



New Holland Mennonite Church

March 17, 2019 • Volume 64, No. 11
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

BLESSED HUNGER HOLY FEAST

Focus Statement: When dark fear overwhelms us,
God gathers us together in safe shelter.
We seek the light of God's face

Gathering

Preservice Glenda Gingrich

Come, thou font (WB 521) Charles Longenecker

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 63 and 27)* Karina Morales

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you
as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

Leader: The Lord is our light
and our salvation—
we shall not be afraid.

**People: We will wait for the Lord,
and take courage,
for we will see God's goodness.**

**All: O God, you satisfy our souls
as with a rich feast.**

***In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy,
and you uphold us.***

Opening Prayer

Praising God

O bless the Lord, my Soul (WB 80)

He hideth my soul

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings / My Coins Count

Offertory

Glenda Gingrich

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

Conversation with Children:

Dawn Kaczor

(Ages 4 and under dismissed to nursery)

Rain down (SJ 49)

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Sermon: "Let Your Heart Take Courage"

Dawn Ranck-Hower

(Anyone who wishes may color at the tables during the sermon.)

Responding

Beautiful Things (vs 1,2)

Leader: "Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek God's face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!" *(Psalm 27:7-9)*

Leader: Prayer

(A time of silence for personal confessions.)

Leader: Sheltering God, we seek you, for you alone are our light and salvation.

**All: When darkness moves
into our lives, we seek your face.**

**When fears overcome us and paralyze us,
we seek your face.**

**When our souls hunger for your shelter,
we seek your face.**

**In the morning and in the evening,
we will seek the face of our God.**

Leader: Though fear should beset us; though danger causes us to close up our doors; though troubles assail and lead us away from the ways of grace; only one thing is necessary: turn back to God's promise of grace. Remember that God is reaching out with loving arms, and let yourself be held. Only ask for forgiveness, and it is yours: know that in this moment we have asked and in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

Our generous God provides for us.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Beautiful Things (vs 3)

Sharing and Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Steven Lantz

Sending

If Christ is mine (WB 331)
Benediction

Coffee/Close: Evelyn & Jim Bailey; **Usher:** Evelyn Bailey

Greeters: Dawn Kaczor, Seth Lantz, Steven Lantz

Sound: Judy Nguyen; **Nursery:** Ruth Carrasco & Sue Martin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 20: Jen Morales

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

March 10: 42 • **Offering:** \$2,722

Current deficit for 2019: \$1,784

GARDEN DONATIONS TO DATE

Total needed: \$6,000

Everence Grant: \$1,500 • Total amount raised so far: \$3,525

Total amount needing to be raised: \$975

HEATING & COOLING BILLS & DONATIONS TO DATE

Total needed: \$64,090 • Money already in capital fund: \$12,375

Total amount raised so far: \$51,076

Total amount needing to be raised: \$639

Upcoming Events

(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)

Mar 13 Sewing Circle: 8 a.m.-noon

Mar 15 Women's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Yoder's Restaurant

Mar 17 Sermon: Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Mar 24 Sermon: Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Mar 30 Spring Cleaning, 9 a.m.

Mar 31 Sermon: Jonathan Bowman

Apr 3 Youth Bible Study at Meadville Mennonite

Apr 7 Sermon: Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Apr 10 Sewing Circle, 8 a.m.-noon

Apr 13 Spring Mulching, 9 a.m.

Holy Week Reminders

Palm Sunday Worship Service: April 14. Journey with Jesus on his last week on earth through scripture, song, and silence. (Eastern Mennonite High School Choir will join us for this special service.) A Fellowship Meal follows the service. Meatballs, rolls, and chips provided. Bring a salad (tossed, potato, macaroni, etc) and a dessert. If you are able, bring double what you normally bring since our numbers will be doubled that morning.

Maundy Thursday Meal & Service: April 18, 6:30 p.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church has invited us to eat a meal together like Jesus shared his last supper with his friends. The evening will include a simple meal, Scripture reading, singing, communion, footwashing, and time for reflection and confession.

Good Friday Service: April 19, 7:00 p.m. Enter and exit this service in silence. Ridgeview Mennonite Church will join us for this somber service 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: April 21, 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 on Easter Sunday). Please bring your Easter flowers to church and place on the platform for everyone to enjoy. Thanks!

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Leadership Team Chair: Wade Esbenshade

Leadership Team: Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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A nursery is available for children ages 4 and younger.

NEXT SUNDAY: March 24

Coffee/Close/Greeters: Sue & Tim Martin

Worship Leader: Karina Morales; **Usher:** Tim Martin

Pianist: Ruth Carrasco; **Song Leader:** Ray Hurst

Congregational Prayer: Lois Zimmerman

Children's Time: Jen Morales; **Sound:** Bryan Hower

Nursery: Nancy Hooper & Kylah Morales

Church News

Help Needed:

1) Spring Cleaning: It is time for "Spring Cleaning" our sanctuary and foyer. Please joining us on Saturday, **March 30**, 9:00 a.m. Bring a bucket, cloth, and any special cleaning supplies you like to use. If you have a small ladder, bring it along so you or someone else can wash windows.

2) Spring Mulching: Bring your pitchforks and join a group in mulching the flowerbeds on Saturday, **April 13**, 9 a.m.

Donations Needed:

1) Pies: 20 pies are needed for the Mennonite Relief Sale on April 6. Jim Bailey will buy the pies at a cost of \$5 (\$100 total). Consider donating money through the weekly offering by **March 31**. **\$30 donated so far.**

2) Easter Egg Hunt: Each year the church does an Easter Egg Hunt for the Early Learning Center children. The total cost is about \$150. Please consider donating through the weekly offering by April 14. Talk to Lois Zimmerman if you would like to help out at the Egg Hunt on **April 16**. **\$30 donated so far.**

3) CrossNet Meal: Tuesday, **April 9**. There are two ways to be involved: 1) Contact Lois Zimmerman if you are interested in serving the food or helping to cook the food and 2) sign up on the table in the lobby to bring food items. Bring food to church by noon on **April 8** and put in the front office.

4) Camp Scholarships: Consider giving a donation to make it possible for children in our congregation to enjoy a week at camp this summer. Mark "Church Camp" on offering envelope.

5) Garden Tools Needed: Wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, hoes, hose, sprinkling cans, etc Bring items to the shed after April 1.

The Gap Male Chorus: Sunday evening program at New Holland Mennonite Church, 7 p.m. on **April 14**. The chorus, which has been performing since 1922, will sing classic hymn arrangements, southern Gospel, spirituals, and modern styles. **Jim Bailey and Bob Weaver are members of the chorus.** Admission is free, but a love offering will be received to benefit the New Holland Early Learning Center.

What are you reading? I (Pastor Dawn) sometimes ask people what they are reading. The answers are fascinating and often say a lot about the person. During the months of June, July, and August, I'd like to have a different person share a short (5-10 minute) report during the worship service about a book (any genre) that they are reading or have read in the past year. What did you enjoy about the book? What did you learn? Would you recommend this book to others? etc. Sign up in the lobby.

Community News

Speak up about your views! As part of a research project on the Mennonite church in Lancaster County, Christa Mylin invites participants to share their opinions in small groups related to different topics. You are invited to share why your ideas are important and to listen respectfully as others share their thoughts. 1) **April 8:** What is a missional church? 2) **April 11:** The Call: What does it mean for God to call people today? 3) **April 16:** What does it mean to raise a Christian family? 4) **April 29:** Should women be pastors? 5) **April 30:** What should be the main priorities of the Anabaptist-Mennonite church today? Details and registration at: www.eventzilla.net/user/MennoniteGroupInterviews. If you are unable to attend, but still want to share your views, we can schedule an individual interview. Questions: christa.d.mylin@gmail.com or 717-437-9431.

Mennonite Children's Choir Spring Concerts: Featuring our very own Seth Lantz. Sunday, **April 7**, 4 p.m. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster; Sunday, **April 14**, 6 p.m., Chiques Church of the Brethren, Manheim; Sunday, **May 5**, 6:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster; Sunday, **June 9**, 7 p.m. Mountville Lawn Concert Series, Mountville Church of the Brethren.

Calling all knitters, crocheters, or quilters with generous hearts! The *Patriotic Stitchers for Veterans* needs volunteers to make afghans or lap quilts for veterans who are seriously ill. Contact Pastor Dawn for supplies.

PA Relief Sale: April 5-6; Friday: 4 - 9 p.m.; Saturday: 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Farm Show Complex (Harrisburg, PA). Auctions featuring handmade quilts, furniture, original artwork and much more; Delicious treats including strawberry pie; Children's activities; Ten Thousand Villages merchandise and other artisan displays; And more! Visit PaReliefSale.org for additional details and a complete schedule of events.

Harmonies Worship Hymn Sing: Sunday, **April 7**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Blossom Hill Mennonite Church. Mike Burkholder, Rhoda Denlinger, Glenn Lehman, Steve Ness, and David Sauder, will lead favorites and inspire your spirit and mind and surround you with lush four-part acappella music. Free to one and all, an offering will benefit the music ministry of Harmonies Workshop.

The Peaceable Kingdom: An Evening of Storytelling: **April 15**, 7-8:30 p.m. Akron Mennonite Church What does it mean to live out peace in the way of Jesus today? Come hear from storytellers whose identity as a disciple of Christ has shaped their responses in times of conflict/crisis.

Tuesday Alive with 55 & Up: April 9. 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. *Wisdom from the Trail: Lessons from hiking the Appalachian Trail.* Lois and Ernie Hess will share pictures, stories, and learnings from their 17-year journey of hiking the 2,190 mile trail. In September 2017 they met their goal of completing by the time they reached age 75.

An Evening with Brian McLaren: Saturday, April 27; 7:00-8:15 p.m.; Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA. Join us for an evening with bestselling author, speaker, and public theologian Brian McLaren. A former college English teacher and pastor, he is a passionate advocate for what he calls "a new kind of Christianity" – just, generous, and working with people of all faiths for the common good. McClaren helped form Cedar Ridge Community Church, an innovative, nondenominational church (crcc.org), and served as the

church's founding pastor from 1986 until 2006. Since then he has written numerous books and travels the country teaching and speaking about postmodernism, Christianity, and interfaith dialogue. Richard Rohr writes, "*Anything written by Brian McLaren is always filled with insight, courage, and creative theology, refining the meaning of orthodoxy in our time.*" Information and tickets: parishresourcecenter.org; 717/299-1113.

Shrek Jr. at Cavod Academy of the Arts: Featuring our very own Danika Snader! **May 3**, 7 p.m.; **May 4**, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; **May 5**, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Beauty is in the eye of the ogre in *Shrek The Musical JR.*, based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and fantastic Broadway musical. One day, Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairytale misfits who have been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek confronts Farquaad, he's handed a task – if he rescues feisty princess Fiona, his swamp will be righted. Shrek sets off on an adventure with a wise-cracking donkey to rescue a princess and finds true acceptance along the way. This nontraditional fairytale, through many twists and turns, sends a powerful message for the whole family. Tickets: cavodacademy.com or 717/354-3355.

Yellow Bellies: A Production of Theatre of the Beat: May 5, Lancaster Mennonite School Fine Arts Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Yellow Bellies is a historical drama that highlights the experiences and public response to Mennonite Conscientious Objectors during WWII. This episodic tale takes audiences across Canada, featuring verbatim interviews, fictionalized scenes, and live music from an often overlooked chapter in Canadian history. A talk-back will include a local historian to draw parallels between the experiences of Canadian and U.S. Conscientious Objectors.

Tuesday Alive with 55 & Up: May 14, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Caleb Wilde, a sixth generation funeral director, will tell stories of growing up in a funeral home and how that shaped his view of death. He will tell of funny and poignant experiences in his career at the Wilde Funeral Home in Parkesburg, PA. Caleb has written a book, "Confessions of a Funeral Director: How the Business of Death Saved My Life," which has garnered national attention, resulting in a review in *Time* magazine.