

New Holland Mennonite Church

April 10, 2022 • Volume 67, No. 15
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



As Jesus enters Jerusalem, the multitude of disciples begins to joyfully shout with praise. The Pharisees try to silence them, but Jesus responds: “I tell you, even if these were silent, the stones would shout out.” All of creation cries out with praise—that message rises above the noise, even if the oppressive powers want to silence it. As we begin our walk through Holy Week, let us ask: What can’t be silenced? What must be said? What things can we not stay quiet about? What is bubbling up that we need to give voice to—faith questions, apologies, issues of justice, truth-telling? As we go deeper into the story, the truth will soon be set free.

Gathering & Praising God

Give Me Joy in My Heart
Call to Worship
Prayer for Illumination
Ancient of Days

Praise Team & Children
Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

Hearing God’s Voice

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Conversation with Children

Dawn Kaczor

Sermon: “Even the stones cry out” Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Prayer of Confession

Words of Forgiveness

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah (VT 95)

Sharing and Announcements

Ray Hurst

Prayer of the People & Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

Sending

As You Go Out From Here (VT 841)

Benediction

Artwork on Screen: “Even the Stones Cry out” Lauren Wright Pittman

Banner on Left: “First Fruits” by Lauren Wright Pittman

Banner on Right: “Posca” by Carmelle Beaugelin

Greeters/Coffee: Evelyn & Jim Bailey

Praise Team: Jenn Esbenshade, Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel,
Jen Morales, Tammy Snader

Sound: Davin & Myla Esbenshade; **Close:** Ray Hurst

Count Offering: Wade Esbenshade & Brenda Martin Hurst

April 3

Attendance Total: 48 (10 on Zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$800.00

NEXT SUNDAY: April 17

Greeters: Francy Bailey & Karina Morales

Worship Leader: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Children:** Dawn Kaczor

Praise Team: Ray Hurst, Brenda Martin Hurst, Steven Lantz

Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Prayer:** Bryan Hower

Close: Mike Bortzel

Count Offering: Francy Bailey & Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 10: Tim Martin; **April 17:** Davin Esbenshade

UPCOMING EVENTS

Good Friday Worship, April 15, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service (outdoors), 6 a.m., **April 17** (followed by an outdoor breakfast)

Men's Prayer Breakfast: May 14, 7 a.m. (Eli's Restaurant)

Church News

Good Friday Tenebrae Service: April 15, 7:00 p.m. Enter and exit this service in silence. Tenebrae means "darkness." In this solemn service, fourteen passages of scripture describe Jesus' spiritual and physical suffering prior to and including his crucifixion. Candles representing each event are extinguished, symbolizing the flight and despair of the disciples and the isolation of Jesus. Finally the flame of a solitary candle points hopefully to the future, and the tolling gong recounts the thirty-three earthly years of our Lord.

Easter, April 17: Our morning worship service begins in the dark parking lot. Gather at 5:45 a.m. Hot beverages (bring a mug) provided from 5:45-5:55 a.m. Preservice begins at 5:55 a.m. Bring chairs, blankets (whatever you need to stay warm until the sunrises). There will be a basket for the offering. **Sign up in lobby by Sunday, April 10.** (Note: This service will not be available on Zoom. There will be no 10 a.m. worship service).

Hygiene Kits for Refugees: Keeping clean is an important part of remaining healthy, but families who have fled their homes because of disaster or war often struggle to afford these necessary supplies. **Place completed bags in church lobby before the end of May.** Details: www.newhollandmc.org/missions

Transportation Needed: The refugee family our church is assisting continues to need some help with transportation to medical appointments. Please let Jenn Esbenshade know if you are able to help transport Kapisha to Lancaster on May 10, 9:45 a.m. 540 N. Duke, Lancaster

Community News

Gather Together: Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster: Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey PA, Sunday, **April 10, 4 p.m.**; Strasburg Mennonite Church, Sunday, **May 1, 4 p.m.**, Neffsville Mennonite Church, Saturday, **May 7, 3 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **April 12, 10 a.m.** Pequea Valley High School Chamber Singers. Under Mr. Bankert's direction, the 42 member auditioned Chamber Singers from PVHS have received superior ratings and "Most Outstanding Choir" award in adjudicated festivals throughout Toronto Canada, New Jersey, Virginia, and Boston. Meal follows program.

Atlantic Coast Conference 2022 Annual Spring Assembly: **Saturday, April 23, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm,** James Street Mennonite Church. The morning delegate session will include conference-wide storytelling and reporting along with other important business. Following lunch, afternoon seminars will cover a variety of topics in both informational and conversational styles. Look for more details on seminars in the coming days. Registration will be open by Sunday, March 20 at atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Plain Living Series: Politics & Lancaster's Amish: Wednesday, **April 27, 7 p.m.** Chapel, Garden Spot Village and live streamed at gardenspotvillage.org/live. Dr. Steven M. Nolt, director of Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist & Pietist Studies, interprets data gathered about the Amish vote during the 2016 election cycle.

Plain Living Series: Interplay of Language, Culture, and Faith: Wednesday, **May 4, 7 p.m.** Chapel, Garden Spot Village and live streamed at gardenspotvillage.org/live. Listen in as an Old Order Mennonite historian and Kenneth Sensenig, church relations staff with MCC East Coast, discuss the PA German language's important role in the life of certain plain groups.