



# New Holland Mennonite Church

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

## Gathering & Praising God

*Mountain of God (VT 11)*

Call to Worship & Prayer

*As We Rise, O God, to Meet You (VT 39)*

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel

## Hearing God's Voice

Scripture: Acts 9:1-19a

Conversation with Children

Sermon: "From Hunter to Herald (A Life Transformed

by the Risen Lord)"

Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel

Steven Lantz

Nelson Okanya\*

## Responding

*Beautiful Things (VT 551)*

Communion

Prayer of the People

Announcements

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

## Sending

*May the Face of God Shine on You (VT 844)*

Sending Blessing

## Fellowship Meal

**Coffee:** Evelyn Bailey; **Greeters:** Jim Bailey & Francly Bailey

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

**Offering:** Mike Good & Keith Miller

\* Nelson Okanya, originally from Migori, Kenya, has served as interim associate pastor at James Street Mennonite Church. He previously led an intercultural Mennonite church in Maryland for five years, served as president of the nonprofit division of the Center for Serving Leadership, and was president of Eastern

Mennonite Missions for more than seven years. He holds an Masters of Divinity from Eastern Mennonite Seminary and a doctorate from Fuller School of Mission and Theology. Nelson has been appointed Director of Commissions at Mennonite World Conference. He lives in Lancaster, with his wife, Carmen Horst Okanya, lead pastor at James Street Mennonite Church, and their two sons.

## What We Value

**With Jesus as our center, we commit to**

**including all people,**

**strengthening our relationships (and)**

**practicing peace and justice.** (adopted February 2023)

## April 26: Attendance and Offering

**Attendance:** 35 (0 Zoom) • **Offering:** \$1,660.00

## NEXT SUNDAY: May 10

**Coffee:** Ashly Escalante; **Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Greeters:** Jen Morales & Francisco Morales

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

**Children:** Jen Morales; **Sound:** Wade Esbenshade

**Nursery:** Ruth Douglas Miller; **Close:** Steven Lantz

**Offering:** Francly Bailey & Lois Zimmerman

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**June ELC Fundraiser:** Funds will support the brand-new school-age center at Trinity Lutheran Church. Right now, it's just walls and floors—but soon it will be filled with laughter, creativity, and discovery. 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."  
**NOTE:** ELC School Agers, led by Ms. Jen and Ms. Kelsey will be leading our worship service on Sunday, June 21!

**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 5: Garden Spot Band and Orchestra Concert:** 7 p.m., GSHS Auditorium. Maggie Good in Band and Ellie Good in Orchestra,

**THURSDAY, May 7: 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.

**TUESDAY, May 12: Garden Spot Chorus Concert:** 7 p.m., GSHS Auditorium, Maggie is in a 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!

**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.

**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.

**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  
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