



April 16, 2023 • Volume 68, No. 16

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

God's Greatest Promise

Throughout Scripture, God has made and kept promises, but God's greatest promise was to send a savior. Jesus arrives in Jerusalem as a king on a donkey to the sound of great praise, an act that makes it even more clear that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise. As he cleanses the temple and clashes with the religious leaders, we see he is a very different kind of king. At his trial, the title of king is meant to mock him. Facing death, Jesus takes time to eat with his disciples, giving them the gift of communion and preparing them for what is to come. Still, it is hard for everyone to believe that God's plan was for Jesus to be crucified. All creation reacts to the death of the Son of God, as the earth shakes and the rocks split apart. Yet even after Jesus' death, God's promise to rescue still stands. **As the disciples see the risen Christ, they are invited to let go of their fear and rejoice as they share in the good news that nothing can disrupt God's promise for salvation, not even Jesus dying on the cross.**

Gathering & Praising God

Revelation Song (VT 415)

Praise Team

Call to Worship & Prayer

Sue Martin

My Soul Cries Out (VT 412)

Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Sue Martin

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

Conversation with Children

Jenn Esbenshade

Sermon: "The Eleven on the Mountain"

Dorcas Lehman*

Responding

Go in Grace and Make Disciples (VT 766)

Moment in the Neighborhood William Leighty, Police Chief

Sharing & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Bryan Hower

Sending

Lord You Give the Great Commission (SJ 63)

Benediction

Sue Martin

* Dorcas Lehman lives nearby in Leola. In recent years, she has served as interim pastor in several churches (VT & PA). Prior to that, she was campus pastor and counselor at Lancaster Mennonite School. Her Masters of Divinity is from Eastern Mennonite Seminary. She and her husband Glenn attend East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church (Lancaster). Last month they gladly welcomed their fourth grandchild. Before making this area her home, Dorcas grew up in western Maryland and lived in New York City for volunteer service and further study.

Coffee: Judy Schweitzer; **Greeters:** Brenda and Ray Hurst

Close: Mike Bortzel; **Praise Team:** Francy Bailey, Jenn Esbenshade, Bryan Hower, Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenshade

Gather & Count Offering: Francy Bailey & Sue Martin

NEXT SUNDAY: April 23

Coffee: Sue Martin; **Greeters:** Sue & Tim Martin

Close: Tim Martin; **Worship Leader:** Keith Miller

Praise Team: Brenda Martin Hurst, Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel, Ruth Douglas Miller, Keith Miller, Jen Morales

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

Prayer: Ruth Douglas Miller; **Sound:** Mike Good

Gather & Count Offering: Mike Good & Lois Zimmerman

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

April 19: Women's Dinner: 6 p.m. **Panera Bread, Ephrata**

NOT Garden Spot Village this month

May 7: Fellowship Meal

May 13: Men's Breakfast: 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

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)

April 9

Attendance: 36 (3 on zoom) • Church Offering: \$5,400.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 17: Davin Esbenshade

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 21: Bob & Sarah Martin

Church News

Upcoming Adult & Youth Sunday School Classes

April 23: Core Values *

April 30: Anabaptism at Five Hundred **

May 7: Anabaptism at Five Hundred

May 14: Anabaptism at Five Hundred

May 21: How NHMC addresses Social and Cultural Changes
over the past 100 years.

* **Core Values:** On **April 23** we will take a look at the Core Values that we affirmed earlier this year. **Come to the class prepared to answer:** 1) How are we already living out the values? 2) How might God be calling us to live out each value?

** **Anabaptism at Five Hundred: The Anabaptist Community Bible Project:** In 2025 Anabaptism will celebrate 500 years! We will participate in helping to create an "Anabaptist Community Bible" featuring notes in the margins from over 500 Anabaptist study groups from around the world.

Moment in the Neighborhood Upcoming Speakers:

April 23: Wilbur Horning, Historical Society

April 30: Falene Nancarvis, Meals on Wheels

June 11: Dr. Snopkowski, ELANCO Superintendent

Social Events: The Leadership Team suggests having 3-4 social events each year. These events can be relaxed and simple or more involved such as planning a dinner and entertainment. The events could be at church, at a park, or at your house. **Contact Steve Lantz if you would like to plan a social event for the church** in the Spring, Summer, Fall, or Winter.

Community News

Mental Health First Aid: Tuesday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. at Parish Resource Center. Mental Health First Aid Training provides an action plan that teaches you how to safely and responsibly identify and respond to signs of mental health issues and substance use challenges. This evidence-based training program is similar to CPR or First Aid training and will help you be prepared for different situations. Register here for this free workshop.

Mennonite Children's Choir: Making All Things New: April 16, 4 p.m. Donegal Presbyterian Church, Mt. Joy, PA (Carol and Concert choirs only); **April 29, 6:30 p.m.** Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA; **April 30, 4 p.m.** Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA, **June 4, 7 p.m.** Mt. Gretna Tabernacle, Mt. Gretna, PA. Let the beauty of choral music shared by young voices inspire, bless, and encourage you. **Attend to see Seth Lantz in the choir.**

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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