



New Holland Mennonite Church

October 16, 2022 • Volume 67, No. 41
9:00 a.m. Sunday School • 10:00 a.m. Worship

Gathering & Praising God

God of the Bible (VT 420) Jenn Esbenshade
Call to Worship and Prayer Steven Lantz
I Will Follow (VT 775)

Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offering Steven Lantz
Scripture: Joshua 24:1-15 (16-26) Steven Lantz
Conversation with Children Jenn Esbenshade
Sermon: "Choices" Dwight Groff*

Responding

We Sing to You, O God (VT 80)
Sharing and Announcements Brenda Martin Hurst
ELC Classroom: Katydid

Sending

We Will Walk With God (VT 815)
Benediction Steven Lantz

Coffee: Ray Hurst; **Close:** Mike Bortzel
Greeters: Mike, Michele, Ellie, Maggie Good
Sound: Davin & Kai Esbenshade

Gather & Count Offering: Sue Martin & Brenda Martin Hurst

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.

* Dwight Groff resides on a family farm near Kinzer, PA. He works part time at Welsh Mountain Home. Dwight was active in ministry thru Kinzer Mennonite Church. In recent years he continues to provide pulpit presence in congregations in Eastern Lancaster County, primarily in the Lanchester District of LMC. Dwight enjoys history He also finds joy in serving others.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 20: Ava Reese

October 9

Attendance: 41 (6 on zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$1,302.00
Nickels 4 Neighbors: \$836.69 x 2 (*Everence match*) = **\$1,673.38**

NEXT SUNDAY: October 23

Coffee/Greet/Close: Tim & Sue Martin

Sound: Davin & Kai Esbenshade; **Children's Time:** Jen Morales

Worship Leader: Dawn Kaczor; **Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade

Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Congregational Prayer: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Gather & Count Offering: Wade Esbenshade & Brenda Martin Hurst

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

October 23: Core Values Sunday School, 9 a.m.

October 23: Fall Fun: Soup and Games, 4 p.m.

October 26, Christian Nationalism Discussion, 7-8:30 p.m.

October 30: Core Values Sunday School, 9 a.m.

November 6: Communion and Fellowship Meal

November 12: Men's Prayer Breakfast: 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

November 20: Congregational Meeting, 9 a.m.

Church News

Financial Update: As of the end of September, the congregation has a deficit of \$9,057 for the year. End of September giving comparisons: 2021: \$83,562 / 2022: \$72,941.

Vacation: Pastor Dawn and Bryan are on vacation from Thursday evening through Sunday evening. Contact Lois Zimmerman for pastoral care concerns.

Fall Sunday School UPDATE: 9 a.m.

October 23, 30: Core Value Discussion,

Adults and youth; led by Joanne Dietzel

November 20: Congregational Meeting

December 25: No Sunday School

Other Sunday's during October, November, December:

Adults: God's Plan for Freedom and Justice

Crop Walk: Akron Mennonite is inviting New Holland Mennonite Church to join them for the Crop Walk on **Sunday, October 16**, at 1:30 p.m. at New Holland Community Park. Contact Steven Lantz for more information.

OCTOBER Fall Fun: Soup and Games: Sunday, October 23, 4 p.m. Sign up to attend or bring soup, bread, etc. Invite friends! www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AAAE23A6F49-october Bring food item you signed up for, place settings (including bowl for soup) lawn games, and lawn chairs.

What is Christian Nationalism? What is its influence in American social, cultural, and political life? As Christians, should we know about it? If you are interested in this topic and want to know more about how a Christian Nationalist perspective impacts our knowledge about God and neighbor, then plan to participate in a series of Wednesday evening conversations this Fall. Steven Lantz will lead using materials from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary Assistant Professor, Drew Strait along with key passages from the book, *Taking America Back for God*, by Andrew Whitehead and Samuel Perry.

Mark your calendars to meet at church for a final session on Wednesday, **October 26**, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Community News

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **November 8**, 10 a.m. East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church provides a free meal to the community every Monday evening. Greg Henning is the coordinator of this ministry and will explain the church's commitment and tell stories of hope and provision to those in need. A meal follows the program.

Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster, Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster). MCCL creates exceptional music that represents the diversity of the global church across time. They serve over 100 children and youth representing 45 congregations, 35 schools, and 10 denominations. Details: www.highlandpc.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.

Pastor: Dawn Ranck Hower; dawn.ranck@verizon.net; 1/215/237-1485

Leadership Team: Wade Esbenshade, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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