

# New Holland Mennonite Church

November 14, 2021 • Volume 66, No. 46  
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



## MISSIONS: *Global*

### Gathering & Praising God

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*  
Call to Worship & Prayer  
*God of Our Strength*

Elsa Lantz

### Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children  
Scripture: John 6:1-15  
Sermon: "A Community of Signs: The Church in Mission"

Steven Lantz

Nelson Okanya\*

### Responding

*Loving God, Loving Others*  
Sharing and Announcements  
Congregational Prayer

Ray Hurst

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

### Sending

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again (verses 1 & 2)*  
Benediction

\* **Nelson Okanya** serves as Global Missions President at Center for Serving Leadership. He was born in Migori, Kenya. Nelson holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Eastern Mennonite Seminary and is currently completing a Doctorate in Intercultural Studies at Fuller School of Intercultural Studies. Nelson pastored a multicultural North American suburban Mennonite church in Lanham, Maryland for 5 years and most recently, served as president of Eastern Mennonite Missions for over seven years. He chairs the Global Mission Fellowship and is vice-chair for the Mission Commission of Mennonite World Conference. He is passionately committed to cross-cultural engagements, building transformative global partnerships, and developing serving leaders. Nelson is married to Carmen Horst Okanya, pastor at James Street Mennonite, and has two sons, Barak and Izak.

**Greeters/Open:** Sue & Tim Martin

**Praise Team:** Ray Hurst, Dawn Kaczor, Steven Lantz

**Sound:** Bryan Hower & Tammy Snader

**Clean:** Evelyn & Jim Bailey; **Offering:** Francy Bailey & Sue Martin

### November 7

**Attendance:** 43 (4 on Zoom)

**Church Offering:** \$1,660.00

November Early Learning Center Fundraiser: \$1,500.00

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, November 13, Men's Breakfast, Eli's Place, 7 a.m.**

**Saturday, November 20, Kid's Club, 3 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 21, Annual Covenant Sunday, 10 a.m.**

**Tuesday, December 21, Longest Night Service, 7 p.m. (Zoom)**

**Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.**  
(outdoors)

**Sunday, December 26, Christmas Brunch & Worship**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**November 16:** Dot Weaver

**November 17:** Judy Nguyen, Sarah Sauder

## **NEXT SUNDAY: November 21 (Annual Covenant Sunday)**

**Greeters/Open:** Bryan Hower & Karina Morales

**Worship Leader:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Praise Team:** Jenn Esbenshade, Jen Morales, Tammy Snader

**Sound:** Davin & Myla Esbenshade

**Prayer:** Bryan Hower; **Clean/Close:** Sue & Tim Martin

**Count Offering:** Wade Esbenshade & Brenda Martin Hurst

## **Church News**

**New Members:** At our Annual Covenant Sunday on November 21, Mike Bortzel is planning to be baptized and the following are planning on becoming members: Francy Bailey, Michele Good, Mike Good, Marilynn Miller, Tom Miller, Judy Schweitzer.

**2021 Congregation/Pastor Review:** The goal of the review process is to improve the ministry of the congregation and the health of its members and pastor through a process of reflection, gracious and candid feedback. An electronic form was emailed to you on Monday, November 8. Contact Lois Zimmerman if you prefer a paper form. **Deadline: November 21.** Contact Wade Esbenshade, Lois Zimmerman, or Joanne Dietzel with questions.

**November Fundraiser:** You are invited to participate in a fundraiser for the New Holland Early Learning Center. During the month of November, funds will be raised to go toward the \$18,000 that is spent each year for educational supplies for ELC classrooms. The first \$3,000 will be matched. Can we raised \$10,000 during the month of November?! Mark your offering envelopes "ELC Fundraiser."

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

**Leadership Team:** Wade Esbenshade, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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**Advent Devotional & Sunday School:** Adults and youth are encouraged to use the "Close to Home" Advent Devotional from November 28 through January 8. The Adult Sunday School class that meets in the sanctuary will focus on the devotional from December 5-January 9. Paper copies were placed in church folders for those who requested a copy. The electronic copy will be included in the weekly email beginning on November 21.

## **Community News**

**Mennonite Children's Choir Christmas Concerts: "The Light Has Come":** Join MCCL singers (including Seth Lantz) in celebrating the light of Christ through choral music featuring marimba, harp, and guitar. **Thursday, December 2,** 7 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite Church; **Saturday, December 4,** 4 p.m. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster; **Sunday, December 5,** 4 p.m., Forest Hills Mennonite Church, Leola. Freewill offerings will be received. Masks are required.

**The global community of faith—reunited:** More than 1.5 million believers in 58 countries belong to the Anabaptist tradition. Mennonite World Conference (MWC) exists to facilitate relationships between Anabaptist-related churches worldwide and relate to other Christian organizations. Every six years, MWC hosts a global Assembly. For one week, thousands of Anabaptists-Mennonites will worship and pray as one, share our experience, build relationships, and serve together. The next Assembly will be in Semarang, Indonesia, **July 5-10, 2022.** Assembly offers a truly global experience for all ages. From workshops to tours, exhibitions to cultural performances, service opportunities to games, there is something for everyone! **Make plans to come in person or virtually!** More info: mwc-cmm.org .

**Alive with 55 & Up:** Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **December 14,** 10 a.m. Conestoga Valley Orchestra Chamber Ensemble, directed by Mrs. Emily H. Sheffer. Come and enjoy a morning of orchestra music before our Christmas luncheon. (Masking is encouraged. Meal is either take out or served with fewer chairs at each table.)