



# New Holland Mennonite Church

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



## “Unable to go back the way we came!”

### Focus statement:

The wait is over.

The mystery has been made known.

Arise! Shine!

Walk in this new path  
and be transformed!

### Gathering

Preservice

Ruth Carrasco

Call to Worship/Prayer

Bryan Hower

Leader: Oh God, my God, you cry out to us.

**People: Asking, when will you see the light that I am,  
the grace I have extended to all people,  
the dance out of the darkness  
and into righteousness to which I invited you?**

Leader: Can we see that in you we are transformed,  
unable to go back the way we have known?

**All: God, what are we waiting for?**

### Praising God

*Joy to the world (WB 318)*

Praise Team

*O come, all ye faithful (WB 212)*

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Star of the east*

Ray Hurst

### Hearing God's Word

Conversation with Children

Jen Morales

*(Ages 3 and under dismissed to nursery)*

*Morning Star, O cheering sight! (WB 214)*

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

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

*Please add your artwork to the easel in the back of the sanctuary)*

Sermon: “The Star”

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

*Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem (SS 32)*

### Responding

Sharing and Announcements

Gratitude for Volunteers

Congregational Prayer

Dawn Ranck-Hower

### Sending

*Arise, your light is come! (SS 30)*

Benediction

**Coffee:** Ruth Carrasco; **Greeters:** Laurence King & Karina Morales

**Usher:** Anna Mae Weaver; **Song Leader:** Ray Hurst

**Praise Team:** Bryan Hower, Brenda Martin Hurst, Tammy Snader

**Sound:** Judy Nguyen; **Nursery:** Evelyn Bailey (Mekdes Anshebo);

**Close:** Jim Bailey

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**December 22: 44 • Church Offering:** \$1,734.00

## NEXT SUNDAY: January 12

**Coffee:** Evelyn & Jim Bailey; **Greeters:** Jim Bailey & Sarah Sauder

**Pianist/Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade; **Usher:** Evelyn Bailey

**Praise Team:** Dawn Kaczor, Seth Lantz, Steven Lantz

**Worship Leader:** Jen Morales; **Prayer:** Wade Esbenshade

**Sound:** Davin Esbenshade; **Children's Time:** Ruth Carrasco

**Nursery:** Lois Zimmerman (Jen Morales); **Close:** Jim Bailey

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**January 5:** John Heese, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

**January 11:** Darryl Jackson

**January 12:** June Diffenderfer & Riley Snader

## **Upcoming Events**

*(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)*

- Jan 11** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., Squireside Café  
**Jan 12** Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower  
**Jan 17** Women's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Yoder's Restaurant  
**Jan 19** Sermon: Bekah Bowland, Bridge of Hope  
Expanded Fellowship Meal  
**Jan 25** Fun and Fondue, 5:00-8:00 p.m. *(Saturday, not Sunday)*  
**Jan 26** Sunday School: Visioning  
Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower

## **Church News**

**2020 Directory Correction:** Tom & Marilynn Miller:

Anniversary: April 24, 1971; Tom birthday: November 9, 1950;

Marilynn birthday, November 26, 1951.

**TWO Expanded Fellowship Meals:** Sunday, **January 19** AND Sunday, **February 16**, noon. You are invited to sign up to go to one of our local retirement homes to eat with folks who can no longer attend regularly. On **January 19** we will eat with folks from Fairmount Homes, Garden Spot Village, and Elizabethtown Healthcare AND on **February 16**, we will eat with folks from Conestoga View, Zerbe Sisters, and Landis Homes. A room has been reserved at each place for the group of people from our congregation. We will each buy our own food at their dining hall

and then eat together. This will vary from place to place, so see the sign up sheet in the lobby for details. Sign up for the January 19 meal by January 12 and the February 16 meal by February 9.

**Donations Needed for "GETTING AHEAD" class:** CrossNet Ministries, along with the Early Learning Center and Pastor Dawn are providing an educational opportunity for 8 parents or staff from the Early Learning Center. *Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-By World: Building Your Resources for a Better Life* is a 12-week workshop that invites people who are under-resourced to investigate solutions to help themselves, others, and their community transition out of low income and instability. The idea of "getting ahead" means action and movement—getting ahead of where we are now, toward a future that we really want. The event will be hosted at the ELC on Wednesdays, January 22 to April 22. Dinner and childcare will be provided. CrossNet is providing the class and childcare. The Witness Commission of the church has agreed to provide the meals. Tina Hanson will do the food preparation. **Would you be willing to pay for the ingredients for one meal at a cost of \$50?** Checks can be written out to the church and put into the weekly offering. Clearly mark them: "Getting Ahead."

**"Fun and Fondue" Game Night for all ages: SATURDAY, January 25, 5-8 p.m.** Come for a relaxing evening of playing table games. While you're playing, you can enjoy a variety of fondues. Fondues are provided but each family unit is asked to bring an item(s) to be dipped. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday morning, January 19. Bring your favorite game! **(Note: The flyer said Sunday, January 25— this event is Saturday, January 25).**

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**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 3 and younger.***

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## Community News

**Clean Out Your Quilt Room for MCC:** Quilter's Attic at the PA MCC Relief Sale is collecting quilt-related items, the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your quilt or linen closet. These items can be dropped off at the New Holland Re-Zit shop. Clearly mark items: Quilter's Attic.

**The Great Winter Warm-Up!: MCC is turning 100 in 2020!!!** Help contribute to the goal of collecting 6,500 comforters across the U.S. and Canada for distribution to people in need around the world. MCC East Coast has set a goal of 5,000 comforters in January. Two local locations on **January 18**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Garden Spot Village or 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Materials Resources Center (organized by our own Ruth Hershey!).

**Planning for Retirement (for ages 40-85):** Landis Communities is committed to offering many options, because retirement does not follow a one-size-fits-all mentality. Envisioning the goals that are most important and unique to you is essential for planning. Please consider attending this seminar to learn ways persons age 40-85 can plan for future care—as well as the key differences in a long-term care plan that members experience with a Continuing Care at Home membership. Landis Communities offers this in collaboration with the Quaker organization, Friends Life Care. At East Petersburg Mennonite Church, Wed. **February 5** from 1:30-3:00 p.m. 6279 Main Street in East Petersburg. RSVP: 844-252-6347 or <http://bit.ly/EastPete>.

### **Parenting for Mental Health & Holistic Growth Q&A**

**Seminar:** Anxiety. Depression. Stress. Peer Pressure. How can you help your child navigate these challenges? Join Dr. Doug Friesen, Licensed Psychologist, and other area pastors, parents and educators at this upcoming free seminar - Parenting for Mental Health & Holistic Growth - and ask all the questions you want! Planned by Lancaster Mennonite Schools.

**January 7:** New Danville Campus, Gym, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

**January 9:** Locust Grove Campus, Gym, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

**January 16:** Lancaster Lincoln Hwy Campus, Fine Arts Center, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. RSVP <https://www.facebook.com/events/2460698557518284>

**Annual Music Night:** Come out for an evening of incredible music on Saturday, **February 8** at 7 p.m. The fundraiser for the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society will be held at Neffsville Mennonite Church and feature SHALOM, Kyle Lehman, and the EMS Band. You can also join in lively congregational singing. Tickets: [lmhs.org](http://lmhs.org) or 717/393-9745. Tickets are \$30 with complimentary admission for children under 12.

**Sweetheart Dinner/Longhouse Fundraiser:** An indigenous meal will be served on Saturday, **February 14**, 7 p.m., Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster. \$75 per person. Fundraiser for the Hans Herr House Longhouse.

**Stewardship University:** Saturday, **March 7**, Calvary Church. Stewardship University is a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. Courses will explore subjects ranging from elevating your nutrition, preparing for retirement and paying for college to finding mission opportunities close to home, and more. Contact Ruth Carrasco by February 10 if you want to attend: there is a discount if more than 5 persons register from the same congregation. Register: [StewardshipUniversity.com](http://StewardshipUniversity.com).

**Tuesday Alive with 55 and Up: March 10**, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Lunch served. Bryan Hower and Dawn Ranck Hower will celebrate their 7<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 10. How did a Church of Christ elementary school teacher from Marysville, PA and a Mennonite pastor from Lansdale, PA meet? Dawn and Bryan will share their life journeys up until they were 47, and then what led them together in May of 2012. A modern love story.

**Tuesday Alive with 55 and Up: April 14**, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Lunch served. Dan Armstrong began installing cable television at the age of twenty. Now in his fifties, he still enjoys meeting new people. For six years, Armstrong was featured in a one minute radio spot called "The Wacky Words of Dan Armstrong." He is married and the father of four daughters. He has written a book called "The Adventures of a Real Life Cable Guy." He is an accomplished speaker and storyteller, has preached at Timberline church where he and his family attend.