



# New Holland Mennonite Church

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



HOME BY  
ANOTHER way  
Epiphany

**Epiphany:** The story of Epiphany marks an end and the beginning. Leaving their home, the Wise Men embark upon a pilgrimage, seeking the glimpse of the divine in the Christ child. Being warned in a dream, the Magi choose a different direction to journey back home. This leads them away from Herod's deception, manipulation, and harm. The Magi make a subversive choice to disobey Herod. They listen to God speaking to them through their dreams. As our own journeys continue, we remember we must sometimes make bold choices to choose a different way.

## Gathering & Praising God

(Artwork on Screen: "The Wise Men's Dream" by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman)

*What Child Is This (VT 267)*

Call to Worship / Prayer for Illumination

Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

*O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem (VT 275)*

## Hearing God's Voice

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Children's Time

Elsa Lantz

Luke 2:46b, 48b-49 (ICB)

Sermon: "Subversive Choice"

Rolando Flores-Rentas\*\*

## Responding

Prayer of Confession

Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

Words of Forgiveness

*As with Gladness (VT 277)*

Moment in Mission: Mennonite Central Committee

Rolando Flores-Rentas\*\*

Sharing and Announcements

Jenn Esbenshade

Prayer of the People & Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

## Sending

*Love Came Down at Christmas (VT 255)*

Benediction

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**Greeters/Open:** Jim & Evelyn Bailey; **Close:** Mike Bortzel

**Praise Team:** Jenn Esbenshade, Franci Bailey, Dawn Kaczor,

Steven Lantz; **Sound:** Davin & Myla Esbenshade

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

## **December 26**

**Attendance Total: 37** (5 on zoom) • **Church Offering: \$2,260.00**

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**January 2:** Anna Mae & Bob Weaver

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**January 3:** George Brubaker

**January 5:** John Heese, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

## **NEXT SUNDAY: January 9**

**Greeters/Open:** Francy Bailey & Bryan Hower

**Worship Leader:** Brenda Martin Hurst; **Children:** Ray Hurst

**Praise Team:** Jenn Esbenshade, Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel,  
Jen Morales, Tammy Snader

**Sound:** Davin & Myla Esbenshade

**Prayer:** Bryan Hower; **Close:** Wade Esbenshade

**Count Offering:** Wade Esbenshade & Brenda Martin Hurst

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, January 8, Men's Breakfast, Eli's Place, 7 a.m.**

**Sunday, January 23, Pastor/Congregation Review Report,**  
9 a.m. (No Sunday School)

## **Church News**

**Pastor/Congregation Review Report, 9 a.m. on Sunday, January 23.** We are thankful for the high number of responses that we received for the Pastor/Congregation Review and the overall positive feedback. A report will be shared with the congregation during the Sunday School hour on January 23. Please plan on attending this meeting to hear the report and to participate in discussion.