

New Holland Mennonite Church

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Zoom Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. & **Worship: 10:15 a.m.**



Gathering & Praising God

Let there be peace on earth Voices of Hope Children's Choir
Call to Worship/Prayer Karina Morales
Oceans Plains Mennonite Church Worship Team

Hearing God's Voice

Children's Time Bryan Hower
Scripture: Mark 1:14-20 Karina Morales
Sermon: "And immediately..." Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult Advocate Virtual Choir
"This is Us" Dawn Kaczor & Elsa Lantz
Sharing and Announcements Dawn Ranck-Hower
Congregational Prayer/ Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

Sending

I have decided to follow Jesus Kathryn Scott
Benediction Karina Morales

Upcoming Events

All activities are on zoom unless otherwise stated.

Wednesday, February 3: "Shine Bright Club", 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 7

Congregational Meeting: 9-9:50 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Sue Martin

Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Congregational Prayer: Steven Lantz

Children's Time: Dawn Kaczor

Sunday, February 14: NO Sunday School

Wednesday, February 17: Ash Wednesday Service (for children and adults)

Saturday, February 20: Dessert and Games (zoom edition)

January 24 (Zoom)

Attendance: 43 • Church Offering: \$2,050.00

As you are able, please mail your offerings to the church office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 31: Brenda Martin Hurst

February 2: Britney Good

Church News

This Is Us: Wish you knew people at church better? During 2021, two people from our congregation will have 5 minutes each to introduce themselves to the rest of the congregation with words and/or photos. Contact Pastor Dawn with the date that you would like to share.

"Love for Others": During February we will be collecting food for CrossNet Ministries Food Pantry. You can learn more about CrossNet's food ministry and their current needs by going to: elancocrossorg/what-we-do/food-nutrition-programs. Drop off donations before **February 28** at the ELC (main door at the carport) from 6:15 a.m.-9 a.m. or 3:30-5:30 p.m. or contact Pastor Dawn to arrange a time between those hours. Contact Lois Zimmerman with questions.

Lent 2021

*(begins February 17 with
Ash Wednesday)*

In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. We doubt again, we lament again, we mess up again. Again and again, the story of Jesus on the cross repeats—every time lives are taken unjustly, every time the powerful choose corruption and violence, every time individuals forget how to love. With exacerbation we exclaim, "Again?! How long, O God?"

And yet, in the midst of the motion blur chaos of our lives, God offers a sacred refrain: "I choose you, I love you, I will lead you to repair." Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward.

This theme provides a clear invitation in a time when much is unclear. Even when worshiping apart, we come to God again and again with our prayers, our dreams, our hopes, and our doubts. Even if from a distance, we continue to be community to one another—especially when it's hard—by choosing each other over and over again. We will continue to love God with the same persistence God chooses and claims us.

Our sub-theme, A Lenten Refrain, speaks to the ways God can make music of our lives. "Refrain" also reminds us that Lent is a season of abstaining from certain or harmful practices in order to take on new rhythms and habits.

In this season, we need rituals—both old and new—to remember and be transformed. Embodied practice builds muscle memory. Repetition helps retrain our neural pathways. We need the 46 days of Lent because this season shapes us into more faithful disciples. Join us this Lent as again and again, we bring all of who we are to God and trust that God will meet us, time and again, along the way.



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