

# New Holland Mennonite Church

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Worship: 10:00 a.m.



## Gathering & Praising God

*Abre mis ojos (Open my eyes) (SS 65)*

Call to Worship/Prayer Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

*My Love Colors Outside the Lines (Voices Together 582)*

## Hearing God's Voice

Children's Time Jen Morales

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: "His Glory Strengthening Us" Nofika Indriyatno\*

## Responding

*Open my eyes (WB 517)* Joslin Grove Choral Society

"This is Us" Curvin & Lois Zimmerman

Sharing and Announcements Dawn Ranck-Hower

Congregational Prayer Ray Hurst

Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

## Sending

*God of the Bible (SJ 27)*

Benediction

\*Nofika Budi Indriyatno lives in the city of Pati, Central Java, in Indonesia, about 2 hours from Semarang which is the center of Java island government and about 6 hours drive from Jakarta. He currently serves in a Mennonite Church in Indonesia called GITJ (Evangelical Church in the Land of Java). Nofika was an IVEPer at Plains Mennonite Church in Lansdale, PA in 2005/2006. He is married to Mariana Eklaswati and has an 11-month-old son, Mahasa Pradipa Bumi.

## Upcoming Events

*All activities are on zoom unless otherwise stated.*

**Wednesday, February 17: Ash Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.**

**Sunday, February 21**

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

**Congregational Meeting: 9:30 a.m.**

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

Worship Leader: Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Congregational Prayer: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Children's Time: Elsa Lantz

## February 7 (Zoom)

**Attendance: 43 • Church Offering: \$3,430.00**

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

## Church News

**Ash Wednesday:** (for children, youth, and adults), **February 17, 7 p.m.** The beginning of Lent brings a new invitation—an invitation into a deeper life of faith, an invitation to renewed spirituality, and an invitation into deeper awareness of God and self. This child friendly worship service is designed to carve out space for personal reflection and intention setting at the start, knowing that the more honest we are with our hopes for this season, the more meaningful this season can become.

**"Love for Others":** During February we will be collecting food for CrossNet Ministries Food Pantry. Drop off donations before **February 28** 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.

**Everence:** The Everence Sharing Fund provided \$6,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Ruth Carrasco serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact her for more information.

**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 will be in Pastor Dawn's office.

## Community News

**February is Black History Month.** Celebrate and learn about Mennonite Church USA's African American Mennonite history through a timeline that highlights the people, events and work of the church from 1886 to today. [www.mennoniteusa.org/black-history-mennonite](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/black-history-mennonite)

**PA Relief Sale Silent Quilt Auction: February 11-20.** The online event, "Winter Quilts. World Relief,," will feature 100 quilts chosen from the organization's supply of quilts that were intended for the 2020 Pennsylvania Relief Sale in-person event. The event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Online bidding opens Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7am (ET) and runs through Saturday, Feb. 20, at 2pm (ET). Learn how to register, browse, bid, and buy on the auction website: [charityauction.bid/winterquilts](http://charityauction.bid/winterquilts)

Camp Scholarships: Consider giving a donation to make it

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possible for children in our congregation to enjoy a week at

## Lent 2021

*(begins February 17  
with Ash Wednesday)*



In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. We doubt again, we lament again, we mess up again. Again and again, the story of Jesus on the cross repeats—every time lives

are taken unjustly, every time the powerful choose corruption and violence, every time individuals forget how to love. With exacerbation we exclaim, "Again?! How long, O God?"

And yet, in the midst of the motion blur chaos of our lives, God offers a sacred refrain: "I choose you, I love you, I will lead you to repair." Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward.

This theme provides a clear invitation in a time when much is unclear. Even when worshiping apart, we come to God again and again with our prayers, our dreams, our hopes, and our doubts. Even if from a distance, we continue to be community to one another—especially when it's hard—by choosing each other over and over again. We will continue to love God with the same persistence God chooses and claims us.

Our sub-theme, A Lenten Refrain, speaks to the ways God can make music of our lives. "Refrain" also reminds us that Lent is a season of abstaining from certain or harmful practices in order to take on new rhythms and habits.

In this season, we need rituals—both old and new—to remember and be transformed. Embodied practice builds muscle memory. Repetition helps retrain our neural pathways. We need the 46 days of Lent because this season shapes us into more faithful disciples. Join us this Lent as again and again, we bring all of who we are to God and trust that God will meet us, time and again, along the way.