up to attend. Beverage and sweet snack provided. Bring a snack to share if you wish. Park in the driveway or on the grass; no street parking allowed. Come to the second door. If it is nice out we will be sitting outside. RSVP: forms.gle/Sfxn7pKSY5Dj5enq5.

Lancaster City Historic Guided Walking Tour: October 7: 2 p.m. Two-hour tour departs from Lancaster City Visitor Center, 38 Penn Square, Lancaster. Please arrive 15-30 minutes before departure times. Prices: Adults \$15 / Seniors (62 & older) \$10 / Students (6-18) \$5 / Children under 6 free. www.aahsscpa.org. (NOTE: We will meet for an early dinner at Lancaster Southern Market to chat about what we observed and learned. www.southernmarketlancaster.com.)

Blood Donation: October 16, 1-6 p.m. Planned by Early Learning Center. Appointment: redcrossblood.org or 800-733-2767.

Fall Social Event: Apple Cider Making: October 21, 2-5 p.m. Make apple cider together at Ray and Brenda Hurst's back yard. Bring your favorite yard games (Cornhole and croquet already provided), lawn chairs, and your own drinking mug or cup. Snacks and cider provided. Join the fun!

Community News

Maize & Snitz Fest: The 1719 Museum hosts the annual Maize & Snitz Fest on **Saturday, September 30**, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Tour the Herr House, take in bake oven and hearth cooking demonstrations, watch a blacksmith at work, and learn about local Indigenous history. Children's activities will be provided. For more information, visit mennonitelife.org/events.

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **Tuesday, October 10**, 10 a.m. Lunch served after each meeting.

Stories for Wrestling Against Racism in Atlantic Coast Conference, Saturday, October 21, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Landisville Mennonite Church. In this session, we will hear stories of how individuals have been impacted by racism in Mennonite settings in Lancaster County. Participants will be invited to consider a "Hierarchy of Power Tableau" exercise to help talk about how we and the storytellers experience the interpersonal and structural dynamics that show up in these stories as well as in our own stories. We will explore what unique role(s) we bring to this movement as learners, as people of peace, as agents of reconciliation. Register at atlanticcoastconference.net/stories-for-wrestling-against-racism

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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