



New Holland Mennonite Church

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

Nickels for Neighbors

Children

Gathering & Praising God

Let's Walk Together (VT 6)

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 46)

Keith Miller

Prayer

Let Us Build a House (VT 36)

Hearing God's Voice

Selection of Scriptures from the Old Testament:

Micah 4:1-5, Isaiah 1:10-17, Leviticus 19:33-34,

Proverbs 24:29a, Proverbs 25:21-22, Proverbs 14:21

Conversation with Children

Ray Hurst

Sermon: *"Visions of Peace in the Old Testament"*

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

We Are People of God's Peace (VT 797)

Prayer of the People

Brenda Hurst

Announcements

Sending

You Shall Go Out with Joy (VT 847)

Sending Blessing

Coffee: Pat Thomas; **Greeters:** Lisa, Joe, & Grace Kehm

Sound: Bryan Hower (Ruth Douglas Miller)

Nursery: Lois Zimmerman; **Close:** Tim Martin

Offering: Brenda Hurst & Keith Miller

October 11: Attendance and Offering

Attendance: 31 (7 Zoom) • **Offering:** \$720.00

NEXT SUNDAY: October 25

Coffee: Rosanna Ceresini; **Greeter:** Tom Ceresini

Song Leader: Dawn Kaczor; **Sermon:** Ron Adams

Worship Leader/Prayer: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Children: Steven Lantz; **Sound:** Ruth Douglas Miller

Nursery: Lois Zimmerman; **Close:** Bryan Hower

Offering: Lisa Kehm & Lois Zimmerman

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

Thank you to everyone who helped host Sunday afternoon's "Together in Grief, United in Prayer" service with our immigrant neighbors. Even as the rain poured outside, we gathered in the presence of God to share our prayers, grief, and hope. May we continue to "trust that every small step counts" (Liliana Vega) as we walk alongside our immigrant neighbors in care and solidarity. — Wanda and Pastor Dawn

A Tangible Way to Offer Support: A member of our congregation has received notice that her immigration paperwork is under review. Responding to this notice involves significant expenses, and we would like to help ease this financial burden.

If you are able to contribute, your gift is a tangible way to walk alongside her during this uncertain time.

Checks can be made payable to New Holland Mennonite Church, with "Immigration Support" in the memo line. Please place checks in the offering basket.

Please hold this family in your prayers as they navigate this uncertain and stressful time. May they feel God's presence, find strength and peace, and know they are surrounded by a community that loves them.

Thank you for caring for one another and living out our commitment to including all people and practicing peace and justice.

SUNDAYS in October: Nickels for Neighbors will assist with Chestnut Housing's Bridgeport Housing project, a creative partnership including donors from Forest Hills Mennonite Church that is developing a property in the Conestoga Valley School District. **Bring your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars, & checks!**

What is God calling us to do in 2027?

This fall, all members and regular attendees are invited to join in discerning God's call for our church in 2027.

With guidance from Everence Stewardship Theologian Colin Saxton, the Leadership Team will facilitate a series of congregational conversations. What we hear together will shape a draft 2027 Ministry Plan, Narrative Budget, and Budget that reflect our shared sense of God's leading.

Mark your calendar:

- ♦ **Sunday, October 11:** 9 a.m. – *What is God calling us to do in 2027?*
- ♦ **Sunday, October 18:** 9 a.m. – *How do we carry out what God is calling us to do in 2027?*
- ♦ **Sunday, October 25:** 9 a.m. – *How will we fund what God is calling us to do in 2027?*
- ♦ **Sunday, January 10:** 9 a.m. – Presentation of the proposed 2027 Ministry Plan, 2027 Narrative Budget, and 2027 Annual Budget.
- ♦ **Sunday, February 7:** Annual Congregational Meeting and vote on the 2027 Ministry Plan, Narrative Budget, and Annual Budget.

Following October 25, the Leadership Team and Finance Committee will meet together to incorporate congregational feedback to bring a proposed 2027 Ministry Plan, Narrative Budget and Annual Budget to the congregation at the January 10 meeting.

Following the January 10 meeting, the Leadership Team and Finance Committee will incorporate congregational feedback and bring a final 2027 Ministry Plan, Narrative Budget, and Annual Budget to the congregation at the February 7 Congregational Meeting for a vote.

This is an exciting season in the life of our congregation. We hope you'll be a part of these important conversations as we listen together for God's leading and shape our ministry for the coming year.

If you have questions or would like more information as we head into this process, please contact Steven Lantz.

WEDNESDAY, October 21: 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.

WEDNESDAY, October 28: Book Club: 7 p.m. at Jenn's house (199 Eastern School Road, New Holland). Jenn leading discussion. Book: *The Kin*, by Tayari Jones: Good books, lively discussion, strong opinions, differing perspectives, and plenty of laughs—sometimes even about the book!

THURSDAY, November 5: 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.

Sunday, November 22: Annual Covenant Sunday: "Taste and See that the Lord is Good: A Feast for the Senses—and4 the Soul"

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.

What We Value

**With Jesus as our center, we commit to
including all people,
strengthening our relationships (and)
practicing peace and justice.** (adopted February 2023)

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