



New Holland Mennonite Church

June 11, 2023 • Volume 68, No. 24
9:30 a.m. Coffee • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Gathering & Praising God

Waterfall (VT 763)

Call to Worship

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Gathering Prayer

Jesus, Be the Center (VT 584)

Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Conversation with Children

Steven Lantz

Gods Love is For Everybody

Scripture: John 3:1-21

Sermon: "How does it feel to be born of the Spirit?"

Ruth Douglas Miller

Responding

The Love of God (VT 162)

Moment in the Neighborhood

Dr. Michael Snopkowski,

Superintendent ELANCO School District

High School Presentation to Davin Esbenshade

Dawn Ranck-Hower

Sharing & Announcements

Ray Hurst

Congregational Prayer

Sending

God Be With Us (VT 613)

Benediction

Coffee: Judy Schweitzer; **Greeters:** Francy Bailey & Judy Schweitzer

Close: Mike Bortzel

Praise Team: Jenn Esbenshade, Bryan Hower, Kelsey Means,

Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenshade

Gather & Count Offering: Wade Esbenshade & Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

NEXT SUNDAY: June 18

Coffee: Evelyn Bailey; **Greeters:** Jim Bailey & Tim Martin

Close: Jim Bailey; **Worship Leader:** Karina Morales

Praise Team: Francy Bailey, Ruth Douglas Miller, Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel,
Keith Miller, Jen Morales

Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Children's Time:** Michele Good

Prayer: Brenda Martin Hurst, **Sound:** Bryan Hower

Gather & Count Offering: Sue Martin & Lois Zimmerman

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

June 16 (Friday): Book Discussion: *The Vanishing Half*,

Dawn & Bryan's home, 7 p.m

June 21 (Wednesday): Women's Dinner: 6 p.m.

Garden Spot Village

June 23 (Friday): Garden Church

5-6 p.m. work in garden (weed, water, harvest)

6-6:30 p.m. simple meal of soup and bread

6:30-7:30 p.m. worship service for all ages

7:30 p.m. S'mores around bonfire.

July 2: Fellowship Meal following worship

July 8 (Saturday): Men's Breakfast: 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

July 23 (Sunday): Davin Esbenshade's Baptism,

Esbenshade farm

July 28 (Friday): Garden Church

August 25 (Friday): Garden Church

June 4

Attendance: 47 (3 on zoom) • Offering: \$1,359.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 16: Kynslee Reese

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)

Litany of Blessing for Davin Esbenshade High School Graduation 2023

Pastor: Many years have passed since Jenn and Wade prayed for Davin's safe arrival.

Congregation: And the Lord heard their supplication and answered their prayers.

Pastor: Since that time these parents were joined by this congregation in praying for Davin, loving him, and teaching him the ways of the Kingdom.

Congregation: And the Lord has been faithful.

Pastor: Now we stand at a moment of transition, a moment of release, a moment of pain and of joy.

Congregation: And the Lord still hears us, still answers our prayers, and is still faithful.

Jenn & Wade: Davin, you have given us great joy, occasional pain and frustration, and taught us more than we could ever teach you. Now we release you to follow your call, to find the path that God has laid for you. You go with our love, our prayers, and our blessings. No matter where you go our love and God's love will follow you.

Congregation: We have watched you grow. We have taught you, held you, sung with you, prayed for you more than you know. We too release you to God's tender care.

Pastor: Today marks a moment of transition as you move into adulthood.

Congregation: We invite you to continue to be a part of us. Let us walk beside you as you enter college. Share your thoughts, your dreams, the things you learn. Share your gifts with us. Teach us from your life experience. Enrich us with your life.

Pastor: Whether we are together or apart. God through the Spirit unites us.

Congregation: Davin, go forth with our blessing, our prayers, and our faith in you and in the God who sustains you. Amen.

Church News

Antiracism Book Discussion: *The Vanishing Half*. Bryan & Dawn's backyard, **Friday evening, June 16, 7 p.m.** RSVP at <https://forms.gle/kbyteGgAiTHG68Pv7>. Beverage and snack provided.

Community News

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **Tuesday, June 13, 10 a.m.** Kenton Glick from the 1719 Museum in Willow Street (formerly Hans Herr House), will share what life was like in the time when Native Americans lived here and how life changed for them as people from Europe started moving here. Lunch served after each meeting.

Selah's Song: An Original Folk Musical: Sunday, June 18, 6:30 p.m., Blossom Hill Mennonite Church. Atlantic Coast Conference and several Lancaster area congregations are excited to be partnering with Theatre of the Beat on their new show, Selah's Song! A heartwarming musical that tells the story of a young girl whose courage inspired a village, and whose song became an anthem for peace. Admission will be by donation. Thanks to Blossom Hill, James Street, Akron, and East Chestnut Street Mennonite Churches, along with ACC's Peace & Justice Committee, for partnering on this event.

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.

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