



New Holland Mennonite Church

March 17, 2024 • Volume 69, No. 11
Fellowship: 8:30 am • Sunday School: 9 am • Worship: 10:00 am

LAST SUNDAY OF LENT

Theme: *God's Triumph*

The Point: *Trusting in Jesus, we can do God's work.*

Gathering & Praising God

How Great Is Our God (VT 116)

Jenn Esbenshade

Call to Worship & Prayer

Keith Miller

My Soul Cries Out (VT 412)

Hearing God's Voice

Offering / "My Coins Count"

Scripture: Mark 13:1-8

Conversation with Children

Steven Lantz

Sermon: "Good News? Bad News?"

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Prayer of Adoration & Confession Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

My Hope Is Built (VT 621)

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Brenda Martin Hurst

Sending

Don't be Afraid (VT 596)

Benediction

Coffee: Evelyn Bailey, **Greeters:** Bryan Hower & Jim Bailey

Close: Jim Bailey; **Sound:** Kai Esbenshade

Offering: Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel and Brenda Martin Hurst

March 10:

Attendance: 41 (6 on zoom) • **Offering:** \$1,045.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 17: Ruth Douglas Miller; **March 20:** Jennifer Morales

NEXT SUNDAY: March 24

Coffee: Sue Martin; **Greeter:/Close** Tim Martin

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

Prayer: Dawn Kaczor, **Children:** Bryan Hower **Sound:** Mike Good

Offering: Mike Good & Keith Miller

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

March 20: Women's Dinner, 5:30/6 p.m. GSV

March 20: 7 p.m. Property Committee Meeting

March 22: Book Club: "Black Cake" 7 p.m. Hosted by Pat Thomas

April 7: Men's Dinner, 5:30/6 p.m. Garden Spot Village

April 14: No Worship Service at NHMC

My Coins Count: Between now and March 24 the children will collect coins (or dollars) for Mennonite Central Committee's "My Coins Count."

Save the Date! 68th Annual Pennsylvania Relief Sale, April 5 & 6, 2024, Friday, April 5 | 4 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, April 6, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA.

No Worship at NHMC: April 14: Eight folks from church will be worshipping with a church in the south as part of our Civil Rights Tour. As a way of joining that group in learning about other people/cultures, you are encourage to attend a church where you are in the racial minority. Sign Up: www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AAAE23A6F49-48204071-april

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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Holy Week

Theme: God's Triumph

We do not yet live fully in God's kingdom, but in a world of selfishness. We see the kingdom breaking through in small ways as people live out God's vision. But God is in charge and will triumph over evil. Both our suffering and success are only temporary. This message can sound scary, but it is truly a message of hope (Mark 13). The people celebrated this hope when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem (Mark 11). A woman honors Jesus as the Messiah when she anoints him with a costly perfume (Mark 14). Little did the people understand that God's greatest triumph would come, not through military victory, but through the Messiah's painful death on a cross (Mark 15). Jesus dreaded this path, but he courageously followed God's will (Mark 14). This story does not end when Jesus's body was placed in a tomb. Instead, Jesus triumphs over death itself by rising again and leaving that tomb empty (Mark 16).

Palm Sunday Worship Service: March 24, 10 a.m.

Our service will begin with the crowds shouting "Hosanna" to Jesus as he rides into Jerusalem. Our readings, scripture, and songs will tell us the story of each day that week between Palm Sunday and Easter. This is a busy week for Jesus, and we do well to contemplate all of the story. This is a sacred and solemn week that lies before Jesus, that lies before us. A time when, once again, we see the depth and mystery of Jesus redeeming love.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service: March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Enter and exit this service in silence. A service of scripture, silence, and song on the saddest day of the church year. Jesus is on his way through the Roman legal system. This is the day he is accused, jailed, judged, and executed. The question confronting Christians on Good Friday is whether we are willing to follow Jesus to the cross.

Easter Service: March 31, 10 a.m.

We have seen the risen Lord! Easter Sunday begins a 50-day period during which the church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the triumph of life over death. (There is no Sunday School). **Please bring your Easter flowers to church and place on the platform for everyone to enjoy.**

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)