

New Holland Mennonite Church

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Sunrise Service: 6 a.m.



When the women find the tomb empty, they are stunned by the presence and words of the men in dazzling clothing—and yet, they remember. Even in utter shock, they return to their deep knowing and allow themselves to receive the expansiveness of resurrection. Many of the disciples won't open themselves up to this expansiveness and reject their testimony. Peter is curious enough to return to the tomb, and as a result, he is filled with amazement and awe. How do we carry forth what we have learned this Lent? Can we be curious enough to return and remember? Can we allow ourselves to be filled with expansive hope? Can we trust in the expansive promise of new life, and carry that promise with us wherever we go?

Gathering & Praising God

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Call to Worship/Prayer

Lift your glad voices (WB 275)

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Praise Team

Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children

Dawn Kaczor

Christ the Lord is risen today (WB 280) (vs 1-4)

Sermon: "An Expansive Life"

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Affirmation of Our Faith

We believe in a God who can astound us —

**a God who created the mountains of Colorado,
the stars on a summer night,
and the green of Ireland.**

We believe in Jesus, whose example changes us —

**an example of love for those on the fringes,
healing for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.**

We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends,
wounded, mocked, and killed by the state.

**And in a garden, three days later,
we believe that life began again—
the stone was rolled back, as death lost its sting.**

Ever since that day, we believe the Spirit
has been inviting us into an expansive life—

**a life not measured by wealth or accolades,
but a life full to the brim with joy,
overflowing with laughter, saturated in hope,
and decorated with good news.**

Death has lost its sting.

We believe, and we are set free.

Thanks be to God!

Responding

Song: *Low in the grave he lay* (WB 273)

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Bryan Hower

Sending

Song: *Christ who left his home in glory* (WB 283)

Benediction

Join us for breakfast under the carport.

Greeters: Francy Bailey; **Close:** Mike Bortzel

Praise Team: Jenn Esbenshade, Ray Hurst,
Brenda Martin Hurst, Steven Lantz

Count Offering: Francy Bailey & Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

Breakfast: Evelyn Bailey (and others)

April 10

Attendance Total: 55 (6 on Zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$3,884.73
Lobby Project: \$60.00

NEXT SUNDAY: April 24

Greeters: Sue & Tim Martin

Worship Leader: Bryan Hower; **Children:** Michele Good

Praise Team: Jenn Esbenshade; Bryan Hower, Tammy Snader, Jen
Morales; **Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenshade

Sermon: John Denlinger; **Prayer:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

Close: Jim Bailey; **Count Offering:** Mike Good & Tammy Snader

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 17: Davin Esbenshade

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 21: Bob & Sarah Martin

April 24: Marilynn & Tom Miller

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Prayer Breakfast: May 14, 7 a.m. (Eli's Restaurant)

Fellowship Meal: May 1, following worship service

Church News

Lobby Project: The vote to move forward on renovating the lobby received unanimous affirmation from 29 people. The flooring and painting will be done in May. Consider donating toward this project. Mark "lobby project" on your donation.

Hygiene Kits for Refugees: Keeping clean is an important part of remaining healthy, but families who have fled their homes because of disaster or war often struggle to afford these necessary supplies. **Place completed bags in church lobby before the end of May.** Details: www.newhollandmc.org/missions

Transportation Needed: The refugee family our church is assisting continues to need some help with transportation to medical appointments. Please let Jenn Esbenshade know if you are able to help transport Kapisha to Lancaster on May 10, 9:45 a.m. 540 N. Duke, Lancaster

Fellowship Meal (After church on May 1): Bring a hot and/or cold dish to share and your own place settings. Hot dish should be in a slow cooker. We will not be using the ovens. The meal will be served in the lobby and begin approximately 15 minutes after service. (This will enable the persons serving to attend the morning service). Contact Evelyn Bailey if you are able to help with the meal.

Community News

Franconia Lancaster Choral Singers & Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster present Shubert: Mass in G & Rutte: Mass of the Children: **Sunday, April 24,** 3 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. Contact Dawn Kaczor for tickets.

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

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. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Plain Living Series: Politics & Lancaster's Amish: Wednesday, **April 27,** 7 p.m. Chapel, Garden Spot Village and live streamed at gardenspotvillage.org/live. Dr. Steven M. Nolt, director of Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist & Pietist Studies, interprets data gathered about the Amish vote during the 2016 election cycle.