

New Holland Mennonite Church

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



Like the fig tree, you are worthy. You're not a lost cause. You're not a waste of resources. You deserve to be nurtured. Your fruit will come. Like the gardener, you are invited to see others with audacious hope and budding potential. The lesson of the fig tree invites us to unpack the source of our worth in a system and society that often measures worthiness by commerce, production, output, success, status, achievement, ethnicity, and/or gender identity. We might ask, "Can the fig tree have worth even if it never produces any figs?" What does that mean for us if the answer is "yes"?

Gathering & Praising God

*Full to the Brim**

Call to Worship

Elsa Lantz

Prayer for Illumination

Open the Eyes of My Heart (VT 401)

Jenn Esbenshade

Hearing God's Voice

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

Conversation with Children

Sermon: "You are Worthy"

Dawn Kaczor

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Prayer of Confession

Words of Forgiveness

Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God (VT 653)

Sharing and Announcements

Brenda Martin Hurst

Prayer of the People & Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

Sending

The Peace of the Earth Be with You (VT 838)

Benediction

** Song written & produced by Paul Demer | Video by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, featuring visual art by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Lauren Wright Pittman, Hannah Garrity, Carmelle Beaugelin, & Denise Anderson | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org*

Artwork on Screen: "You Are Worthy" Lauren Wright Pittman

Banner on Left: "First Fruits" by Lauren Wright Pittman

Banner on Right: "Posca" by Carmelle Beaugelin

Greeters: Brenda & Ray Hurst; **Sound:** Davin & Myla Esbenshade

Song Leader: Jenn Esbenshade; **Close:** Mike Bortzel

Count Offering: Francy Baily & Mike Good

March 13

Attendance Total: 36 (7 on Zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$1,828.00

NEXT SUNDAY: March 27

Greeters: Karina Morales & Danika Snader

Worship Leader: Brenda Martin Hurst; **Children:** Dawn Kaczor

Song Leader: Dawn Ranck Hower

Praise Team: Jen Morales & Tammy Snader

Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Prayer:** Steven Lantz

Sound: Bryan Hower; **Close:** Ray Hurst

Count Offering: Brenda Martin Hurst & Tammy Snader

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 20: Jen Morales; **March 25:** Bradley Leonard

March 27: Martha Hoover

UPCOMING EVENTS

Race Relations Meeting: April 5, 7 p.m. (112 Huyard Ave).

Men's Prayer Breakfast: April 9, 7 a.m. (Eli's Restaurant)

Good Friday Worship, April 15, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service (outdoors), 6 a.m., **April 17** (followed by an outdoor breakfast)

Church News

Race Relations Meeting: You are invited to join the group that has been giving leadership at church to learning about race relations. Our next meeting is Tuesday, **April 5, 7 p.m.** at Bryan and my home (112 Huyard Avenue). We will be discussing next steps. How do we continue to learn and grow as a congregation? What could we be doing? A book study? Speaker? Underground railroad tour? Day trip to DC to the African American Museum?

Calling folks of all ages who care about the earth: This coming summer I would like to plan worship services (5 weeks: July 10-August 7 – or, perhaps we'll expand it to 9 weeks?) about Creation Care. I know that many of you have more experience with this topic than I do, so I would like to invite you to dream and plan this series with me and help to give leadership to it. Please let me know by **March 20** if you are interested in participating in the planning. Blessings, Pastor Dawn

Food Pantry: 259 pounds of food was taken to CrossNet Ministries Food Pantry from our congregation on March 10.

My Coins Count!!! Bring your coins (or paper money or checks made out to Mennonite Central Committee) to church **during the month of March**. A container for the change is in the back of the sanctuary.

College Care Packages: As a way to remind our college students (Karina, Nyvani, Kylah) that they are not forgotten, consider writing a note and/or giving a small gift (snack food, cereal, pen, Post-It Notes, etc.) to each college student. A box for each of them will be in the lobby during the month of March.

Easter, April 17: Our morning worship service begins in the dark parking lot. Gather at 5:45 a.m. Hot beverages (bring a mug) provided from 5:45-5:55 a.m. Preservice begins at 5:55

a.m. Bring chairs, blankets (whatever you need to stay warm until the sunrises). There will be a basket for the offering. **Sign up in lobby by Sunday, April 10.** (Note: This service will not be available on Zoom. There will be no 10 a.m. worship service).

Campership Donations: Consider giving a donation to make it possible for children (Grades 3-12) in our congregation to enjoy time at a Christian camp this summer. Give donations by **Sunday, April 24.** Mark "Campership" on offering envelope.

Campership Applications: Contact Pastor Dawn if you would like to apply for a camp scholarship for Summer 2022. Deadline to apply: **Sunday, March 28.** Camperships will be awarded by the end of May. Each child who receives a campership is asked to do 5 hours of community service with the church.

Community News

Gather Together: Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster: Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey PA, Sunday, **April 10,** 4 p.m.; Strasburg Mennonite Church, Sunday, **May 1,** 4 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite Church, Saturday, **May 7,** 3 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

The Gospel According to Bach: Friday, April 8, 7 p.m. Experience sublime music and drama in a refreshing performance of selections from J.S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion. Free Admission. St. Stephen's Reformed Church, 249 E. Main Street, New Holland. Information: sdgconcerts.com

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **April 12,** 10 a.m. Pequea Valley High School Chamber Singers. Under Mr. Bankert's direction, the 42 member auditioned Chamber Singers from PVHS have received superior ratings and "Most Outstanding Choir" award in adjudicated festivals throughout Toronto Canada, New Jersey, Virginia, and Boston. A meal follows the program.

Plain Living Series: Politics & Lancaster's Amish: Wednesday, **April 27,** 7 p.m. Chapel, Garden Spot Village and live streamed at gardenspotvillage.org/live. Dr. Steven M. Nolt, director of Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist & Pietist Studies, interprets data gathered about the Amish vote during the 2016 election cycle.