



# New Holland Mennonite Church

October 15, 2023 • Volume 68, No. 42

Fellowship: 8:30 am • Sunday School: 9 am • Worship: 10:00 am

## Gathering & Praising God

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (VT 98)* Praise Team  
Call to Worship / Prayer Sue Martin  
*We Are One in the Spirit (VT 387)*

## Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Music Mekdes Anshebo  
Scripture: Ruth 1:1-17 Michele Good, Sue Martin,  
Tim Martin, Marilynn Miller  
Conversation with Children Michele Good  
Sermon: "Belonging" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

## Responding

*Heart with Loving Heart United (VT 813)*  
Sharing & Announcements Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower  
Congregational Prayer

## Sending

*Build Your Kingdom Here (VT 393)*  
Benediction

**Coffee:** Evelyn Bailey

**Greeters:** Michele, Ellie, Maggie Good

**Song Leader:** Steven Lantz; **Praise Team:** Dawn Kaczor & Bryan Hower

**Guitar:** Ruth Douglas Miller; **Drum:** Keith Miller

**Sound:** Mike Good

**Gather & Count Offering:** Francy Bailey & Sue Martin

**Close:** Jim Bailey

## NEXT SUNDAY: October 22

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

**Close:** Tim Martin; **Worship Leader:** Ruth Douglas Miller

**Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade; **Sermon:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Children's Time:** Jen Morales

**Prayer:** Bryan Hower; **Sound:** Wade Esbenshade

**Gather & Count Offering:** Mike Good & Keith Miller

## UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**October 15: Curvin Zimmerman Memorial,** 2 p.m.

**October 16: Blood Donation,** 1-6 p.m.

**October 21: Apple Cider Making:** 2-5 p.m. Ray & Brenda's home

**November 3: Book Club,** 7 p.m. Dawn & Bryan's home

**November 5: Adult Sunday School** Focus: 2014-2023

**November 11: Men's Prayer Breakfast,** 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

**November 11: Walking Tour: Stories of Southeast Lancaster**  
City: The Heritage of the Polite Family, 2 p.m.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**October 20:** Ava Reese

## OCTOBER 8

**Attendance:** 44 (8 on zoom) • **Offering:** \$2,640.00

**Total Early Learning Center October Fundraiser:** \$1,025.00

(Total given so far: \$1,085 toward \$3,000 goal)

## Church News

**Curvin Zimmerman** died on Thursday, October 5. His memorial service will be held at church on Sunday, October 15, 2 p.m. Please hold Lois and their family in your prayers.

## 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)

**October Fundraiser:** You are invited to participate in a fundraiser for the New Holland Early Learning Center. During the month of October, funds will be raised to go toward the ELC PreK educational supplies. **The first \$3,000 will be matched.** Mark your offering envelopes "ELC Fundraiser."

**Blood Donation: Monday, October 16,** 1-6 p.m. Planned by Early Learning Center. Appointment: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or 800-733-2767.

**Fall Social Event: Apple Cider Making: October 21,** 2-5 p.m. Make apple cider together at Ray and Brenda Hurst's back yard. Bring your favorite yard games (Cornhole and croquet already provided), lawn chairs, and your own drinking mug or cup. Snacks and cider provided. Join the fun!

**Book Club: Braiding Sweetgrass.** Keith Miller will lead the next book discussion on **Friday, November 3,** 7 p.m., at Bryan and Dawn's house. Beverage and sweet snack provided. Bring a snack to share if you wish. RSVP: <https://forms.gle/zZ7eReS84DGG9qXr9>

**Stories of Southeast Lancaster City: The Heritage of the Polite Family: November 11,** 2 p.m. This hour and a half tour departs from the Crispus Attucks Community Center, 407 Howard Ave, Lancaster. Please arrive 15-30 minutes before departure times. Prices: Adults \$15 / Seniors (62 & older) \$10 / Students (6-18 ) \$5 / Children under 6 free. [www.aahsscpa.org](http://www.aahsscpa.org). Contact Pastor Dawn if price is prohibitive. **Note:** We will meet for an early dinner at Lancaster Southern Market to chat about what we observed and learned. ([southernmarketlancaster.com](http://southernmarketlancaster.com).)

## Community News

**Stories for Wrestling Against Racism in Atlantic Coast Conference, Saturday, October 21,** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Landisville Mennonite Church. Hear stories of how individuals have been impacted by racism in Mennonite settings in Lancaster County. Explore what unique role(s) we bring to this movement as learners, as people of peace, as agents of reconciliation. Register [atlanticcoastconference.net/stories-for-wrestling-against-racism](http://atlanticcoastconference.net/stories-for-wrestling-against-racism)

**Book presentation: *Liberating the Politics of Jesus: Renewing Peace Theology Through the Wisdom of Women:* October 22,** 3 p.m., James Street Mennonite Church. Hosted by: Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness. The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Soto Albrecht is a Lancaster scholar and pastor, and former moderator of Mennonite Church USA. Dr. Linda Gehman Peachey is former Director of Women's Advocacy for the Mennonite Central Committee US and a freelance writer. The Rev. Dr. Darryl Stephens, is ordained in The United Methodist Church and teaches at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Each will talk about the political implications of Jesus's teachings and discuss the transformative perspective that women bring to this conversation. A question and answer time will follow. The program is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received. [lancasterinterchurch-peacewitness.org/](http://lancasterinterchurch-peacewitness.org/)

**Screening & Discussion: *Across* documentary, part one: Wednesday October 25,** 6:00 p.m. James Street Mennonite Church. Filmed in Honduras, Texas, and Illinois, this four-part docuseries follows three women and their children who escaped abuse and violence in Honduras and Guatemala, and a Midwestern church that experienced a complete transformation in their hearts. This episode screening will be followed by an introduction to the new Home Study and Post Release Services program (HSPRS) at CWS Lancaster and the current efforts to support unaccompanied children.

**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.

**Pastor:** Dawn Ranck-Hower; [dawn.ranck@verizon.net](mailto:dawn.ranck@verizon.net); 1/215/237-1485  
**Leadership Team:** Wade Esbenshade, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman  
18 Western Ave., New Holland, PA 17557 • 717/354-0602  
[www.NewHollandMC.org](http://www.NewHollandMC.org) • Hearing Aids Available