

THURSDAY, April 3: Maundy Thursday Meal & Service

(For all-ages. *Children encouraged to attend.*) 6:30 p.m.

“The air felt heavy and expectant, as if the room were holding its breath. Jesus sat at the table with his friends, chatting quietly in the glow of the candles ...” So begins the story we will hear as we gather around a table with our friends to hear the story of Jesus from the table gathering until his death on the cross and burial. **Our bodies will move with the story in this interactive service.** Sign Up link in weekly email next week.

SUNDAY, April 5: Easter Worship Service: 10 a.m. No Sunday School

SUNDAY, April 12: Long-Term Planning and Sustainability, 9 a.m. Colin Saxton will be with us in person to lead this meeting and bring the morning sermon..

SUNDAY, April 12: College Care Package: As Davin and Kai finish up their college year, consider sending a little encouragement their way. You’re invited to write a note and/or contribute a small gift such as snack foods, cereal, or chocolate (*school supplies are not needed*). Please place items in the boxes on the table at the front of the sanctuary by Sunday, April 12.

MONDAY, April 13: Leadership Team Meeting, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, April 19: Campership Applications due. Contact Pastor Dawn if you would like to apply for a camp scholarship for Summer 2026. Camperships will be awarded by the end of May. Each child who receives a campership is asked to do 5 hours of community service with the church.

TUESDAY, April 21: ICE Preparation Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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.

Pastor: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Leadership Team:** Dawn Kaczor, Ruth Douglas Miller, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman
18 Western Ave., New Holland, PA 17557 • 717/354-0602
www.NewHollandMC.org • **Hearing Aids Available**



New Holland Mennonite Church

March 15, 2026 • Volume 71, No. 11

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

Dwelling in

DISSONANCE

Submission & Power

Focus Statement: Jesus understood and demonstrated power so differently from what we expect. We experience the upside-down kingdom

We gather for worship,
seeking a kingdom that is not of this world.

“Your Kingdom come! Your will be done on earth!”

We pray.

Then we look around . . . Where is it? What is truth?

We gather for worship,
asking questions and staying the course.

We pray again and again,

“Your kingdom come!”

Looking and longing . . . Where is it? Where are you?

We gather for worship and find that God is here.

On earth as in heaven.

God’s kingdom now and not yet;
here and in the world to come.

Let us worship our God.

Order of Worship

My Coins Count

Gathered by Children

Gathering & Praising God

Mountain of God (VT 11)

Call to Worship & Prayer

My Soul Cries Out (VT 412)

Jenn Esbenshade

Ray Hurst

Hearing God's Voice

Extinguish Candle

Conversation with Children

Scripture: John 18:28-40 (*Gospel of John* from Visual Bible International)

Sermon: "An Incomprehensible Kingdom"

Jenn Esbenshade

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Build Your Kingdom Here (VT 393)

Prayer of the People

Announcements

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Sending

The Kingdom of God (VT 799)

Sending Blessing

Coffee/Greeter: Pat Thomas; **Sound:** Mike Good

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

Offering: Wade Esbenshade & Brenda Hurst

March 8: Attendance and Offering

Attendance: 32 (2 Zoom) • **Offering:** \$1,324.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 15: Dawn Kaczor; **March 17:** Ruth Douglas Miller

March 20: Jennifer Morales

NEXT SUNDAY: March 22

Coffee: Ray Hurst; **Greeter:** Brenda Hurst

Worship Lead: Keith Miller; **Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade

Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Prayer:** Dawn Kaczor

Children: Ray Hurst; **Sound:** Bryan Hower

Nursery: Ruth Douglas Miller; **Close:** Tim Martin

Offering: Sue Martin & Lois Zimmerman

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

My Coins Count! Before church each Sunday in March, children are collecting coins (or dollars) for Mennonite Central Committee's "My Coins Count." Each year, spare change collected by children, families and churches adds up to more than \$600,000 toward MCC's work around the world.

Thank You to Deb Hatfield for volunteering to keep the Kids Craft/Game/Puzzle table organized between Sundays.

WEDNESDAY, March 18: Women's Dinner at GSV Concord

Room: Reserved from 5:30-8:00. Food available until 6:30 p.m.

Atlantic Coast Conference Assembly Weekend: Exile: Dwelling in Dissonance: Assembly is open to anyone wanting to reflect on being church living out faith together.

FRIDAY, March 20: Watch Party at the home of Pastor

Dawn and Bryan: Gather at 6:45 p.m. with others from NHMC for the Opening Assembly, featuring a keynote address by Matthew D. Taylor on the weekend's theme, **Exile: Dwelling in Dissonance.** Taylor—an author, theologian, and religious studies scholar specializing in Christian Nationalism—will explore the tension between our cultural moment and our calling as Christian peacemakers. Discussion and dessert to follow. **RSVP to Pastor Dawn.**

SATURDAY, March 21: In Person Gathering at North

Baltimore Mennonite Church: As followers of Jesus, lives of love, peacemaking, and justice can set us at odds with the world around us. At ACC Assembly, we will explore this theme through conversations on Christian nationalism and loving our LGBTQIA+ and immigrant neighbors. Bus transportation is available. See weekly email update for additional details or to register.

MONDAY, March 23: CrossNet Meal: 5:30 p.m. RSVP to Pastor Dawn if you want to reserve a seat at the ELC/Church tables.

SUNDAY, March 29: Intergenerational Sunday School: Sign up in weekly email update to bring items to fill Easter Eggs or treats for the ELC staff.