



# New Holland Mennonite Church

November 6, 2022 • Volume 67, No. 44  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School • 10:00 a.m. Worship

## Gathering & Praising God

*Come to the Water (VT 35)* Jenn Esbenshade  
Call to Worship and Prayer Brenda Martin Hurst  
*Beautiful Things (VT 551)*

## Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings Brenda Martin Hurst  
Conversation with Children Steven Lantz  
Sermon: "Elisha Heals Naaman" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower  
Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-15a

## Responding

*The River*  
Communion Brenda Martin Hurst  
Sharing and Announcements Ruth Miller  
Congregational Prayer

## Sending

*Christ is Alive (VT 565)*  
Benediction Brenda Martin Hurst

## Fellowship Meal

### Congregational Meeting

**Coffee/Greet/Close:** Sue & Tim Martin

**Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenshade

**Gather & Count Offering:** Wade Esbenshade & Keith Miller

**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.

## October 30

**Attendance:** 32 (7 on zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$816.00

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**November 8:** Ray Hurst & Kylah Morales; **November 9:** Tom Miller

## NEXT SUNDAY: November 13

**Coffee:** Ray Hurst; **Close:** Mike Bortzel

**Greet:** Jim & Evelyn Bailey; **Worship Leader:** Dawn Ranck Hower  
**Praise Team:** Francy Bailey, Brenda Hurst, Ruth Douglas Miller, Keith Miller, Dawn Ranck Hower; **Sound:** Bryan Hower

**Children's Time:** Ray Hurst; **Sermon:** Caleb Simmers

**Congregational Prayer:** Lois Zimmerman

**Gather & Count Offering:** Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel & Sue Martin

## UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**November 6: Communion and Fellowship Meal**

**November 9: Women's Dinner:** 6 p.m. Panera Bread, Ephrata

**November 12: Men's Prayer Breakfast:** 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

**November 20: Congregational Meeting,** 9 a.m.

**November 20: Annual Covenant Sunday,** 10 a.m.

**December 25: Christmas Brunch (9 a.m.); Worship (10 a.m.)**

## Church News

**Financial Update:** As of the end of October, the congregation has a deficit of \$7,834.00 for the year.

**Fellowship Meal after church on November 6:** Bring a hot and/or cold dish to share and your own place settings. Hot dish should be in a slow cooker. We not be using the oven. The meal will be served in the lobby and begin approximately 15 minutes after service is over. (This will enable everyone to attend the morning service). Let Evelyn know if you are available to help.

**November Food Drive:** We as a congregation have the privilege of helping CrossNet by providing food for the Food Pantry. Bring food and place it in the display in front of the church by the end of November. Items needed: soup, pasta sauce, instant potatoes, ketchup, pancake mix, pancake syrup, cooking oil, crackers, toilet paper, paper towels, body wash, shavers for women and men, laundry detergent. Additional items are listed at [elancocross.org](http://elancocross.org).

**Annual Covenant Sunday, November 20.** A Sunday of remembering the faithfulness of God. We will sing, pray, read scripture, celebrate communion, receive new members, sign the annual covenant (*see back of bulletin*), and hear our congregations stories of God's faithfulness. Julia Buohl, Ruth Douglas Miller, Keith Miller, Sarah Reese, and Sean Reese will become members. **Please plan on attending this important worship service where we recommit to each other for the next year.** Contact Pastor Dawn if you are unable to attend but want to remain members for another year.

## Community News

**Alive with 55 & Up:** Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **November 8**, 10 a.m. East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church provides a free meal to the community every Monday evening. Greg Henning is the coordinator of this ministry and will explain the church's commitment and tell stories of hope and provision to those in need. A meal follows the program.

**Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster:** Come experience the retelling of the glorious birth of Jesus through song and scripture at our 2022 Christmas concert series. Singers will be joined by local guest artists. **Saturday, December 3:** St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lancaster, PA; **Sunday, December 4**, 4 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA; **Wednesday, December 7**, 7 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA. Details: mennonitechilrenschoir.org

**Alive with 55 & Up:** Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **December 13**, 10 a.m. The Ukulele Band will lead us in a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long, followed by a delicious Christmas meal.

**Deux Voix, Wednesday, March 15**, 7 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster). Formed in 2014, Deux Voix ("two voices") has amassed a sterling reputation with national and international acclaim. In their mission to expand the world of trumpet and organ, Stephen Langham and Justin Distad are constantly adapting works from other genres and instrumentations. Details: [www.highlandpc.org](http://www.highlandpc.org).

## Membership\* Covenant

- ◆ We believe in God, the creator; Jesus, the savior; and the Holy Spirit, the sustainer.
- ◆ We accept the Word of God as guide and authority for our lives.
- ◆ We affirm our faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ, our Lord, and to the gospel he proclaimed.
- ◆ We unite as a congregation and worship, serve, and share in its ministry.
- ◆ We will support this congregation with our earnest prayers, regular attendance, loyal service, and faithful stewardship as God gives us strength.
- ◆ We will live and share with the congregation in the bonds of Christian fellowship, giving and receiving love, sharing and bearing one another's joy and pain.

**Attendee:** These are people who want to attend, participate, and call New Holland their spiritual home, yet do not wish to formally covenant or have not yet been baptized or transferred their membership from another congregation. Attendees' participation, wisdom, and insight are welcome in congregational life.

\* **Covenant Members:** These are people who want to make a formal commitment to the community of faith. Covenant members attend regularly, participate in and vote on congregational decisions, and take leadership in the congregation. Covenant members annually sign the Membership Covenant Agreement.

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