



# New Holland Mennonite Church

September 17, 2023 • Volume 68, No. 38  
Sunday School: 9 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

*This morning we gather in the meeting room where Mennonites met to worship for 130 years. Traditionally, men sat on the benches bordering the wall while the women sat on the free-standing center benches. This morning, we will give the benches bordering the wall to our older members, both men and women. The bench behind the table is reserved for the ministers, deacons, and song leader.*

**Introduction to Worship in 1744** Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

## Order of Service

**A Hymn by Michael Sattler** (*bulletin insert*) Jenn Esbenshade  
*[Ministers enter.]*

**Opening Remarks** Ray Hurst

**Silent Prayer** *[kneel, facing backwards]*  
*[After "Amen" group stands, still facing away from the minister.]*

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 40:27-31 (KJV) Steven Lantz  
*[Congregation is seated after scripture is read.]*

**Sermon** Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Sermon Responses** Ray Hurst, Brenda Martin Hurst, Steven Lantz  
*[Ministers & leaders respond from their seats].*

**Bibles to Sixth Graders:** Ellie Good & Caleb Siyoum

**Prayer** *[Group kneels, facing away from the minister]*

**Benediction** *[Group stands, facing backward, away from minister]*  
*[Congregation turns around]*

**Final song: Faith of the Martyrs** (*bulletin insert*)

**Announcements** Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

*Please put your offering in the basket at the door.*

**Greeters:** Mike, Michele, Ellie, Maggie Good  
**Gather & Count Offering:** Mike Good & Ruth Douglas Miller

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**September 24:** Jim Bailey

## September 10

**Attendance:** 41 (4 on Zoom) • **Offering:** \$1,290.00  
1719 Herr House (\$200 of \$350 given)

## NEXT SUNDAY: September 24

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

**Close:** Mike Bortzel; **Worship Leader:** Brenda Martin Hurst

**Song Lead / Piano:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Sermon:** Mark Wengerr; **Children's Time:** Ray Hurst

**Prayer:** Jenn Esbenshade; **Sound:** Mike Good

**Gather & Count Offering:** Francy Bailey & Sue Martin

## UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**September 20 (Wednesday): Women's Dinner:** 6 p.m.

Garden Spot Village

**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

## 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)

## Church News

**Joanne Dietzel Update:** ACC Executive Conference Minister, Joanne Dietzel, is currently in the midst of a stem cell transplant at Hershey Medical Center. The transplant is a treatment for Multiple Myeloma which she was diagnosed with this past March. She and her husband, Dan, will be at Hershey for three weeks before returning home for her continued recovery. Because of this procedure, Joanne will not be in the ACC office for the next several months, but hopes to continue to attend to her ACC responsibilities through email, text, and Zoom. You are invited to hold Joanne and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

**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."

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

**Resuming Centennial Sunday School series this fall:** We will pick up our monthly focus on the 100-year history of New Holland Mennonite Church in September through November. Mark these dates on your calendar:

**September 24 - Focus: 1989-2002** Former Associate Pastor, A. Richard Weaver, will share with us.

**October 1 - Focus: 2002-2013** Former pastors, Ron & Judy Zook will share about this decade in our history. They will also bring the morning message.

**November 5 - Focus: 2014-2023** Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower will lead us in reflecting together on the most recent 10 years.

Our Centennial History events will conclude with a worship celebration at our Annual Covenant Sunday on **November 19!**

**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](https://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](http://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](http://www.southernmarketlancaster.com).)

**Blood Donation: October 16**, 1-6 p.m. Planned by Early Learning Center. Appointment: [redcrossblood.org](http://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](http://mennonitelife.org/events).

**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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