



New Holland Mennonite Church

March 24, 2019 • Volume 64, No. 12
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

BLESSED HUNGER HOLY FEAST

God pours out life-giving drink

Focus Statement

When we become empty and weary from things that do not satisfy,
God pours out life-giving drink.
We turn from destruction to God's grace.

Gathering

Blue skies and rainbows

Praise Team

Call to Worship *(Based on Psalm 63)*

Karina Morales

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you
as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

Leader: We have seen you in the sanctuary,
and know your power and glory.

**People: We will praise you and bless you
as long as we live.**

**All: O God, you satisfy our souls
as with a rich feast.**

***In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy,
and you uphold us.***

Opening Prayer

Praising God

Brethren, we have met to worship (WB 8)

Come thou fount (WB 521)

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings / My Coins Count

Offertory

Ruth Carrasco

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 63:1-8

Conversation with Children:

Jen Morales

(Ages 4 and under dismissed to nursery)

Just a closer walk with thee (SJ 106)

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9

Sermon: "God's Rich Feast"

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

(Anyone who wishes may color at the tables during the sermon.)

Responding

Beautiful Things (vs 1,2)

Leader: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." *(Isaiah 55:1-3a)*

Leader: We are all invited to seek the Lord today.

Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

(Prayer)

(A time of silence for personal confessions.)

**All: God of life, we listen for you,
for you alone have the words of life.
When we realize that we have paid
too much attention to the voices in our world,
we listen to you**

Leader: When we sense the poverty of our souls,
we listen to you.

When our souls hunger for abundant life,
we listen to you.

**All: In the morning and in the evening,
we will listen to you.**

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

Beautiful Things (vs 3)

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Lois Zimmerman

Sending

Heart with loving heart united (WB 420)

Benediction

Praise Team: Bryan Hower, Jen Morales, Dawn Ranck-Hower
Coffee/Close/Greeters: Sue & Tim Martin; **Usher:** Tim Martin;
Sound: Bryan Hower; **Nursery:** Nancy Hooper & Kyla Morales

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 27: Martha Hoover; **March 29:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

NEXT SUNDAY: March 31

Coffee/Close: Judy Nguyen; **Sound:** Davin & Wade Esbenshade
Greeters: Brenda Martin Hurst & Karina Morales
Worship Leader: Dawn Kaczor; **Usher:** Anna Mae Weaver
Song Leader/Pianist: Jenn Esbenshade; **Praise Team:** Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel, Bryan Hower, Danika Snader, Tammy Snader
Congregational Prayer: Dawn Ranck-Hower
Children: Ruth Carrasco; **Nursery:** Judy Nguyen and Karina Morales

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

March 17: 40 • Offering: \$2,164

GARDEN DONATIONS TO DATE

Total needed: \$6,000

Everence Grant: \$1,500 • Total amount raised so far: \$3,525

Total amount needing to be raised: \$975

HEATING & COOLING BILLS & DONATIONS TO DATE

Total needed: \$64,090 • Money already in capital fund: \$12,375

Total amount raised so far: \$51,176

Total amount needing to be raised: \$539

Upcoming Events

(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)

- Mar 31** Sermon: Jonathan Bowman
Apr 3 Youth Bible Study at Meadville Mennonite
Apr 7 Sermon: Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower
Apr 10 Sewing Circle, 8 a.m.-noon
Apr 13 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. Squireside Café
Apr 14 Palm Sunday, host Eastern Mennonite High School Choir; Fellowship Meal following service
Apr 18 Maundy Thursday Meal and service, 6:30 p.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church
Apr 19 Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.

Holy Week Reminders

Palm Sunday Worship Service: April 14. Journey with Jesus on his last week on earth through scripture, song, and silence. (Eastern Mennonite High School Choir will join us for this special service.) A Fellowship Meal follows the service. Meatballs, rolls, and chips provided. Bring a salad (tossed, potato, macaroni, etc) and a dessert. If you are able, bring double what you normally bring since our numbers will be doubled that morning.

Maundy Thursday Meal & Service: April 18, 6:30 p.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church has invited us to eat a meal together like Jesus shared his last supper with his friends. The evening will include a simple meal, Scripture reading, singing, communion, footwashing, and time for reflection and confession.

Good Friday Service: April 19, 7:00 p.m. Enter and exit this service in silence. Ridgeview Mennonite Church will join us for this somber service on the saddest day of the church year. Jesus is on his way through the Roman legal system. This is the day he is accused, jailed, judged, and executed. The question confronting Christians on Good Friday is whether we are willing to follow Jesus to the cross.

Easter Service: April 21, 10 a.m. We have seen the risen Lord! Easter Sunday begins a 50-day period during which the church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the triumph of life over death. (There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday). Please bring your Easter flowers to church and place on the platform for everyone to enjoy. Thanks!

Pastor: Dawn Ranck-Hower; dawn.ranck@verizon.net; 1/215/237-1485
Leadership Team Chair: Wade Esbenshade
Leadership Team: Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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A nursery is available for children ages 4 and younger.

Church News

Directory Correction: Mekdes Anshebo — 717/690-9031.

Help Needed:

1) Spring Cleaning: It is time for "Spring Cleaning" our sanctuary and foyer. Please join us on Saturday, **March 30**, 9:00 a.m. Bring a bucket, cloth, and any special cleaning supplies you like to use. Bring a small ladder if you have one for washing windows.

2) "Sprouts for Peace Garden" Work Day: Saturday, **March 30**, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. To read about specific tasks for the day, what tools to bring, and to sign up, access this link: signup.com/go/gXxQLtm

3) Spring Mulching: Bring your pitchforks and join a group in mulching the flowerbeds on Saturday, **April 13**, 9 a.m.

Donations Needed:

1) Pies: 20 pies are needed for the Mennonite Relief Sale on April 6. Put in offering by **March 31**. **\$80 donated so far.**

2) Easter Egg Hunt: Each year the church does an Easter Egg Hunt for the Early Learning Center children. The total cost is about \$150. Please consider donating through the weekly offering by April 14. Talk to Lois Zimmerman if you would like to help out at the Egg Hunt on **April 16**. **\$30 donated so far.**

3) CrossNet Meal: Tuesday, **April 9**. There are two ways to be involved: 1) Contact Lois Zimmerman if you are interested in serving the food or helping to cook the food and 2) sign up on the table in the lobby to bring food items. Bring food to church by noon on **April 8** and put in the front office.

4) Camp Scholarships: Consider giving a donation to make it possible for children in our congregation to enjoy a week at camp this summer. Mark "Church Camp" on offering envelope.

5) Garden Tools Needed: Wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, hoes, hose, sprinkling cans, etc. Bring items to the shed after April 1.

The Gap Male Chorus: New Holland Mennonite Church, 7 p.m. **April 14**. The chorus, which has been performing since 1922, will sing classic hymn arrangements, southern Gospel, spirituals, and modern styles. **Jim Bailey and Bob Weaver are members of the chorus.** Admission is free, but a love offering will be received to benefit the New Holland Early Learning Center.

The Mennonite: Please let Pastor Dawn know by **April 1** if you would like to renew your subscription to *The Mennonite* or if you would like to be added to the group subscription. The cost is \$37 a year. Please put the money in the offering clearly marked for "The Mennonite."

Community News

Mennonite Children's Choir Spring Concerts: Featuring our very own Seth Lantz. Sunday, **April 7**, 4 p.m. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster; Sunday, **April 14**, 6 p.m., Chiques Church of the Brethren, Manheim; Sunday, **May 5**, 6:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster; Sunday, **June 9**, 7 p.m. Mountville Lawn Concert Series, Mountville Church of the Brethren.

PA Relief Sale: April 5-6; Friday: 4 - 9 p.m.; Saturday: 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Farm Show Complex (Harrisburg, PA). Additional information at PaReliefSale.org.

Harmonies Worship Hymn Sing: Sunday, **April 7**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Blossom Hill Mennonite Church.

The Peaceable Kingdom: An Evening of Storytelling: **April 15**, 7-8:30 p.m. Akron Mennonite Church What does it mean to live out peace in the way of Jesus today? Come hear from storytellers whose identity as a disciple of Christ has shaped their responses in times of conflict/crisis.

Tuesday Alive with 55 & Up: April 9. 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite. *Wisdom from the Trail: Lessons from hiking the Appalachian Trail.* Lois & Ernie Hess will share pictures, stories, and learnings from their 17-year journey of hiking the 2,190 mile trail.

Shrek Jr. at Cavod Academy of the Arts: Featuring our very own Danika Snader! **May 3**, 7 p.m.; **May 4**, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; **May 5**, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. One day, Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairytale misfits who have been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek confronts Farquaad, he's handed a task – if he rescues feisty princess Fiona, his swamp will be righted. Shrek sets off on an adventure with a wise-cracking donkey to rescue a princess and finds true acceptance along the way. This nontraditional fairytale, through many twists and turns, sends a powerful message for the whole family. Tickets: cavodacademy.com or 717/354-3355.