



New Holland Mennonite Church

November 27, 2022 • Volume 67, No. 51
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent



Our series begins with Matthew's genealogy. In that long list of names, we remember the trauma and triumph of those who came before; each name holds a story and their story gives way to Christ's story. When you zoom in, you may not be able to see how each character propels the story forward, but when you zoom out, you can see how each story is woven together into a larger tapestry.

Gathering & Praising God

Through the Ages

Call to Worship

Candle Lighting

Prayer for Illumination

We Dream of a Turning (VT 209)

Sue Martin

Dawn Kaczor, Seth Lantz,

Jordyn Reese, Sean Reese

Sue Martin

Hearing God's Voice

Children's Story: Meet Aaron & Elizabeth Rutt Bryan Hower

Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17 (CEB)

Sermon: "ancestory.com"

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Prayer of Confession

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Words of Forgiveness

There is a Line of Women (VT 546)

Sharing and Announcements

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Prayers of the People

Sending

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (VT 218) (Verses 1-2)

Benediction

Sue Martin

Coffee: Evelyn Bailey; **Greet:** Michele, Ellie, & Maggie Good

Close: Tim Martin; **Praise Team:** Ruth Douglas Miller, Dawn Kaczor,

Steven Lantz, Keith Miller, Jen Morales; **Sound:** Mike Good

Gather & Count Offering: Sue Martin & Lois Zimmerman

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Attendance: 52 (3 on zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$4800.00

NEXT SUNDAY: December 4

Coffee: Ray Hurst; **Greet:** Brenda & Ray Hurst

Close: Mike Bortzel; **Worship Leader:** Keith Miller

Song Leader/Piano: Jenn Esbenshade

Sound: Davin & Kai Esbenshade; **Sermon:** Karyn Nancarvis

Congregational Prayer: Ray Hurst; **Children's Time:** Michele Good

Gather & Count Offering: Mike Good & Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

December 9: ELC Christmas Program, 6 p.m.

December 10: Men's Breakfast: 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

December 14: Women's Dinner: 6 p.m. Panera Bread, Ephrata

December 25: Christmas Brunch: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 10 a.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 4: Eva May

Church News

Christmas Program: On Friday, December 9, 6:00 p.m., we have the privilege to welcome a couple hundred guests here in our space when we host the Early Learning Center Christmas program. Thanks to everyone who signed up to help!

Women's Dinner: Wednesday, December 14, 6 p.m., Panera Bread, Ephrata. Beginning in 2023, meet at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month in the Concord Room at Garden Spot Village. Pick up food at the Harvest Table Restaurant. Food available for purchase until 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Brunch and Worship: December 25. Brunch: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 10:00 a.m. Join us for food & fellowship, hearing the Christmas story, and singing carols. (See email for sign up link).

Community News

Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster: Come experience the retelling of the glorious birth of Jesus through song and scripture at our 2022 Christmas concert series. Singers will be joined by local guest artists. **Saturday, December 3:** St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lancaster, PA; **Sunday, December 4,** 4 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA; **Wednesday, December 7,** 7 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA. Details: mennonitechildrenschoir.org

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **December 13,** 10 a.m. The Ukulele Band will lead us in a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long, followed by a delicious Christmas meal.

Deux Voix, Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster). Formed in 2014, Deux Voix ("two voices") has amassed a sterling reputation with national and international acclaim. In their mission to expand the world of trumpet and organ, Stephen Langham and Justin Distad are constantly adapting works from other genres and instrumentations. Details: www.highlandpc.org.

Rizzetta's Tones: Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster). Rizzetta's Tones is a Celtic Americana band whose repertoire includes music from Ireland, Scotland, and the United States, but draws on other sources as well. Forging new arrangements and writing their own material, they present audiences with a pleasing twist on musical traditions. Details: www.highlandpc.org.

Highland Chancel Choir, Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster). This concert will take us on a journey through musical theatre history featuring well-known songs by Rodgers & Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, Stephen Sondheim, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and others. The program also features the celebrated and stirring *Gospel Mass* by Robert Ray. Details: www.highlandpc.org.

MCC PA Relief Sale Craft Stand: A reminder to be creating for the annual sale to be held Friday and Saturday, **March 31 & April 1,** 2023, in the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, PA. We are seeking new quality items made from fabric, yarn, thread, wood, paper or your specialty medium, including fancy soaps, candles, etc. See bulletin board at church for details or contact Janet Runion Patton: 717-926-4008; jcpatton99@gmail.com