



# New Holland Mennonite Church

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



## Show us the extent of your faithful, loving presence

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**Focus statement:** God calls us out of familiar and comfortable places in our lives and invites us into new challenges, new ways of being, thinking, and doing. As we respond to this invitation, God shows us a deeper experience of Divine Presence.

### Gathering

Preservice: *To God be the glory (WB 102)*

Call to Worship/Prayer

Leader: We lift up our eyes looking for help.

**People: Our help comes from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: When we have troubles and difficulties,  
where does our help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: When we are invited into new ways  
of thinking and being,  
where does our help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Let us worship the one who faithfully helps us  
and never leaves us or forsakes us.

Praise Team  
Sue Martin

### Praising God

*Hamba nathi (Come, walk with us) (SJ 2)*

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

My Coins Count

Offertory: *Sizohambab naye (We will walk with God)  
(SJ 78)*

### Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a (NRSV)

Conversation with Children

Ruth Carrasco

*(Ages 3 and under dismissed to nursery)*

*New earth, heavens new (WB 299)*

Confession

Leader: We confess, O God, that you are faithful, loving,  
and totally trustworthy.

**People: We also confess our desire for what is familiar,  
comfortable, and secure.**

Leader: We acknowledge that you sometimes call us  
to accept new challenges, new ways of  
thinking, or new places of service.

**All: Lord, give us the grace to respond to your call  
when you invite us into new ways of being.**

Assurance of pardon

Leader: Friends, the one who calls us is the faithful one  
who promised to never leave us or forsake us.  
May you know God's faithful presence more  
fully.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Great is thy faithfulness (WB 327)*

Scripture: John 3:1-17 (CEB)

*(Anyone who wishes may color at the tables during the sermon.)*

Sermon: "One Step at a Time" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

### Responding

Ritual of Response

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

*Will you come and follow me (SS 39)*

Sharing and Announcements

Introducing Forest Hills Mennonite Church

Congregational Prayer

Wade Esbenshade

## Sending

Extinguishing the light: Symbolizing Jesus' life drawing  
to a close and the world getting darker.

*The Lord lift you up (SJ 73)*

Benediction

**Coffee/Close:** Evelyn & Jim Bailey; **Usher:** Evelyn Bailey

**Greeters:** Anna Mae & Bob Weaver; **Praise Team:** Jenn Esbenshade;  
Bryan Hower, Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel, Tammy Snader

**Sound:** Judy Nguyen; **Nursery:** Jen Morales (Lois Zimmerman)

### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**March 1:** 56 • **Church Offering:** \$1,282

### NEXT SUNDAY: March 15

**Coffee/Greeters/Close:** Curvin & Lois Zimmerman

**Usher:** Curvin Zimmerman; **Offertory:** Myla Esbenshade

**Song Leader/Pianist:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Praise Team:** Dawn Kaczor, Seth Lantz, Steven Lantz

**Worship Leader:** Bryan Hower; **Children's Time:** Ray Hurst

**Prayer:** Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Sound:** Davin Esbenshade

**Nursery:** Mekdes Anshebo (Karina Morales)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**March 8:** Terra May; **March 11:** Sarah Martin

**March 12:** Barbara Longenecker; **March 14:** Everardo Morales;

**March 15:** Dawn Kaczor

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**March 10:** Bryan Hower & Dawn Ranck-Hower

## Upcoming Events

*(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)*

**Mar 14** Men's Prayer Breakfast, Coffee Company, 7 a.m.

**Mar 15** Sunday School: Visioning

Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Mar 20** Women's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. **Yoder's Restaurant**

**Mar 22** Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Mar 28** Garden Work Day, 8-11:30 a.m.

**Mar 29** Sermon: Richard Weaver

**Apr 5** Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower, Fellowship Meal

## Church News

**Worship Arts:** A thank you to Wade Esbenshade for the stump that holds our candles this Lent.

**Garden Work Day: March 28,** 8-11:30 a.m. mulch, add wire to fence, create picnic table area.

**Garden:** Talk to Ray Hurst if you are interested in a regular rhythm of harvest this summer, especially concentrating on green beans. There is a high demand for green beans, but they need to be picked more often than the other vegetables.

**Youth: March 15:** Game "Night" (in the afternoon) at Meadville. Bring your favorite table games.

**Youth Bible Study: April 1:** 7-8:30 p.m., Ridgeview Mennonite

## Community News

**Tuesday Alive with 55 and Up: March 10,** 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Lunch served. Bryan Hower and Dawn Ranck-Hower will celebrate their 7<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 10. Dawn and Bryan will share their life journeys and what led them together in May of 2012. A modern love story.

**Film Screening and a Conversation about Nationalism and Faith: J.E.S.U.S.A.** is a new documentary exploring the relationship between Christianity and American nationalism and the violence that emerges from it. Forest Hills will be hosting a free screening of the film on **Sunday, March 15** at 6 p.m., followed by informal conversation. To get free tickets, visit <http://foresthillschurch.org/film> Light refreshments will be served.

**Woodcrest Retreat Spring Banquet: Thursday, March 26,** 6:15 p.m., Yoder's Banquet Facility. Meals are complimentary but registrations must be received by **March 18.** 717/738-2233.

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**Leadership Team:** Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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