



New Holland Mennonite Church

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



everything [in] between lost & found

Parable of the Lost Sheep

Herding sheep is a never-ending task. As soon as one is found, another may go missing. Our lives have a similar ebb and flow—in one moment we might feel like we have it all together, and in the next, we're struggling to survive. The promise of this parable is that no matter how "lost" we feel, the Good shepherd is by our side.

Gathering & Praising God

My Coins Count Children
Jesus Calls Us (VT 30)
Call to Worship & Prayer Bryan Hower
Come, Thou Fount (VT 563)

Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children Steven Lantz
Sermon: "Lost & Found" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower
Luke 15:1-2: The Setting
Luke 15:3-7: The Lost Sheep, or the Counting, Seeking,
Finding, Celebrating Sheep Owner
Luke 15:8-10: The Lost Coin, or the Counting, Seeking,
Finding, Celebrating Coin Owner
Luke 15:11-31: The Lost Son, and the Father Who Forgot
to Count

Responding

Prayer of Confession Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower
Words of Forgiveness
Lost and Found (bulletin insert)
Congregational Prayer & Sharing Keith Miller
Announcements

Sending

Sizohamba naye (We Will Walk With God) (VT 815)
Benediction

Words for Worship by Rev. Sarah Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Coffee/Greeter: Judy Schweitzer; **Close:** Steven Lantz
Sound: Kai Esbenshade; **Nursery:** Ray Hurst
Offering: Francy Bailey & Wade Esbenshade

March 23

Attendance: 35 (5 on Zoom) • **Offering:** \$2,460.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 1: Maggie Good

NEXT SUNDAY: April 6

Coffee: Evelyn Bailey; **Greeter:** Francy Bailey & Jim Bailey
Close: Jim Bailey; **Worship Leader:** Dawn Ranck-Hower
Song Leader: Jenn Esbenshade; **Sound:** Wade Esbenshade
Prayer: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Nursery:** Ruth Douglas Miller
Sermon: Tim Herr; **Children's Time:** Bryan Hower
Offering: Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel and Brenda Martin Hurst

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

College Care Package: As a bit of extra energy for Davin as he finishes up his year of college, consider writing a note and/or giving a small gift (snack food, cereal, pen, Post-It Notes, etc.) for him to receive during the end of semester crunch. Place items in the box on the table in front of the sanctuary by April 13.

NEW DATE: Wednesday, April 2: God's Love Knows No Borders (NHMC Planning Meeting) 6:30 p.m. Next step planning for the group from New Holland Mennonite Church who participated in Mennonite Action peace school and training webinars.

Thursday, April 3: 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: April 4: Book Club: RSVP by Wednesday, April 1. 7 p.m. At Bryan & Dawn's house (112 Huyard Ave, New Holland). Led by Francys Bailey. Book: *Midwives* by Chris Bohjalian

Friday, April 4 & Saturday, April 5: Pennsylvania Relief Sale featuring renowned Quilt Auction, Country Auction, Coin Auction, Silent Auction, Children's Auction, My Coins Count, Ten Thousand Villages items, artisan crafts and goods, food, displays, activities, entertainment, and more!

Saturday, April 5: Meal by Adina Bills Menu: Beef and Cheese Empanadas (or Cheese Empanadas), Yellow Rice, Mexican Street Corn Casserole for \$15 Add a Strawberry Crunch Cheesecake Taco for \$5. Order from Adina by Thursday. Pick up at 4:45 p.m. OR join a group in Bryan & Dawn's house at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16: Women's Dinner at Garden Spot Village Concord Room. Room is reserved from 5:30-8:00.

Projected Art: "Lost and Found"

by Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Inspired by Luke 15:1-7

Newspaper & gold leaf collage with digital drawing

I began my artwork for this series by collaging torn strips of newspaper articles together, overlapping global headlines with photos of current events. Along the torn edges, I added gold leaf. Then I photographed the result, editing the photos in black and white. These photos would become the backdrop for my pieces, as I wanted my digital drawings to emerge within the noise of the world's deepest pains, divisions, and everything in between. The collage is also a reference to theologian Karl Barth's famous quote about reading the bible and the newspaper together. I wanted the gold leaf to represent God's presence in the spaces in between the events and forces that tear us apart.

On September 27th, 2024, I began drawing the Good Shepherd with the lost sheep tenderly wrapped around his shoul-

ders. As I worked, rain pummeled our roof, saturating the ground with an endless deluge as the wide bands of tropical storm Helene reached our high-elevation town of Black Mountain, NC. The next day, winds roared and threw trees to the ground like dominos. We lost power, then water, then cell service. We didn't know it yet, but every creek and river had swelled with enormous force, sweeping away everything in their path. Landslides, sinkholes, and extreme flooding ravaged the entire region of Western North Carolina, taking homes, towns, and human lives.

We were incredibly and graciously spared, having no flooding in our house or trees on our roof, so as soon as the storm relented, we headed out to find our friends and family by foot. As we walked through our small town, we found ourselves in a maze-like wasteland, changing our route every other turn due to downed trees or power lines, or washed-out roads. Progressively, we found family and friends, greeting them with great relief and urgent questions: "Do you have enough water to drink? Do you have water for flushing? Do you need any food?" It would be nearly 6 days before any emergency relief could arrive with food, water, and supplies. Meanwhile, neighbors survived by the help of their neighbors. Churches opened their doors. Firefighters and first responders persisted, despite perilous rescue missions. Helicopters air-lifted stranded people to safety.

When I began this artwork, I naively hoped to gain insight into Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. In that process, I did not wish to become the lost sheep and live through the greatest natural disaster to hit my hometown in over a thousand years. But as I read this parable again, now over 6 weeks after the storm, what strikes me is the pursuit of the shepherd, so singularly focused on the one who is lost, vulnerable, and at-risk. The Good Shepherd steadies the sheep on his shoulders and steps out of the frame toward us. His gaze finds mine, and I almost hear him whisper, "I will never stop searching for the lost. I will never stop rejoicing when one is found." —Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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Lost and Found

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D

Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music by B.F. White, 1844



In the flock I am sur-roun - ded by my sib - lings
The ho - ri - zon starts to brigh - ten as I quiet - ly
As I wan - der down the quar - ry a fa - mi - liar



and my friends Safe at home and feel - ing groun - ded with my
slip a - way I can feel my spi - rit ligh - ten with each
voice cries out It's my shep - herd search - ing for me; reck - less



shep - herd to de - fend But an ach - ing, long - ing feel - ing
cau - tious step I take Un - fa - mil - iar paths un - fold - ing
love has tracked me down Though I left my place of re - fuge,



as the stars shine late at night Draws me in, my dreams
as ex - cite - ment blends with fear All cre - a - tion now
he has fol - lowed all a - long But I had to lose



re - veal - ing and I know I'm not quite right
en - folds me like the flock I hold so dear
my - self to find my - self where I be - long

Bulletin Insert March 30, 2025

Sunday, April 20: Campership Applications due. Contact Pastor Dawn if you would like to apply for a camp scholarship for Summer 2025. 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.

Sunday, April 27, Reinforcing & Sustaining Scriptures Due. What are the Scriptures that are reinforcing and sustaining you right now? Fill out form with your top 3-5 scriptures that reinforce and sustain your life Scriptures will be combined to create summer worship series.

Monday, April 28: CrossNet Community Meal: 5:30 p.m. Let Pastor Dawn know by Monday noon if you want space reserved at the Early Learning Center Tables.

Saturday, May 10, Erica Shirk Celebration of Life Service: 1 p.m. at New Holland Mennonite Church. Please save this date on your calendars. We will need volunteers to help with this large gathering — set up, greet, usher, serve snack, etc.

Sunday, May 18, Jon Sommer Celebration of Life Service: 2 p.m. Garden Spot Village.

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)

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.