

New Holland Mennonite Church

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

Annual Covenant & Centennial Celebration!!!



Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (VT 752)

Jenn Esbenshade

Call to Worship/Prayer

Brenda Martin Hurst

Litany of Celebration

Leadership Team

Wade: Today we celebrate 100 years as a church!

Steven: We celebrate the opportunity to worship together and continue as members or active participants in the family of New Holland Mennonite Church.

**All: We give thanks to the Lord
for God's love endures forever.**

Steven: We celebrate those who walked before us and became known in the community as New Holland Mennonite Church.

Wade: The people who moved into town to operate businesses, to initiate ministry through revival meetings, Sunday school and sewing circle.

Steven: Those who first constructed a building and celebrated with the words from Genesis 12:8, "And there Abram built an altar unto the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord."

Wade: We acknowledge the men and women who, on November 18, 1923, voted unanimously to organize as a congregation, and continued through the years to worship through congregational singing and preaching, to show hospitality to those in need, and to engage in mission, at home and in the world.

Steven: Today, one hundred years later, we acknowledge all of us who are part of New Holland Mennonite Church and who continue to worship, sing, pray, and show love to our community.

Wade: When Jesus was told that his mother and brothers were waiting outside, he pointed to his disciples and said, "Here are my brothers and sisters. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister."

All: We are Jesus brothers and sisters.

Steven: For these one hundred years, we give thanks to God.

All: For God's faithful love endures forever!

Great is Thy Faithfulness (VT 419)

Sharing our Tithes and Offering

Offertory: "Evidence"

Kelsey Means

Homily: "Participating in God's Family"

Pastor Dawn

Scripture: Matthew 12:46-50

Ranck-Hower

New Holland Mennonite Church: 100 Years Timeline

God of the Bible (VT 420)

We Covenant and Commune Together

Membership Transfer: Craig and Kelsey Means

Covenant Signing by Church Members

Communion

We Place Upon Your Table (VT 462)

Connected we go ...

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Steven Lantz

Benediction

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (VT 752)

Everyone is invited to stay for a meal following worship.

Coffee: Sue Martin; **Greeters:** Sue & Tim Martin; **Close:** Tim Martin

Sound: Bryan Hower & Seth Lantz

Offering: Francy Bailey & Wade Esbenshade

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 26: Marilynn Miller

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 22: Brenda & Ray Hurst

NEXT SUNDAY: November 26

Coffee: Pat Thomas; **Greeters:** Michele, Ellie, Maggie Good

Worship Leader: Steven Lantz; **Prayer:** Keith Miller

Song Leader: Kelsey Means; **Praise Team:** Wanda Gonzelez-Bortzel,
Bryan Hower, Jen Morales; **Sermon:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

Children: Jen Morales; **Sound:** Mike Good & Seth Lantz

Offering: Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel & Keith Miller; **Close:** Mike Bortzel

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

December 1, ELC Christmas Program, 6 p.m.

December 9: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

December 21: Longest Night Service, 6:30 p.m.

December 24: Christmas Brunch, 9 a.m.

and Worship, 10 a.m.

January 17: Women's Dinner, 5:30/6 p.m. GSV

February 11: Annual Congregational Meeting, 9 a.m.

November 12

Attendance: 41 (7 on zoom) • **Offering:** \$2,315.00

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

As of November 8, a \$5,534 deficit for the year.

Church News

December Food Drive: Fill the "stomach" so that stomachs can be filled. Bring food items for CrossNet Food Pantry during the month of December and put them in the large bin in the lobby. **Can we fill it to overflowing?**

ELC Christmas Program: Friday, December 1, 6:00 p.m.

Please sign up to welcome guests into our space . Last year 150 people attended this fun event. Sign up:

www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AAAE23A6F49-45294175-volunteer

What We Value

**With Jesus as our center, we commit to
including all people,
strengthening our relationships (and)
practicing peace and justice.**

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Leadership Team: Wade Esbenshade, Steven Lantz

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Membership* Covenant

- ♦ We believe in God, the creator; Jesus, the savior; and the Holy Spirit, the sustainer.
- ♦ We accept the Word of God as guide and authority for our lives.
- ♦ We affirm our faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ, our Lord, and to the gospel he proclaimed.
- ♦ We unite as a congregation and worship, serve, and share in its ministry.
- ♦ We will support this congregation with our earnest prayers, regular attendance, loyal service, and faithful stewardship as God gives us strength.
- ♦ We will live and share with the congregation in the bonds of Christian fellowship, giving and receiving love, sharing and bearing one another's joy and pain.

Attendee: These are people who want to attend, participate, and call New Holland their spiritual home, yet do not wish to formally covenant or have not yet been baptized or transferred their membership from another congregation. Attendees' participation, wisdom, and insight are welcome in congregational life.

*** Covenant Members:** These are people who want to make a formal commitment to the community of faith. Covenant members attend regularly, participate in and vote on congregational decisions, and take leadership in the congregation. Covenant members annually sign the Membership Covenant Agreement.

Community News

The Come Together Concert to benefit Chestnut Housing, Lancaster: Sunday, November 26, Landisville Mennonite Church, 3320 Bowman Road, Landisville. Four groups, two sets each, afternoon and evening 3-5:00 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Gospel, Folk, Folk-Rock, Blue/New Grass, and more. Different songs for each set. Original music by Jessica Smucker, Sopa Sol (Frances Miller and Daryl Snider) Lancaster, PA, the Clymer/Kurtz spousal duo, Harrisonburg, VA and song covers by The Dean and Dale Band Landisville, PA. Come, bring your family, bring your friends. No admission. Freewill offering to benefit Chestnut Housing.

Repeat the Sounding Joy: An MCCL 25th Christmas Concert featuring choir and brass:

Thursday, November 30, 7 p.m. Neffsville Mennonite

Saturday, December 2, 3 p.m. First United Methodist Church, Lancaster, PA

Sunday, December 3, 4 p.m. Neffsville Mennonite Church

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **Tuesday, December 12. TBD.** Lunch served after each meeting.

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