

# New Holland Mennonite Church

March 14, 2021 • Volume 66, No. 11  
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



**Theme:** After inviting Nicodemus to be born anew, Jesus tells him in John 3 that God so loved the world that God sent his son to restore it. Therefore, when we read John 3:16, we remember that Jesus is speaking in metaphor and poetry. Ultimately, love is where God begins and ends. This love, like grace, is a gift we do nothing to deserve. Again and again, love is our refrain. Before we act, think, or believe, can love be first for us too?

## Gathering & Praising God

*Again and Again*

*Music by Hannah Rand. Lyrics by Lenora Rand. Commissioned by  
"A Sanctified Art" for Lent 2021. ©2021 Plural Guild Music.*

Call to Worship

Prayer for Illumination

*Open my eyes (WB 517)*

*The Many*

Jen Morales

*Joslin Grove Choral Society*

## Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children

Lois Zimmerman

Artwork: "Light Wave" by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Scripture: John 3:14-21

Sermon: "Again & Again God Loves Us First"

Pastor Dawn

Ranck-Hower

Confession & Words of Assurance

*No, David!* Children's Book by David Shannon

## Responding

*There's a wideness in God's mercy (WB 145)*

"This is Us"

Ruth Carrasco

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Sue Martin

Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

## Sending

*Go my friends, in grace (SS 57)*

Benediction

## March 7 (Zoom)

**Attendance:** 47 • **Church Offering:** \$2,125.00

As you are able, please mail your offerings to the church office.

## Upcoming Events

*All activities are on zoom unless otherwise stated.*

**Wednesday, March 17: Shine Bright Club, 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 20: Dessert and Game Night, 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 21**

**Sunday School:** 9:00 am.

**Worship:** 10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Brenda Martin Hurst

Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Congregational Prayer: Steven Lantz

Children's Time: Dawn Kaczor

**March 23, Garden Work:** plant potatoes & onions, 5 p.m.

**April 2, Good Friday worship, 7:00 p.m.**

**April 3, Kid's Club Easter Egg Hunt, 3:00 p.m.**

**April 4, Easter Sunrise Service, Outdoors at 6:00 a.m.**

Breakfast to follow.

**April 10, Garden Work: 8:30-11:30 a.m.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**March 14:** Everardo Morales

**March 15:** Dawn Kaczor

**March 20:** Jennifer Morales

## Church News

**Beryl Forrester** passed away on Tuesday, March 2. His memorial service will be held at Groffdale Mennonite Church, on Sunday, **March 28**, at 3 p.m. Social distancing will be practiced. The service will be live streamed for viewing. Link will be forwarded later. Please hold Beryl's family in your prayers.

**Telephone Update:** Anna Mae Weaver: 717-419-6238

Bob Weaver: 717-875-7612

**Easter, April 4:** Our worship service begins in the dark parking lot at 6 a.m. A breakfast will follow. Bring chairs, blankets (whatever you need to stay warm). Masks and social distancing will be practiced. **Please RSVP to Pastor Dawn by March 28** so that we know how much breakfast to prepare.  
(dawn.ranck@verizon.net)

**My Coins Count!!!** Each year, spare change collected by churches, children and families add up to more than \$600,000 for Mennonite Central Committee's work around the world. Drop off donations during March at the ELC (main door at the carport) from 6:15 a.m.-9 a.m. or 3:30-5:30 p.m. or contact Pastor Dawn to arrange a time between those hours. The coin bucket is in Pastor Dawn's office.

**Camp Scholarships:** Consider giving a donation to make it possible for children in our congregation to enjoy a week at camp this summer. Mark "Church Camp" on offering envelope. Contact Pastor Dawn if you would like to have access to a camp scholarship in 2021.

## Community News

**Mennonite Historical Society Mini Bookworm Frolic: April 15 & 16**, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. & **April 17**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$3 hardbacks, \$1.50 paperbacks, half-price Saturday or fill a box for \$12. Indoor and outdoor shopping available. Must wear a mask & observe social distancing.

**Caring for God's Earth: A Hopeful Response to the Climate Crisis, Friday-Saturday, May 7-8.** This two-day event with both virtual and in-person components will equip and give hope to current and developing church leaders and others concerned about climate change. The day includes online plenary sessions and workshops as well as inspiring in-person field trips to explore climate action work being done in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area. This event is offered by the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions, Mennonite Central Committee East Coast, and the Peace & Justice Committee of Atlantic Coast Conference. Info and registration at [atlanticcoastconference.net/gods-earth](http://atlanticcoastconference.net/gods-earth). Registration required.

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