



November 21, 2021 • Volume 64, No. 47
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

AS GOD'S CHOICE,
holy and loved,
put on
compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness, and patience.

And over all these things
put on love,
which is the perfect bond of unity.

Membership Covenant Worship Service

Gratitude to God

Thankful (by Shawna Belt Edwards) Children's Dance

Choreographed by Danika Snader

Call to Worship Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Litany of Celebration Leadership Team

Wade: As God's choice, holy and loved,

All: we celebrate and give thanks to the Lord.

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

Lois: 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."

Lois: We acknowledge the men and women who, on
Sunday, 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.

Wade: As God's choice, holy and loved,

**All: we celebrate and sing songs to God
with gratitude in our hearts.**

Lois: We commit to cloth ourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Steven: We commit to be tolerant of each other,
to forgive as God has forgiven us.

Lois: And above all, we commit to put on love,
which is the perfect bond of unity.

Wade: As God's choice, holy and loved,

**All: we celebrate and sing psalms, hymns,
and spiritual songs.**

Steven: We celebrate the opportunity to commit as
members or active participants of New Holland
Mennonite Church.

Wade: As God's choice, holy and loved,

**All: we celebrate and give thanks to the Lord,
for God's love endures forever.**

Opening Prayer

What Is This Place (VT 22)

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17 Dawn Kaczor, Elsa Lantz, Seth Lantz

Homily: "Wardrobe Advice" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Gratitude Patch

Summoned by the God Who Made Us (VT1)

Covenanting and Communing Together

Baptism of Mike Bortzel

Hallelujah! We sing your praises! (VT 473) Chorus only

Membership Transfer: Francy Bailey, Michele Good, Mike Good,
Marilynn Miller, Tom Miller, Judy Schweitzer

Hallelujah! We sing your praises! (VT 473) Chorus only

Covenant Signing by Church Members

Hallelujah! We sing your praises! (VT 473)

Communion

Taste and See

(recorded)

Connected we go ...

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Bryan Hower

Great is Thy Faithfulness (VT 419)

Benediction

Everyone is invited to stay for a meal following worship.

Greeters/Open: Bryan Hower & Karina Morales

Praise Team: Jenn Esbenshade, Jen Morales, Tammy Snader

Sound: Davin & Myla Esbenshade; **Clean/Close:** Sue & Tim Martin

Count Offering: Wade Esbenshade & Brenda Martin Hurst

NOVEMBER 14

Attendance: 46 (3 on zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$700.00

November Early Learning Center Fundraiser: \$300.00

(ELC Fundraiser to date: \$1,800.00 [\$3,600 with match])

Aaron & Edna Bowman Trust: \$1,884.84

NEXT SUNDAY: November 28 (Advent Begins)

Greeters/Open: Ellie, Maggie, Michele Good

Worship Leader: Bryan Hower; **Children:** Elsa Lantz

Praise Team: Jenn Esbenshade, Francy Bailey, Bryan Hower,

Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Sound:** Mike Good & Jen Morales

Prayer: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Clean/Close:** Jen & Karina Morales

Count Offering: Francy Bailey & Tammy Snader

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 11, Men's Breakfast, Eli's Place, 7 a.m.

Tuesday, December 21, Longest Night Service, 7 p.m.

(Zoom)

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.

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 annual sign the Membership Covenant Agreement.

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Leadership Team: Wade Esbenshade, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 26: Marilynn Miller • **Nov 27:** Mike Good

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 22: Brenda and Ray Hurst

Church News

DUE TODAY: 2021 Congregation-Pastor Review. Wade Esbenshade, Lois Zimmerman, or Joanne Dietzel with questions.

November Fundraiser: Funds will be raised to go toward the \$18,000 that is spent each year for educational supplies for Early Learning Center classrooms. The first \$3,000 will be matched. Mark your offering envelopes "ELC Fundraiser."

Graduation Quilt. Evan Morales is graduating from high school at the end of this year. Please sign the back of the quilt in the lobby.

Leadership Team Affirmation: We are pleased to present Wade Esbenshade to you for affirmation for another three-year-term as Elder of Administration and Lois Zimmerman to you for another four-year-term as Elder of Witness. Note: the additional year for the Elder of Witness will stagger the three Leadership terms to end in three consecutive years. The link to vote was sent by email. Please be in touch with Pastor Dawn if you need a paper ballot. Due Wednesday, December 1.

Transportation Needed: The Congolese refugees our church is helping to resettle have a number of health appointments. Contact Jenn Esbenshade by email or text/phone (717/406-7878 / esbenshadejl@lancastermennonite.org) if you can help.

Mupisi:

Dec. 13: 10:15 a.m. Comprehensive Care
(554 N. Duke St, Lancaster)

Kapisha:

Dec. 14: 2:15 p.m. Family Medicine Downtown
(540 N. Duke St, Lancaster)

Dec. 22: 9:15 a.m. Maternal-Fetal Medicine
(694 Good Dr., Suite 200, Lancaster)

Jan. 11: 2:15 p.m. Family Medicine Downtown
(540 N. Duke St, Lancaster)

Advent Devotional & Sunday School: Adults and youth are encouraged to use the "Close to Home" Advent Devotional from November 28 through January 8. The Adult Sunday School class that meets in the sanctuary will focus on the devotional from December 5-January 9. Paper copies were placed in church folders for those who requested a copy. The electronic copy will be included in the weekly email beginning on November 21.

Community News

Mennonite Children's Choir Christmas Concerts: "The Light Has Come": Join MCCL singers (including Seth Lantz) in celebrating the light of Christ through choral music featuring marimba, harp, and guitar. **Thursday, December 2,** 7 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite Church, Livestream available; **Saturday, December 4,** 4 p.m. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster; **Sunday, December 5,** 4 p.m., Forest Hills Mennonite Church, Livestream available. Freewill offering will be received. Masks are required. Visit www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org/performances/ for details and livestream links.

"Singing Light" a concert to celebrate and support the work of Mennonite Central Committee. An in-person and online fundraising concert. Sunday, **December 11,** 7 p.m., Stumptown Mennonite Church. The Walking Roots band will perform for the hour long virtual concert. The free event will include opportunities to financially support the programs and missions of MCC around the world. Online: PA Relief Sale's Youtube Channel. Masks are required.

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **December 14,** 10 a.m. Conestoga Valley Orchestra Chamber Ensemble, directed by Mrs. Emily H. Sheffer. Come and enjoy a morning of orchestra music before our Christmas luncheon. (Masking is encouraged. Meal is either take out or served with fewer chairs at each table.)