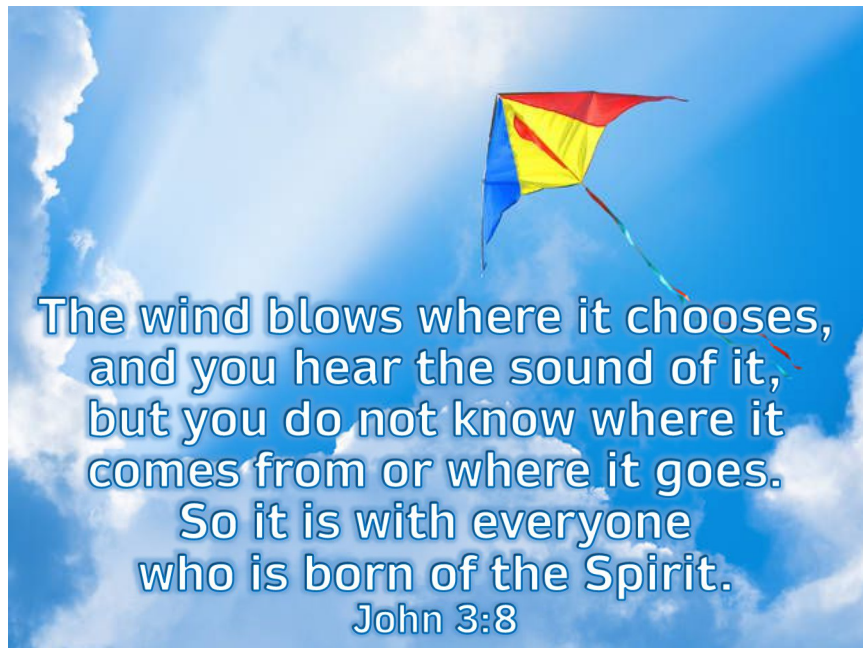


New Holland Mennonite Church

November 24, 2019 • Volume 64, No. 47
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Membership Covenant Worship Service

Gathering

Preservice: *O Breath of Life (SJ 35)*

Call to Worship

Litany of Celebration

Leader: Today we celebrate!

People: *We celebrate the opportunity to join together and continue as members or active participants of New Holland Mennonite Church.*

**All: We give thanks to the Lord
For God's love endures forever.**

Praise Team
Brenda Martin Hurst

Leader: We celebrate those who walked before us and became known in the community as New Holland Mennonite Church.

The people who moved into town to operate businesses, to initiate ministry through revival meetings, Sunday school and sewing circle.

Those who first constructed a building and celebrated with the words from Genesis 12:8, "And there Abram built an altar unto the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord."

We acknowledge the men and women who, on Sunday, November 18, 1923, voted unanimously to organize as a congregation, and continued through the years to worship through congregational singing and preaching, to show hospitality to those in need, and to engage in mission, at home and in the world.

People: *We celebrate and worship together.*

Leader: For no branch can bear fruit by itself, it must remain on the vine.

People: *To God's glory, we bear fruit,*

Leader: demonstrating the fruits of the spirit:

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

People: *Showing ourselves to be disciples of Jesus.*

Leader: Today we celebrate and we catch the wind of the spirit as it blows where it chooses.

People: *Today we celebrate!*

**All: We give thanks to the Lord,
for God's love endures forever.**

Opening Prayer

Praising God

God is here among us (WB 16)

Holy Spirit, come with power (WB 26)

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Myla Esbenshade

Hearing God's Word

Conversation with Children Jenn Esbenshade

(There is no nursery this morning.)

Scripture: John 3:1-8

Homily: "Catching the Wind" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Covenanting and Communing Together

Come to the Waters Jenn Esbenshade & Dawn Ranck-Hower

Baptism of Nyvani Molina

Hallelujah! We sing your praises! (SJ 88) Chorus only

Membership Transfer: Ruth Hershey

Hallelujah! We sing your praises! (SJ 88) Chorus only

Covenant Signing by Church Members

Hallelujah! We sing your praises! (SJ 88)

Communion

Put peace into each other's hands (SJ 87) Praise Team

Connected we go ...

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

I know not why God's wondrous love (WB 338)

Benediction

Fellowship Meal (will begin when the back curtain opens)

Membership Covenant

- ◆ We believe in God, the creator; Jesus, the savior; and the Holy Spirit, the sustainer.
- ◆ We accept the Word of God as guide and authority for our lives.
- ◆ We affirm our faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ, our Lord, and to the gospel he proclaimed.
- ◆ We unite as a congregation and worship, serve, and share in its ministry.
- ◆ We will support this congregation with our earnest prayers, regular attendance, loyal service, and faithful stewardship as God gives us strength.
- ◆ We will live and share with the congregation in the bonds of Christian fellowship, giving and receiving love, sharing and bearing one another's joy and pain.

Coffee/Close/Greeters: Curvin & Lois Zimmerman

Usher: Tim Martin; **Sound:** Davin Esbenshade

Song Leader/Pianist Jenn Esbenshade

Praise Team: Seth Lantz, Dawn Kaczor, Steven Lantz

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

November 17: 50 • Offering: \$2,963.00

NEXT SUNDAY: December 1

Greeters: Anna Mae & Bob Weaver; **Prayer:** Lois Zimmerman

Coffee: Ruth Carrasco; **Close:** Jim Bailey

Preacher: Joe Miller; **Worship Leader:** Karina Morales

Usher: Anna Mae Weaver; **Pianist:** Ruth Carrasco

Song Leader: Steven Lantz; **Praise Team:** Dawn Kaczor, Seth Lantz

Sound: Judy Nguyen; **Children's Time:** Jen Morales

Nursery: Evelyn Bailey (Lois Zimmerman)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 22: Brenda & Ray Hurst

Upcoming Events

(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)

- Nov 24** Sunday School: Visioning for Youth and Adults
Covenant Sunday, Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
Baptism / Communion / Fellowship Meal
- Dec 1** Sermon: Joe Miller (no Fellowship Meal)
- Dec 8** ELC Christmas Program
- Dec 14** Men's Prayer Breakfast, Squireside Café, 7 a.m.
- Dec 15** Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
- Dec 20** Women's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Yoder's Restaurant
- Dec 22** Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
- Dec 29** Christmas Brunch and Program
- Dec 30** MCC Warehouse work day

Pastor: Dawn Ranck-Hower; dawn.ranck@verizon.net; 1/215/237-1485

Leadership Team Chair: Wade Esbenshade

Leadership Team: Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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A nursery is available for children ages 4 and younger.

Church News

Thank you to Myla Esbenshade and Danika Snader for helping with the kite banners used in worship this morning.

Vacation: Pastor Dawn and Bryan are on vacation from November 29-December 2 and December 5-7. Contact Lois Zimmerman with any pastoral care concerns. **Please have any bulletin announcements to Pastor Dawn by Tuesday morning, November 26.**

ELC Christmas Program: Volunteers (of all ages) are needed to host the ELC Christmas program on **December 8**. Don't forget to sign up today. Donations can be placed in your offering envelop and labeled for ELC Christmas Program.

Reverse Advent Calendar: Instead of TAKING a treat from a box each day during Advent, ADD an item to a box. Add the items to the display at the back of the church. A flyer with details is on the table in the lobby.

You are invited: Celebrate Anna Mae and Bob Weaver's 60th wedding anniversary on **Friday, November 29** at a dessert drop - in from 6-8 p.m. Calvary Homes Rec Room (next to the library), 502 Elizabeth Drive, Lancaster, PA. No gifts please.

Meditating on Scripture: The Leadership Team is inviting the congregation to meditate on scripture and pray as we are working at visioning in these next months. The list of scriptures are located on the table in the church lobby.

Save the Date: Workday at MCC Materials Resource Center: Monday, **December 30**. 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Service opportunities for all ages. Sign up on sheet in lobby. Pizza will be ordered for lunch: \$5 per person.

For your planning: CHRISTMAS WORSHIP on December 29: We would love to have special Christmas song, poem, other readings, etc during our December 29 worship service. Gather a few friends or family members to join you. Let Pastor Dawn know what you would like to share by **Sunday, December 22**.

Community News

Witness at Horsham: During this season of Thanksgiving, you are invited to join others opposing the militarized drone command center at the Horsham (Pa.) Air Guard Station—part of the expanding international network of drone warfare operations. Leave Akron Mennonite Church parking lot on Saturday, **November 30**, at 10 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. RSVP: penner@dejazzd.com, 717-271-8180.

Singing Lights: The Pennsylvania Relief Sale is sponsoring "Singing Lights: The Walking Roots Band Christmas Concert" featuring re-imagined Christmas hymns and original songs for the season, at 7 p.m. at Stumptown Mennonite Church on Saturday, **December 7**. Offering to benefit the work of MCC.

Mennonite Children's Choir: Christmas Concert Series Come and support Seth Lantz at a concert on **Thursday, December 5**, 7 p.m. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster; **Saturday, December 7**, 4 p.m. Forest Hills Mennonite Church, or **Sunday, December 8**, 4 p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

Hans Herr House Christmas Candlelight Tours: Learn about the local Native Americans and the Pennsylvania Germans, followed by the reading of the Christmas story in German while sitting in the candlelit *Stube*. **December 5 & 6**, 6 to 8 p.m.; **December 7**, 5 to 8:40 p.m. Tickets go on sale on October 1st at hansherr.org. Information 717/464-4438.

Christmas on Main: December 7 in the town of New Holland. A day of old-fashioned fun ends with Christmas tree lighting at 6 p.m. www.christmasonmain.com.

Tuesday Alive with 55 & Up: December 10, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Christmas program led by Milt Stoltzfus, the Spiritual Nature and Community Life Coordinator for Friendship Communities. Milt is an upbeat and friendly fellow who loves to spread God's love to people of all kinds. We will join in singing Christmas carols, listen to stories and maybe even have a surprise or two! An uplifting and joyful end to our 2019 season.