

New Holland Mennonite Church

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Fellowship: 9:30 a.m. • Sunay School: 9:00 • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

World Peace Sunday 2026



Solidarity: from power *over* to power *with*

Why this theme was chosen: This is the direction of solidarity: power moving with compassion toward those who are oppressed. Sometimes our different mixtures of power and vulnerability mean that we need to have our feet washed. And sometimes we need to wash others' feet.

When we practice solidarity, we consciously move from a position of power *over* (or *under*) others to power *with* others.

Artwork: A fist raised in solidarity holds a towel.

Credit: painting by Emme Schreiner, a youth from Pasadena Mennonite Church, USA

Gathering & Praising God

Hamba nathi (Come, Walk with Us) (VT 23)
Call to Worship & Prayer
Demos gracias / Let Us Give Thanks (VT 704)

Dawn Kaczor
Steven Lantz

Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children
Scripture: Exodus 3:1-10
Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11: VT 335
Sermon: *"The Ultimate Solidarity"* Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Ray Hurst

Responding

Ososo (Come Now, O Prince of Peace) (VT 391)
Prayer of the People
Announcements

Ruth Douglas Miller

Sending

It's Ok to Change Your Mind by Annie Schlaefer
Ohh it's okay to change your mind,
show us your courage, leave this behind.
Ohh it's okay to change your mind,
and you can join us, join us here anytime.
Sending Blessing

Coffee: Sue Martin & Rosanna Ceresini

Offering: Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel & Lois Zimmerman

Greeters: Tim Martin & Tom Ceresini

Sound: Jen Morales; **Nursery:** Bryan Hower; **Close:** Mike Bortzel

September 13: Attendance and Offering

Attendance: 28 • **Offering:** \$1,730.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 24: Jim Bailey

September 25: Evelyn Bailey & Karina Morales

September 26: Grace Kehm

NEXT SUNDAY: September 27

Coffee: Rosanna Ceresini; **Greeter:** Tom Ceresini

Sermon/Song Leader: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Worship Leader: Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

Prayer: Lois Zimmerman; **Children/Sound:** Bryan Hower

Nursery: Ruth Douglas Miller; **Close:** Mike Bortzel

Offering: Francy Bailey & Ruth Douglas Miller

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

SUNDAY, September 27: Backyard Concert featuring music by Andrew Pauls: 4 p.m. at Bryan and Dawn's house. A four-time award winning songwriter (most recently winning the Rocky Mountain Folks Fest songwriter showcase), Andrew's lyrics dance with banjo and guitar, forging timely and relatable songs. Additional information about Andrew and to hear a sample of his music, including his winning song "New Pledge" go to: www.andrewpauls.com. Bring friends, a chair, and a snack to share. Water and soda provided. \$10-20 suggested donation

WEDNESDAY, September 30: New Holland Parade: Thank you to everyone who signed up to walk in the parade. Our parade theme again this year is "God's Love Knows No Borders."

We have a couple of ways you can help us carry that message throughout the community.

LAWN SIGNS: \$6.50 each. Available from Pastor Dawn.

GLOW BRACELETS: Let's light up the parade route! Last year we handed out 2,500 stickers during the parade — and ran out about halfway through! This year, we would like to hand out 5,000 glow bracelets. Cost is \$10 per 100. Please let Pastor Dawn know by September 23 if you would like to contribute. Thank you, Deb Hatfield, for this great idea and for coordinating the purchase of the bracelets!

Payments: Make checks payable to "New Holland Mennonite Church" and write either "Lawn Sign" or "Bracelet" in the memo line. GIVE to Pastor Dawn don't put in offering.

THURSDAY, October 1: Men's Dinner at Garden Spot Village Concord Room: Room is reserved from 5:30-8:00. Food is available to purchase until 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, October 4: Intergenerational Sunday School: Blessing the Early Learning Center Staff

SUNDAY, October 11: *Juntos en el Duelo, Unidos en la Oración* (Together in Grief, United in Prayer) 3:30 p.m. Join us as we remember, lament, listen, and pray together in solidarity with immigrant communities. **Please spread the word — especially to anyone in the immigrant community,** or to anyone who supports them!

What is God calling us to do in 2027?

This fall, all members and regular attendees are invited to join in discerning God's call for New Holland Mennonite in 2027.

With guidance from Everence Stewardship Theologian Colin Saxton, the Leadership Team will facilitate a series of congregational conversations. What we hear together will shape a draft 2027 Ministry Plan, Narrative Budget, and Budget that reflect our shared sense of God's leading.

Mark your calendar:

- ♦ **Sunday, October 11:** 9 a.m. – *What is God calling us to do in 2027?*
- ♦ **Sunday, October 18:** 9 a.m. – *How do we carry out what God is calling us to do in 2027?*
- ♦ **Sunday, October 25:** 9 a.m. – *How will we fund what God is calling us to do in 2027?*
- ♦ **Sunday, January 10:** 9 a.m. – Presentation of the proposed 2027 Ministry Plan, 2027 Narrative Budget, and 2027 Annual Budget.
- ♦ **Sunday, February 7:** Annual Congregational Meeting and vote on the 2027 Ministry Plan, Narrative Budget, and Annual Budget.

Following October 25, the Leadership Team and Finance Committee will meet together to incorporate congregational feedback to bring a proposed 2027 Ministry Plan, Narrative Budget and Annual Budget to the congregation at the January 10 meeting.

Following the January 10 meeting, the Leadership Team and Finance Committee will incorporate congregational feedback and bring a final 2027 Ministry Plan, Narrative Budget, and Annual Budget to the congregation at the February 7 Congregational Meeting for a vote.

We hope you'll be a part of these important conversations as we listen together for God's leading and shape our ministry for the coming year.

If you have questions or would like more information as we head into this process, please contact Steven Lantz.

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