What is God calling us to do in 2027?

This fall, all members and regular attendees are invited to join in discerning God's call for our church in 2027.

With guidance from Everence Stewardship Theologian Colin Saxton, the Leadership Team will facilitate a series of congregational conversations. What we hear together will shape a draft 2027 Ministry Plan, Narrative Budget, and Budget that reflect our shared sense of God's leading.

Mark your calendar:

- **Sunday, October 11:** 9 a.m. – *What is God calling us to do in 2027?*
- **Sunday, October 18:** 9 a.m. – *How do we carry out what God is calling us to do in 2027?*
- **Sunday, October 25:** 9 a.m. – *How will we fund what God is calling us to do in 2027?*
- **Sunday, January 10:** 9 a.m. – Presentation of the proposed 2027 Ministry Plan, 2027 Narrative Budget, and 2027 Annual Budget.
- **Sunday, February 7:** Annual Congregational Meeting and vote on the 2027 Ministry Plan, Narrative Budget, & Annual Budget.

Following October 25, the Leadership Team and Finance Committee will meet together to incorporate congregational feedback to bring a proposed 2027 Ministry Plan, Narrative Budget and Annual Budget to the congregation at the January 10 meeting.

Following the January 10 meeting, the Leadership Team and Finance Committee will incorporate congregational feedback and bring a final 2027 Ministry Plan, Narrative Budget, and Annual Budget to the congregation at the February 7 Congregational Meeting for a vote.

This is an exciting season in the life of our congregation. We hope you'll be a part of these important conversations as we listen together for God's leading and shape our ministry for the coming year.

If you have questions or would like more information please contact Steven Lantz.

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Fellowship: 8:30 a.m. • Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Nickels for Neighbors **Children**

Gathering & Praising God

Mountain of God (VT 11) — Jenn Esbenshade
Call to Worship & Prayer — Dawn Ranck-Hower
How Can We Be Silent (VT 790)

Hearing God's Voice

Scripture: Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20, 27:1-7, 2:1-4
Conversation with Children — Steven Lantz
Sermon: "Between the Peril and the Promise" — Ron Adams *

Responding

Be A Sower (VT 789)
Prayer of the People — Dawn Ranck-Hower
Announcements

Sending

Between Darkness and Light (VT 818)
Sending Blessing

Coffee: Rosanna Ceresini; **Greeter:** Tom Ceresini
Sound/Close: Bryan Hower; **Nursery:** Lois Zimmerman
Offering: Lisa Kehm & Lois Zimmerman

October 18: Attendance and Offering
Attendance: 40 (10 Zoom) • Offering: $3,565.00

* Ron Adams served in four Mennonite congregations over 28 years of pastoral ministry. His most recent assignment was at Landisville Mennonite, from which he retired in June 2025. Ron lives in Elizabethtown with his wife Marilou and their dog Archie. They have 2 adult children, both of whom have partners, and one grandchild.

NEXT SUNDAY: November 1

Coffee: Ashly Escalante
Greeters/Close: Francisco Morales & Lois Zimmerman
Worship Leader: Brenda Hurst; **Song Leader:** Dawn Kaczor
Congregational Prayer: Ray Hurst; **Children:** Bryan Hower
Sound: Jen Morales; **Nursery:** Ruth Douglas Miller
Offering: Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel & Sue Martin

What We Value

With Jesus as our center, we commit to including all people, strengthening our relationships (and) practicing peace and justice. (adopted February 2023)

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

A Tangible Way to Offer Support: A member of our congregation has received notice that her immigration paperwork is under review. Responding to this notice involves significant expenses, and we would like to help ease this financial burden.

If you are able to contribute, your gift is a tangible way to walk alongside her during this uncertain time.

Checks can be made payable to New Holland Mennonite Church, with "Immigration Support" in the memo line and placed in the offering basket.

Please hold this family in your prayers as they navigate this uncertain and stressful time. May they feel God's presence, find strength and peace, and know they are surrounded by a community that loves them.

Thank you for caring for one another and living out our commitment to including all people and practicing peace and justice.

LAST SUNDAY for Nickels for Neighbors: Bring your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars, & checks for Chestnut Housing's Bridgeport Housing project, a creative partnership including donors from Forest Hills Mennonite Church that is developing a property in the Conestoga Valley School District.

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.

WEDNESDAY, October 28: Book Club: 7 p.m. at Jenn's house. Jenn leading discussion. Book: *The Kin,* by Tayari Jones: Good books, lively discussion, strong opinions, differing perspectives, and plenty of laughs—sometimes even about the book!

SUNDAY, November 1: Fellowship Meal: Bring a hot and/or cold dish to share and place settings. Bring hot dishes in slow cookers.

THURSDAY, November 5: Men's Dinner at Garden Spot Village Concord Room: Room is reserved from 5:30-8:00. Food is available to purchase until 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, November 18: Women's Dinner at Garden Spot Village Concord Room: Room is reserved from 5:30-8:00. Food is available to purchase until 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 22: Annual Covenant Sunday: "Taste and See that the Lord is Good: A Feast for the Senses—and the Soul"

Pastor: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Leadership Team:** Dawn Kaczor, Ruth Douglas Miller, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman
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