

# New Holland Mennonite Church

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



**Theme:** Like the disciples, we are often stuck in the pattern of messing up over and over again. We cling to power, we climb the ladder, we memorialize Christ's teachings rather than embodying them. However, we can't be trapped by shame, guilt, ignorance, or inaction. Humility is required for transformation. Again and again, we are called to listen—to God and to others.

## Gathering & Praising God

*Again and Again*

*The Many*

*Music by Hannah Rand. Lyrics by Lenora Rand. Commissioned by "A Sanctified Art" for Lent 2021. ©2021 Plural Guild Music.*

Call to Worship

Jenn Esbenshade

Prayer for Illumination

*God is calling through the whisper*

*Choir from Presbyterian  
Church In Westfield*

## Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children

Ray Hurst

Artwork: Transfiguration

Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Scripture: Mark 8:31-9:8

Sermon: "Again & Again, We are Called to Listen"

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Confession & Words of Assurance

## Responding

*Breathe on me, breath of God (WB 356)*

"This is Us"

Sue & Tim Martin

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Bryan Hower

Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

## Sending

*Be thou my vision (WB 545)*

Benediction

## Upcoming Events

*All activities are on zoom unless otherwise stated.*

### Sunday, March 7

**Sunday School: 9:00 am.**

**Congregational Meeting: 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship: 10:00 a.m.**

Worship Leader: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Sermon: Lana Miller (Everence)

Congregational Prayer: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Children's Time: Bryan Hower

### **February 21 (Zoom)**

**Attendance: 49 • Church Offering: \$1,790.00**

As you are able, please mail your offerings to the church office.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**March 3:** Ruth Carrasco, Rowan May

**March 4:** Eleanor Zurlo

**March 5:** Tammy Snader

## Church News

**Rhoda Weaver:** Moved to memory support at Garden Spot Village. Address: 800 Kraybill Avenue, G7, New Holland, PA 17557.

**When do we go back to church in the sanctuary?** The Leadership Team is planning for the congregation to worship mostly through Zoom through the end of August, perhaps longer, depending on the numbers of infections in our area and the availability of vaccines. Outdoor services are planned once a month.

### Upcoming Plans (Save the Dates!)

- ◆ **Easter: April 4,** 6 a.m. Sunrise service followed by an outdoor breakfast. (Bring your blankets and chairs)
- ◆ **Evening Worship on the Front Lawn: May 2, June 6, July 4, August 1:** 6:30 p.m. outdoor worship services. (Will switch to 6:30 p.m. zoom if unable to meet outdoors. Decision will be made by 5 p.m. and emailed to congregation.)
- ◆ **Sunday School:** There will be no Sunday School on **April 4, May 2, and June, July, and August.**
- ◆ **Garden Work and Chat:** Tuesday evenings
- ◆ **Monthly Kid's Clubs:** Dates to be determined

**My Coins Count!!!** Each year, spare change collected by churches, children and families add up to more than \$600,000 for Mennonite Central Committee's work around the world. Drop off donations during March at the ELC (main door at the carport) from 6:15 a.m.-9 a.m. or 3:30-5:30 p.m. or contact Pastor Dawn to arrange a time between those hours. The coin bucket is in Pastor Dawn's office.

**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. Contact Pastor Dawn if you would like to have access to a camp scholarship in 2021.

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**Leadership Team:** Wade Esbenshade, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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## Community News

**Virtual Easter Choir:** Forest Hills Mennonite Church is inviting all ACC churches to join in the virtual singing of "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." The recording will use the version from Hymnal: A Worship Book, verses 1, 2, and 4. Those from other ACC congregations are invited to sing and record themselves singing their part in their own home. Submitted videos will be combined with others' to create the virtual choir. Video submissions should be received by **Friday March 12.** If interested, email [choir@foresthillschurch.org](mailto:choir@foresthillschurch.org) to receive instructions (check Spam folder if instructions don't arrive right away).

**Menno Snapshots:** Jane Hooper Peifer writes about the beauty that is found in darkness and in waiting in her blog and poem, "When there are no blinds." [www.mennoniteusa.org/no-blinds](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/no-blinds)

**Landis at Home:** Provides Graceful Transitions Concierge Service to help with seasonal projects like closet changeovers, getting outdoor décor from storage and even with planting flowers. Spring is also a good time to get organized or declutter, Graceful Transitions can assist with that as well!

In addition, our Bookkeeping Concierge Service can help gather needed documents for filing taxes or if the monthly need to pay bills is getting overwhelming, they can help with that, as well as many other financial tasks that can help take the burden off of you or your family! Landis at Home offers many avenues to help those that live at Landis Homes as well as those who live in the greater Lancaster County community. Contact our office at 717-509-5800 or go to [landisathome.org](http://landisathome.org)

**#BringThePeace:** Mennonite Church USA has awarded its first round of grants from the Justice Fund, a mutual aid fund that supports congregations working to address racial justice, poverty, immigration and police brutality in their local communities. Read more about the first recipients and how to get involved here: [www.mennoniteusa.org/first-justice-fund-grants](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/first-justice-fund-grants).