



# New Holland Mennonite Church

August 13, 2023 • Volume 68, No. 33  
Coffee & Fellowship: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

## Gathering & Praising God

*Come to the Waters*  
Call to Worship / Prayer  
*Be a Sower (VT 789)*

Jenn Esbenshade  
Brenda Martin Hurst

## Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings  
Conversation with Children  
Scripture: Genesis 2:4-23  
Sermon: "The Other Creation Story"

Michele Good

Sean Reese

## Responding

*We Dream of a Turning (VT 209)*  
Sharing & Announcements  
Congregational Prayer

Keith Miller

## Sending

*Seeds (VT 777)*  
Benediction

**Coffee:** Sue Martin

**Greeters:** Sue & Tim Martin

**Close:** Tim Martin

**Sound:** Davin & Wade Esbenshade

**Gather & Count Offering:** Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel & Keith Miller

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**August 18:** Sarah Reese

## August 6

**Attendance:** 39 (6 on zoom) • **Offering:** \$2,740  
\$100 for 1719 Herr House (\$150 of \$350 given so far)

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

**Coffee:** Evelyn Bailey; **Greeters:** Franci Bailey & Jim Bailey

**Close:** Jim Bailey;

**Worship Leader:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Praise Team:** Dawn Kaczor, Steven Lantz,  
Ruth Douglas Miller, Keith Miller

**Sermon:** Dawn Kaczor

**Children's Time:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Prayer:** Lois Zimmerman

**Sound:** Bryan Hower & Seth Lantz

**Gather & Count Offering:** Franci Bailey & Keith Miller

## UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**August 12 (Saturday): Men's Breakfast:** 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

**August 16 (Wednesday): Women's Dinner:** 6 p.m.

Garden Spot Village

**August 18 (Friday):** Book Discussion at Miller farm

**August 25 (Friday):** Garden Church

**September 3: Fellowship Meal** following worship

**September 9: ELC International Celebration:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**September 17: 1719 Herr House**

## 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)

## Church News

**Book Discussion: One Thousand White Women.** Keith and Ruth's house, **Friday, August 18, 7 p.m.** RSVP: <https://forms.gle/EXw9NVDrvzRo6rmWA>. Bring a lawn chair (metal folding chairs available). Beverage and sweet snack provided. Bring a snack to share if you wish.

**ELC International Celebration 2023: Experience the World! September 9, 11 a.m. –2 p.m.** Join us in an explosion of cultural celebration as we embrace various unforgotten traditions. Enjoy: Dance and musical performances, taste diverse food, admire displays, learn about the world. An experience you do not want to miss! Party of Two: \$60.00 / Party of One: \$35.00 / Child under age of 18: \$15.00 / Under age of 3: Free. Location: New Holland Mennonite Church. Event proceeds benefit the Early Learning Center.

**A Unique Worship Experience:** In the 4 years before Covid, our church worshipped annually in the 1719 Herr House. The 1719 Herr House is the oldest building in Lancaster County and the oldest Mennonite meetinghouse in the Americas. Worshipping in the house connects us with past Mennonite History going back to the 1700s! There is also a full-sized reproduction of a Native longhouse. We would like to have this unique worship experience again this year on **Sunday, September 17. Please consider giving above your normal offering to help cover the \$350 expense for this unique worship experience. Mark your offering "1719 House."**

## Community News

**On Being Christian in Bethlehem, Palestine today: Tuesday August 15, 7:00 pm.** Akron Mennonite Church will host Mazin Qumsiyeh and his wife Jessie Chang as they share on Popular Resistance in Palestine: A History of Hope and Empowerment. This event is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected in support of the Palestine Institute <http://palestinature.org>. Hosted by Akron Mennonite Church Peace & Justice Committee and Peace Action Network of Lancaster

**The Provident Giving Sessions with MennoMedia (webinar):** MennoMedia and Everence are partnering to provide sessions on generosity and stewardship. This fall, MennoMedia is offering three sessions focused on stewardship and generosity featuring input from consultants at Everence.

**Session 1:** Exploring "why" we give: **August 17, 2 p.m.**

**Session 2:** Strategic Generosity: Maximizing your charitable impact: **September 21, 2 p.m.**

**Session 3:** Strategic generosity at year end, **October 19, 2 p.m.** Learn more and register online at [mennomedia.org/register-now](http://mennomedia.org/register-now) or by emailing Mitch Stutzman, Director of Development and Partner Engagement at MennoMedia, at [MitchS@MennoMedia.org](mailto:MitchS@MennoMedia.org).

**Alive with 55 & Up:** Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **Tuesday, September 12, 10 a.m.** Author of "Dancing from Darkness," Eleanor Isaacson tells her personal story of coming out of Nazi Germany and escaping the Iron Curtain. She soon discovered that "the land of the free" held as much pain and rejection as the life she'd escaped. Deafness and solitude would become the catalyst leading to glorious womanhood, the love of her life, and the beauty of dance. Lunch served after each meeting.

**Bookworm Frolic, September 14-16: Volunteers Needed:** Volunteer your energy and time for a great cause! Mennonite Life needs volunteers to help with set-up and tear down for our annual Bookworm Frolic, a large used-book tent sale. Come away with some books of your own! Contact Kevin Bradford, Used Book Manager, at 717-393-9745, or email [usedbooks@mennonitelife.org](mailto:usedbooks@mennonitelife.org) for more information.

**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.

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