

# New Holland Mennonite Church

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



The word “prodigal” is commonly used to describe the son who squanders his inheritance. Yet, this parable invites us to consider how God’s grace is also prodigal—extravagant, lavish, illogical. This parable disrupts and expands our definitions of grace. Once again, grace is not earned. After wasting his resources, the younger son becomes destitute and returns home to his father, saying, “I am no longer worthy.” His father, instead, greets him with a celebration and the fatted calf. The older son, in contrast, has done everything “right”—he’s tried to perform, work hard, check all the boxes—but he forgets how to celebrate. How might you receive and extend prodigal grace?

## Gathering & Praising God

*Full to the Brim\**

Call to Worship

Prayer for Illumination

*Your Love is Amazing (VT 96)*

Brenda Martin Hurst

## Hearing God’s Voice

Scripture: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Conversation with Children

Sermon: “You Prodigal Grace”

Dawn Kaczor

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

## Responding

Prayer of Confession

Words of Forgiveness

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (VT 544)*

Praise Team

Sharing and Announcements

Steven Lantz

Prayer of the People & Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

## Sending

*The Lord Lift You Up (VT 832)*

Benediction

*\* Song written & produced by Paul Demer / Video by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, featuring visual art by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Lauren Wright Pittman, Hannah Garrity, Carmelle Beaugelin, & Denise Anderson / A Sanctified Art LLC / sanctifiedart.org*

*Artwork on Screen: “Inexplicable Joy” Hannah Garrity*

*Banner on Left: “First Fruits” by Lauren Wright Pittman*

*Banner on Right: “Posca” by Carmelle Beaugelin*

**Greeters:** Karina Morales & Danika Snader

**Praise Team:** Jen Morales, Dawn Ranck-Hower, & Tammy Snader

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

**Count Offering:** Brenda Martin Hurst & Tammy Snader

## March 20

**Attendance Total:** 46 (7 on Zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$1,720.00

## NEXT SUNDAY: April 3

**Greeters:** Sue & Tim Martin

**Worship Leader:** Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Children:** Dawn Kaczor

**Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Sermon:** Richard Weaver; **Prayer:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Sound:** Davin & Myla Esbenshade; **Close:** Tim Martin

**Count Offering:** Sue Martin & Lois Zimmerman

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**March 27:** Martha Hoover & Hunter Leonard

**March 28:** Ellie Good; **March 29:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**April 1:** Maggie Good

## UPCOMING EVENTS

(All events are at church unless otherwise indicated)

**Creation Care Meeting, March 30, 7 p.m.**

**Race Relations Meeting: April 5, 7 p.m.** (112 Huyard Ave)

**Men's Prayer Breakfast: April 9, 7 a.m.** (Eli's Restaurant)

**Good Friday Worship, April 15, 7 p.m.**

**Easter Sunrise Service** (outdoors), 6 a.m., **April 17** (followed by an outdoor breakfast)

## **Church News**

**Creation Care Meeting: Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m.** at church. What creation care topics do you want to explore as a congregation?

**Race Relations Meeting:** You are invited to join the group that has been giving leadership at church to learning about race relations. Our next meeting is Tuesday, **April 5, 7 p.m.** at Bryan and Dawn's home (112 Huyard Avenue). How do we continue to learn and grow as a congregation?

**My Coins Count!!!** Bring your coins (or paper money or checks made out to Mennonite Central Committee ) to church **during the month of March**. A container for the change is in the back of the sanctuary.

**Easter, April 17:** Our morning worship service begins in the dark parking lot. Gather at 5:45 a.m. Hot beverages (bring a mug) provided from 5:45-5:55 a.m. Preservice begins at 5:55 a.m. Bring chairs, blankets (whatever you need to stay warm until the sunrises). There will be a basket for the offering. **Sign up in lobby by Sunday, April 10.** (Note: This service will not be available on Zoom. There will be no 10 a.m. worship service).

**Campership Donations:** Consider giving a donation to make it possible for children (Grades 3-12) in our congregation to enjoy time at a Christian camp this summer. Give donations by **Sunday, April 24.** Mark "Campership" on offering envelope.

**Campership Applications:** Contact Pastor Dawn if you would like to apply for a camp scholarship for Summer 2022. Deadline to apply: **Sunday, March 28.** 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.

## **Community News**

**Support world food relief through the Pennsylvania Relief**

**Sale:** On **April 1-2, 2022**, respond to basic human needs through the 66th Pennsylvania Relief Sale at the PA Farm Show Complex (2300 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA). Support Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) by bidding on handmade quilts, buying artisan crafts, eating delicious foods, enjoying children's activities and donating coins to My Coins Count. Admission is free, and parking is \$10 per car. Hours are **Friday, April 1** from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. and **Saturday, April 2** from 6:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information, visit [pareliefsale.org](http://pareliefsale.org).

**The Gospel According to Bach: Friday, April 8, 7 p.m.** Experience sublime music and drama in a refreshing performance of selections from J.S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion. Free Admission. St. Stephen's Reformed Church, 249 E. Main Street, New Holland. Information: [sdgconcerts.com](http://sdgconcerts.com)

**Gather Together: Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster:** Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey PA, Sunday, **April 10**, 4 p.m.; Strasburg Mennonite Church, Sunday, **May 1**, 4 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite Church, Saturday, **May 7**, 3 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

**Alive with 55 & Up:** Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **April 12**, 10 a.m. Pequea Valley High School Chamber Singers. Under Mr. Bankert's direction, the 42 member auditioned Chamber Singers from PVHS have received superior ratings and "Most Outstanding Choir" award in adjudicated festivals throughout Toronto Canada, New Jersey, Virginia, and Boston. Meal follows program.

**Atlantic Coast Conference 2022 Annual Spring Assembly:** **Saturday, April 23**, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, James Street Mennonite Church. The morning delegate session will include conference-wide storytelling and reporting along with other important business. Following lunch, afternoon seminars will cover a variety of topics in both informational and conversational styles. Look for more details on seminars in the coming days. Registration will be open by Sunday, March 20 at [atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly](http://atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly). Everyone is welcome to attend.