



New Holland Mennonite Church

November 9, 2025 • Volume 70, No. 45

Fellowship: 8:30 a.m. • Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Gathering & Praising God

Let's Walk Together (VT 6)

Call to Worship & Prayer

Hallelujah, Salvation, and Glory (VT 69)

Dawn Kaczor

Keith Miller

Hearing God's Voice

Scriptures: John 5:30-44

Conversation with Children

Jen Morales

Sermon: "American Idolatry: The Bible, The Politics,
and The Self"

Kevin Ressler *

Responding

For the Healing of the Nations (VT 705)

Congregational Prayer & Sharing

Announcements

Bryan Hower

Sending

Sing a New World into Being (VT 809)

Benediction

* **Kevin Ressler** is the President and CEO of The Alliance for Health Equity. He leads efforts to improve community health by focusing on equity and addressing poverty as a key cause of poor health. Kevin previously led Meals on Wheels of Lancaster and served as President and CEO of United Way of Lancaster County. His past experience also includes teaching at a seminary, non-profit service roles, ministry work, and early jobs in construction, retail, and food service. Kevin earned a Master of Divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary and a Bachelor's in Justice, Peace, and Conflict Studies from Eastern Mennonite University. He often preaches across denominations with a justice-focused message from his Mennonite perspective and enjoys other public speaking and writing opportunities.

Coffee: Evelyn Bailey; **Greeters:** Francy Bailey & Jim Bailey
Nursery: Tammy Snader; **Sound:** Mike Good; **Close:** Jim Bailey
Offering: Lisa Kehm & Brenda Martin Hurst

November 2: Attendance and Offering

Attendance: 39 (1 on Zoom) • **Offering:** \$3,170.00

NEXT SUNDAY: November 16

Coffee/Greeter: Ray Hurst; **Sound:** Tammy Snader
Worship Leader: Steven Lantz; **Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade
Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Prayer:** Brenda Martin Hurst
Children: Bryan Hower; **Nursery:** Dawn Kaczor & Seth Lantz
Offering: Francy Bailey & Mike Good; **Close:** Mike Good

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 9: Tom Miller; **November 15:** Teddy Means

November 16: Dot Weaver

What We Value

With Jesus as our center, we commit to
including all people,
strengthening our relationships (and)
practicing peace and justice.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

FRIDAY, November 7 – SUNDAY, November 9: Pastor Dawn will be attending a Mennonite Action Leadership Team meeting. Please contact Ruth Douglas Miller with pastoral care concerns.

2025 Financial Update: As of November 3, New Holland Mennonite Church has a \$8,755.00 deficit for the year.

Parking Lot Proceeds Discernment: The Leadership team invites all members and attenders to participate in a discernment process designed to guide us in faithfully stewarding the proceeds of our parking lot sale. We aim to use these resources in ways that align with our shared sense of mission and focus on the priorities we feel called to carry out as followers of Jesus. All

ages are invited to participate. Children sit with their Sunday School teacher. **Future class dates: November 16 and 23?**

THURSDAY: November 13: Gathering of Support Potluck:

This gathering will continue on every second Thursday of the month. **Invite friends!** We know that there are more people in our community that we haven't connected with yet. Let's use the move indoors as a fresh start to increase the number of people that we connect with. Printed invitations are in the lobby. **Volunteers are needed** to come at 5:30 to set up tables and chairs ... and be ready to set up more as needed. Please let Pastor Dawn know if you are willing to help out.

WEDNESDAY, November 19: Women's Dinner at Garden Spot Village Concord Room: Room is reserved from 5:30-8:00. Food is available to purchase until 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, November 20: Mennonite Action: The Anniversary Call, 8 p.m. Two years ago, congregations across the U.S. and Canada rallied together to respond to the escalated violence against Palestinians. We were fueled by the Anabaptist calling to courageously, proactively seek peace. All these months later, our community is stronger than ever, unified in the face of injustices like genocide, violence, and deportation. Please join us on our anniversary call to stay engaged in this movement: reflecting on the work of the past 12 months, and staying fervent in our commitment to the work to come. Sign up link in weekly email.

SUNDAY, November 23: Annual Covenant Sunday

THURSDAY, December 4: Men's Dinner at Garden Spot Village Concord Room: Room is reserved from 5:30-8:00. Food is available to purchase until 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, December 9: To Build Our Courage Tour: 5:45 p.m. Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, 333 Delp Road, Lancaster, PA. The genocide in Gaza rages on as ICE kidnaps our neighbors off the streets in the U.S. That's why we're bringing training, tools, and frameworks to help our communities respond in courage to our historical moment, "discerning the times" as we're called to do (Matthew 16:3). **Let's build courage together as a group!** Let Pastor Dawn know if you sign up! Link with more information in weekly update email.

WEDNESDAY, December 10: Book Club: *Midnight Library* by Matt Haig, 7 p.m. at Jenn Esbenshade's house, discussion led by Jenn.

FRIDAY, December 12: To Build Our Courage Tour: 5:30 p.m., Salford Mennonite Church, 480 Groffs Mill Rd, Harleysville, PA. Pastor Dawn plans to go to this training. Contact her if you would like to travel together. Link with more information in weekly update email.

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.

Pastor: Dawn Ranck-Hower

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