



New Holland Mennonite Church

September 10, 2023 • Volume 68, No. 37
Coffee & Fellowship: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Gathering & Praising God

Blessed Are You (VT 290) Jenn Esbenshade
Call to Worship / Prayer Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel
Fill Us With Your Feast (VT 309)

Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings
Conversation with Children Bryan Hower
Sermon: "A Harrowing Story" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower
Scripture: Genesis 21:1-3, 22:1-14

Responding

The God of Sarah Praise (VT 190)
Sharing & Announcements Keith Miller
Congregational Prayer

Sending

Hope of Abraham and Sarah (VT 807)
Benediction

Coffee: Sue Martin
Greeter: Sue & Tim Martin
Close: Tim Martin
Sound: Wade Esbenshade
Gather & Count Offering: Wade Esbenshade & Keith Miller

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 12: Jon Sommer
September 13: Jordyn Reese
September 14: Jaxson Buohl
September 15: Judy Schweitzer

September 3

Attendance: 39 (9 on Zoom) • **Offering:** \$2,325.00
\$50 for 1719 Herr House (\$200 of \$350 given so far)

September 17 (Worship at 1719 Herr House)

Greeter: Mike, Michele, Ellie, Maggie Good
Worship Leader: Ray Hurst; **Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade
Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
Gather & Count Offering: Mike Good & Ruth Douglas Miller

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated
September 17: 1719 Herr House Worship, 9 a.m.
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

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

A Unique Worship Experience: Sunday, September 17.

9 a.m. **Native American Longhouse:** Please arrive early since it takes time to walk to the Long House.

10 a.m. **1719 Herr House Worship**

11 a.m. Eat a **picnic lunch** together in the museum lawn.

Please sign up to attend and bring food items to share.

www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AAAE23A6F49-1719

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.

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

An Evening of African American Sacred Music: Sunday, September 10, 7:30 p.m., James Street Mennonite Church. Join Rashard Allen and accompanist Maria Thompson Corley for an evening of African American sacred music, while also learning about Rashard's upcoming trip to Tanzania to train worship leaders in the Mennonite Churches of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's largest city. An offering will be taken during the program towards funding the trip. Information: rashard@neffmc.org.

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **Tuesday, September 12**, 10 a.m. Author of "Dancing from Darkness," Eleanor Isaacson tells her personal story of coming out of Nazi Germany and escaping the Iron Curtain. Lunch served.

Fellowship Day at Landis Homes: September 16, Yard Sale: 7-12, Quilt Auction: 1:30-3, Chicken BBQ: 10:30-1, Crafters Tent: 7-2, Kid's Activities: 10:30-1.

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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