

July 21, 2019 • Volume 64, No. 29 Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

## Gathering

Preservice: *Come walk with us (SJ 2)*Praise Team
Call to Worship

Steven Lantz

Leader: We are gathered together in the presence of God to offer our praise and our prayers.

People: The people of God were made for worship: to sing and to praise, to laugh and to dance.

Leader: We come before God with confidence, knowing that even when we can't find the words, God's own Spirit is right here with us.

People: The people of God were made for God's presence: for pleasure and praise, for joy and for song.

Leader: Come, holy people, God's chosen disciples:

Come with joy to offer our worship to God who knows and loves us all.

People:We have come to God's temple. We have come to praise God.

Leader: Praise be to the Spirit of God,

People: whose presence sustains us, and whose breath renews all creation.

Leader: Behold! The Spirit of God is moving.

The Spirit of God is making all things new!

All: Come, O God, and make your home among us. Your Spirit is moving among us and making all things new!

Opening Prayer

### **Praising God**

New earth, heavens new (WB 299) Blest be the tie that binds (WB 421) Sharing our Tithes and Offerings Offertory: *Peace before us (SS 16)* 

### **Hearing God's Word**

Conversation with Children Jenn Esbenshade

(Ages 4 and under dismissed to nursery)
Will you come and follow me (SS 39)

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3

Sermon: "Sharing Our Stories" Joanne Dietzel

Sharing by other members

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

**Litany** Joanne Dietzel

### Responding

How can we be silent (SJ 61)
Sharing and Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Wade Esbenshade

### Sending

Benediction
The Lord lift you up (SJ 73)

Fellowship Meal will begin 15 minutes after service is over when the kitchen committee opens the curtain. (This enables the kitchen committee to attend the morning service).

Coffee/Close: Ruth Carrasco Greeters: Dawn Kaczor, Seth Lantz, Steven Lantz Usher: Anna Mae Weaver; Praise Team: Jenn Esbenshade; Danika Snader, Tammy Snader; Sound: Davin Esbenshade Nursery: Ruth Carrasco

## **NEXT SUNDAY: July 28**

Greeters/Coffee/Close: Sue & Tim Martin
Worship Leader: Ray Hurst; Usher: Tim Martin
Pianist: Ruth Carrasco; Song Leader: Charles Longenecker
Congregational Prayer: Dawn Ranck-Hower
Children's Time: Bryan Hower; Sound: Judy Nguyen
Nursery: Evelyn Bailey (Sue Martin)

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

July 23: Nancy Hoober

# **Upcoming Events**

(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)

July 28 Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Aug 4 Hans Herr House

**Aug 10** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. Squireside Cafe

Aug 11 Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower; No Sunday School

Aug 16 Women's Luncheon, Yoder's Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.

Aug 18 Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower; No Sunday School

Aug 25 Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower; No Sunday School

## **Church News**

**Thank you!** To Jenn & Myla Esbenshade for the Pentecost worship arts!

**CrossNet Ministries** have a "Student Backpack Giveaway" before students go back to school. We will be collecting Backpacks and School Supplies during the month of July. Bring your donations to church and they will be delivered to CrossNet August 1. The list is posted in the foyer.

Worship at the 1719 Hans Herr House: Sunday School, Church, and Lunch (for all ages). Sunday, August 4. Worship in the oldest, still standing Mennonite meetinghouse in the United States. Gain a deeper understanding of our faith by experiencing worship and fellowship at the place where it all began. Hear the immigration story, touch the walls of their place of worship, see through their eyes and taste God's faithful grace and mercy. Built in 1719 by Mennonite immigrant Christian Herr, the Herr House stands as a testament to the enduring faith heritage of today's Lancaster County Mennonite community.

9:15 a.m. — Sunday School

10:00 a.m. — Worship Service

11:30 a.m. — Picnic (sign up in lobby to bring a food item). Bring a lawn chair.

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School in August.

## **Community News**

The Seeking Servants Sunday School class of Ridgeview Mennonite Church will be taking a day trip to the Carlisle Indian Industrial School and to the Cumberland County Historical Society Museum on August 24, 2019. There are still seats available. The cost is estimated to be under \$50 per person for the day, not including lunch. If you are interested please text June Landis at 717-917-0430 or email at <a href="mailto:junebug0758@gmail.com">junebug0758@gmail.com</a>

### ACC Youth Committee Fundraiser at Isaacs, Ephrata

Tuesday, August 6. Enjoy a meal and mention ACC Youth to have a portion of your bill donated to the work of the ACC Youth Committee.

**Music in the Orchard**—Outdoor summer concerts conclude at the 1719 Herr House & Museum at 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, with Michaela McLain. SweetLife will open. Tickets cost \$8, complimentary for children under 12.

**Tuesday Alive with 55 & Up: August 14,** 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Doc Yoder, storytelling magician. Doctor of flim flam and nonsense. *Teller of tales—some true; an honestly dishonest trickster, entertainer.* 

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

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

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### Litany:

**Leader:** It is with much joy that we welcome Pastor Dawn back from her three-month sabbatical.

**Congregation:** In April we gave you our blessing and released you for these three months for renewal and rest from ministry.

**Leader:** Our prayer has been that this sabbatical time provided you with new insights and renewal for your journey. We hope it ignited your curiosity and kindled a flame of excitement as you explored new ideas and places.

**Congregation:** We welcome you back into our family of faith and we pray that the light that guided you on your journey will now help you to guide us again. We welcome you back, Dawn. We have missed your and Bryan's presence among us!

**Dawn:** It is good to be among you again. I have journeyed in new places and experienced new insights that have provided renewal of my spirit, ministry, and life. Thank you for granting this sabbatical time to me and for the opportunity to step back, step out, and leave behind, at least temporarily, the pace of ministry.

**Leader:** As you did at your installation to this ministry at New Holland, we invite you, Pastor Dawn, to accept the congregation's and God's continued affirmation of your ministry here. May God continue to be with you in your ministry among this faith community.

**Congregation:** We renew our commitment to your leadership, Pastor Dawn, in helping us to fulfill the Great Commission. May our work and ministry together continue to grow.

**Dawn:** I am deeply grateful to God for our ministry together over these past years and I believe that God will continue to bless us in the days ahead.

**All:** We pray God's Spirit to be present amongst us - calling, empowering and sending us to serve and share. May we continue to seek God's will and way.

**Dawn:** As a symbol of returning from this sabbatical time, I take my stole and put it back on my shoulders again — a symbol of my servanthood to God and to this faith community.

**Leader:** Let us pray – Spirit of God, descend upon our hearts. We thank you for this time of sabbatical and renewal for Pastor Dawn and for the congregation. We are also grateful for this time to reunite with one another and continue in ministry together. I pray that Pastor Dawn and this congregation will minister together and serve with the enthusiasm of your Spirit upon them. May they, together, as your church, be open to your Spirit's leading in the future, to be willing to risk in faith to follow where you lead them.

**All:** Thank you, Lord, for this time away and for this time of returning! Help us to continue to dream your dreams for our future. Bless us, in Jesus name, AMEN!