



# New Holland Mennonite Church

May 10, 2026 • Volume 71, No. 19

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

## Gathering & Praising God

*My Lighthouse (VT 597)*

Jenn Esbenshade

Call to Worship & Prayer

Sue Martin

*God of Grace (VT 716)*

## Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children

Jen Morales

“The Purveyor of Purple” from *“The Book of Belonging:*

*Bible Stories for Kind & Contemplative Kids”*

(Based on Acts 16:12-15)

Sermon: “The Best and Worst of Paul”

Dawn Ranck-Hower

Scripture: Acts 16:16-40

## Responding

*Lift Every Voice and Sing (VT 611)*

Prayer of the People

Dawn Kaczor

Announcements

## Sending

*God Be With Us (VT 613)*

Sending Blessing

**Coffee:** Ashly Escalante

**Greeters:** Jen Morales & Francisco Morales

**Sound:** Wade Esbenshade; **Nursery:** Ruth Douglas Miller

**Close:** Steven Lantz; **Offering:** Francy Bailey & Lois Zimmerman

## NEXT SUNDAY: May 17

**Coffee/Greet:** Pat Thomas; **Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Sermon:** Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Worship Lead:** Brenda Hurst

**Prayer:** Ray Hurst, **Children:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Sound:** Mike Good; **Nursery:** Bryan Hower; **Close:** Bryan Hower

**Offering:** Lisa Kehm & Wade Esbenshade

## May 3: Attendance and Offering

**Attendance:** 41 (2 Zoom) • **Offering:** \$3,520.00

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**Summer Stories:** Over the summer, each Sunday someone from our congregation will share a story of “The Extraordinary in the Ordinary.” **Monthly highlights include:** Ray from the garden, Jen from the Early Learning Center, a “why I give of my time and/or money to this church,” and a “why I love this church” story. **Interested in sharing?** Let Pastor Dawn know!

**TUESDAY, May 12: Garden Spot Chorus Concert:** 7 p.m., GSHS Auditorium, Maggie is in Middle School Ensemble of select choir singers!

**FRIDAY, May 15: Sophie's Garden 2026 Spring Celebration,** 6-7:30 p.m., New Holland Early Learning Center. Refreshments, bubbles, crafts, and more! You are invited!

**THURSDAY, May 19: Knot Danika's Comforter,** 7 p.m. Brenda's house. Bring scissors. No experience needed.

**WEDNESDAY, May 20: 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.

**SUNDAY, May 24: 10 a.m. Celebrate Pentecost with “Wild Church”** — then stay for a picnic, great conversation, lots of laughter, and so much more. Led by Gina Burkhart, pastor Landisville Mennonite Church. At Keith & Ruth's Farm in Morgantown, PA. Wander the grounds, explore the pond, visit the animals, and join in some spirited (but friendly!) lawn game competition. **Sign Up in weekly email update by Wednesday, May 20.** Wear colors of fire! Information in weekly email update.

**SATURDAY, May 30: Open House Graduation Celebration for Seth Lantz:** All are invited to celebrate with Seth and his family at their house in honor of his graduation from Garden Spot High School. 4:00-8:00 p.m.

**June ELC Fundraiser:** Funds will support the brand-new school-age center at Trinity Lutheran Church. Your gifts will help provide classroom supplies, books, games, STEM tools, and student

workspaces and seating. The first \$3,000 given will be matched through an Everence grant. Please mark your offering envelopes "ELC Fundraiser."

**THURSDAY, June 4: 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.

**FRIDAY, June 5: Book Club: *How to Read a Book***, by Monica Wood. 7 p.m. at Bryan & Dawn's house. *How to Read a Book* is an unsparingly honest and profoundly hopeful story about forgiveness, letting go of guilt, seizing second chances, and the power of books to change our lives. With the heart, wit, grace, and depth of understanding that has characterized her work, Monica Wood illuminates the decisions that define a life and the kindnesses that make life worth living.

**SUNDAY, June 28: We're closing the church doors!** On Sunday, June 28, the doors of New Holland Mennonite Church will stay locked—not because we're not worshiping, but because we're heading out to bless other congregations in the Atlantic Coast Conference with our cheerful presence! **Could we visit all 24 ACC churches?** That includes places like Gettysburg, PA; Port Allegany, PA; Ocean City, MD; Frazer, PA; Hagerstown, MD; Cambridge, MA; Baltimore, MD—even New York City! **Some of the farther trips will take a bit of planning** (maybe even a weekend getaway), so start thinking now about where you might go. SIGN UP in the weekly email update and be part of this fun, connection-building experiment.

**SUNDAY, July 5: Brunch (9:30 a.m.) & Table Church (10 a.m.)** Swap stories from church visits. SIGN UP in weekly email update to participate and/or bring food to share.

**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.

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## SUMMER WORSHIP

### The Extraordinary in the Ordinary *Discovering God in the Everyday*

For all the drama of Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, most of life is made up of ordinary days—and God is present in them all. God meets us as we grocery shop, pay bills, go to work or school, and spend time with family and friends. Yet we do not always notice.

Our summer worship series is an invitation to pay attention—to seek God in the rhythms of daily life, and to become more open to wonder, to grace, and to the possibility that something extraordinary is unfolding in the ordinary. Jesus often used ordinary things and everyday people in his parables to reveal deeper truths about God's kingdom, and these stories will help shape our worship throughout the summer.

Our days hold a quiet promise, if we have eyes to see.

**May 31: Practicing Gratitude:** Luke 17:15-16

Preacher: Dawn Ranck-Hower

**June 7: The Eyes of Silwan:** John 9: Preacher: Amy Yoder McGloughlin is the Conference Minister for Allegheny Mennonite Conference, and the Denominational Minister for Education with MCUSA. She's been travelling to Palestine yearly since 2013, leading delegations with Community Peacemaker Teams, Mennonite Men, and the Mennonite Palestine Israel Network. Amy's upcoming book, tentatively titled, *Storied Land*, looks at stories in scripture and compares them to current stories happening on those same pieces of land today. Her central question is "How can the story of Palestinians and their experiences on the land enhance the reading of our own sacred texts?"

**June 14: Parables about Prayer:** Luke 11:1-13 & 18:1-18

Preacher: Dawn Ranck-Hower

**June 21: Early Learning Center: Parable: The Wise & Foolish Builders:** Matthew 7:24-27, Led by Jen Morales, Kelsey Means, and the ELC School Age Students