



# New Holland Mennonite Church

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Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Zoom)



## Passion:

A strong, barely controllable emotion;  
an intense desire or enthusiasm for something.

This summer a different person  
will share a “Passionate Speech” each Sunday,  
exploring how an area in their life  
that they are passionate about  
intersects with their faith.

### Gathering and Praising God

*When we walk with the Lord (MH 577)* Blessing Samuel John  
Photos from Saturday's Back to School Celebration  
Call to Worship/Prayer Brenda Martin Hurst  
*This little light of mine (WB 401)* Black Gospel Pearls

### Hearing God's Word

Conversation with Children Lois Zimmerman  
Scripture: Exodus 1:8-22  
Passionate Speech: “God: Bigger than all my problems”  
Dawn Ranck-Hower

### Responding

*Bigger than all my problems*  
Back to School Prayer of Blessing  
Sharing and Announcements  
Congregational Prayer Brenda Martin Hurst  
A Prayer for the Tithes and Offerings

### Sending

*We are people of God's peace (WB 407)*  
Mennonite Church Eastern Canada  
Benediction

### August 16

**Zoom Attendance: 40 • Church Offering: \$3,000.00**  
Kitchen Fundraiser: \$300.00

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

### Next Sunday: August 30 (10 a.m. worship by Zoom)

“Passionate Speech:” Bob Martin  
Worship Lead: Wanda Gonzales-Bortzel  
Children's Time: Jenn Esbenshade  
Congregational Prayer: Dawn Ranck-Hower

### Happy Birthday

**August 26:** Sue Martin; **August 28:** Jenn Esbenshade  
**August 29:** Bryan Hower

### Happy Anniversary

**August 25:** Barbara & Charles Longenecker;  
**August 26:** Sue & Tim Martin

### Upcoming Events

**Work in Garden/Bonfire chat:** Tuesday evenings, 6 p.m.

**September 6:** Outdoor Vesper Service, 7 p.m.

(No morning worship on September 6)

**October 4:** Outdoor Vesper Service, 7 p.m.

(No morning worship on October 4)

## Church News

**Fundraiser for the ELC Kitchen:** The Early Learning Center is in full swing raising money to upgrade the kitchen. The total cost of the project is \$145,000. Please consider giving toward this project through the church offerings in September. A \$3,500 matching grant is available from Everence. **Can we raise \$10,000, or more?!** (Update: Clark Foundation has given \$50,000 to the ELC in a matching grant. So, the money we raise as a congregation will be matched again! That means that each dollar that is given becomes three dollars!!!)

**When do we go back to church in the sanctuary?** The Leadership Team is using the following to guide us in the future: We believe that we are the body of Christ together, therefore: 1) we will not meet together before the end of August (perhaps longer); 2) We will take our cues from retirement homes; 3) we will explore ways to be outside together in small groups over the summer. (The Tuesday evening working in the garden and gathering around the bonfire is one example. People who can't work in the garden are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and join the group for the 7:30 p.m. bonfire.) **Outdoor, 7 p.m. Vesper Services are being planned for September 6 and October 4 instead of morning worship on those Sundays.**

## Community News

**MWC Global Assembly:** Mennonite World Conference assembly in Indonesia has been moved from July 2021 to **July 5-10, 2022.**

**Race, Church & Change,** a two-part panel discussion on racism led by Mennonite Church USA's leadership team, has been viewed by thousands of viewers.

Watch this important conversation by visiting:  
[mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars](http://mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars)

**Annual Storytelling Night (Live Stream): September 7, 7 p.m.** Featuring Dr. Pamela Tieszen, Superintendent of Lancaster Mennonite Schools and Nelson Okanya, Global Missions President at the Center for Serving Leadership. Broadcast exclusively on Facebook Live at [facebook.com/lmhs.org](https://facebook.com/lmhs.org). Donations are welcome.

**Lancaster Historic Society Mini Bookworm Frolic:** Stock up on your reading favorites at our Mini Bookworm Frolic held **Sept. 17 & 18, 9 am to 7 pm, and September 19, 9 am to 4 pm,** at the Historical Society. We will require customers to observe the health and safety recommendations in place at that time.

**Celebration 2020: Mennonite Central Committee at 100: October 17.** Save the date for this full day event.

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*A nursery is available for children ages 3 and younger.*