

New Holland Mennonite Church

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Worship: 10:00 a.m.



FACES
OF OUR
FAITH
BOLD & UNTOLD STORIES

Ethiopian Eunuch

There are many heroes of the faith, people we admire and wish to be. However, there are even more ordinary people of faith—those doing what they can with what they have to make a difference. In the next weeks, we'll dig deep into the bold and untold stories of those often overlooked in our biblical narratives, hoping these characters remind us that we all play a role in shaping God's story of redemption and grace.

Gathering & Praising God

Come Walk with Us

Jenn & Myla Esbenshade

1) *Come, walk with us, the journey is long. (4x)*

Chorus: *The journey, the journey, the journey is long. (4x)*

2) *Share our burden, and join in the song. (4x)*

3) *Come, uplift us, and bring us new life. (4x)*

4) *Give us peace when the journey is done. (4x)*

Call to Worship/Prayer

Jen Morales

Lord, I want to be a Christian

1) *Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.*

Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2) *Lord, I want to be more loving ...*

3) *Lord, I want to be more holy ...*

4) *Lord, I want to be like Jesus ...*

Hearing God's Voice

Homily: "Ethiopian Eunuch"

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Scripture: Acts 8:26-39

Responding

Baptism of Seth Lantz & Danika Snader

Chorus:

As I went down to the river to pray,

studyin' about that good old way,

and who shall wear the starry crown,

good Lord, show me the way.

1) *Oh, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.*

Oh, sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

2) *Oh, brothers ...*

3) *Oh, children ...*

4) *Oh, sinners ...*

I have decided to follow Jesus (vs 1)

1) *I have decided to follow Jesus, (3x)*

no turning back, no turning back.

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Bryan Hower

Sending

I have decided to follow Jesus (3 verses)

1) *I have decided to follow Jesus, (3x)*

no turning back, no turning back.

2) *The world behind me, the cross before me, (3x)*

no turning back, no turning back.

3) *Though none go with me, still I will follow, (3x)*

no turning back, no turning back.

Benediction

Greeters/Open: Sue & Tim Martin
Count Offering: Wade Esbenshade. Bryan Hower

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 14: Jaxson Buohl

September 15: Judy Schweitzer

September 19: Jocelin Kruk

September 5, 2021

Attendance: 47 • **Church Offering:** \$1,320.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 14: "Sprouts for Peace Garden," 6 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: September 19

Greeters/Open: Evelyn & Jim Bailey

Worship Leader: Dawn Kaczor; **Praise Team:** Francy Bailey,

Jenn Esbenshade, Dawn Kaczor, Steven Lantz

Sound: Davin & Myla Esbenshade; **Sermon:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

Prayer: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Children Time:** Steven Lantz

Clean/Close: Ruth Carrasco & Judy Schweitzer

Count Offering: Wade Esbenshade & Bryan Hower

Church News

Nickels for Neighbors: Coins will be collected during the worship service from **September 19-October 17**. The 2021 ACC Nickels For Neighbors grant will be given to the The New York Mennonite Immigration Program (NYMIP) to expand assistance for immigrant families within the New York City family shelters system with free legal assessments, referrals and service needs assessment for children and families.

ACC Fall Assembly: All are welcome to attend. **October 23, 2021**, Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Worship and delegate sessions will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Professor Drew Strait will speak and lead conversation in the late morning and afternoon sessions on "The Bible and Christian Nationalism: Faithful Leadership in a World of Political Idolatry." Registration and details available at atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly

Membership: Our Annual Covenant Sunday is November 21. Please be in touch with Pastor Dawn by **September 26** if you are not currently a member of New Holland Mennonite Church and would like to join a membership class this fall to join the church on Sunday, November 21.

Community News

Annual Bookworm Frolic: September 16 & 17, 9 am-7 pm; **September 18**, 9 am to 4 pm, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Hardback books: \$3.00; paperback books: \$1.50. Books are half-priced on Saturday, or fill a box for \$12.

Maize & Snitz Market Fair: 1719 Hans Herr House. Immerse yourself in the cultures of early European and Indigenous people of Lancaster County. Saturday, October 2, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Adults \$10; Children \$7. Children 6 and under free. Info: bit.ly/MaizeSnitz.

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