

New Holland Mennonite Church

December 1, 2019 • Volume 64, No. 48
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Our wait begins

Focus statement:

Together we enter the season of Advent crying out to God to break into our lives with a new light and a new hope.

We ask the question, God what are you waiting for?

Gathering

Preservice

Ruth Carrasco

Call to Worship

Karina Morales

Leader: Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.

People: Asking, will your kingdom of peace be established on this broken earth?

Leader: Are you coming to intervene, to make whole your divided creation?

All: God, what are you waiting for?

Prayer

Praising God

Come, thou long-expected Jesus (WB 178)

Advent Candle Lighting

Praise the One who breaks the darkness (SS 1)

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Seth Lantz

Hearing God's Word

Conversation with Children

Jen Morales

(Ages 3 and under dismissed to nursery)

O Come, O come, Immanuel (WB 172)

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

(Anyone who wishes may color at the tables during the sermon.)

Please add your artwork to the easel in the back of the sanctuary)

Sermon: "Waiting Without Fear"

Joe Miller*

Confession

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for not expecting you,

People: even when you have told me that you are coming.

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for being asleep,

People: even when you have asked me to wait for you.

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for my carelessness,

People: when all you have asked of me is to care.

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for failing to see you,

People: when your face is so obvious.

(Silence)

Leader: Blessed be our God,

who invites us to walk in the light of the Lord!

As the pauper waits for plenty (SS 9)

Responding

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Lois Zimmerman

Sending

Peace before us (SS 16)

Benediction

* Joe Miller and his family served with MCC for four years in Eastern Europe during the Communist time period. He was a Mennonite pastor for 25 years. Along with his half-time work with MCC's partners in the Plain community, Joe serves as a bishop in LMC (Lancaster Mennonite Conference).

Greeters: Anna Mae & Bob Weaver; **Coffee:** Ruth Carrasco
Sound: Judy Nguyen; **Usher:** Anna Mae Weaver
Pianist: Ruth Carrasco; **Song Leader:** Steven Lantz;
Praise Team: Dawn Kaczor, Seth Lantz; **Close:** Jim Bailey
Nursery: Evelyn Bailey (Lois Zimmerman)

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

November 24: 52 • **Offering:** \$2,295.00

NEXT SUNDAY: December 8 (ELC Christmas Program)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 8: Shirley King

Upcoming Events

(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)

- Dec 8** ELC Christmas Program
- Dec 14** Men's Prayer Breakfast, Squireside Café, 7 a.m.
- Dec 15** Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
- Dec 20** Women's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Yoder's Restaurant
- Dec 22** Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
- Dec 29** Christmas Brunch and Program
- Dec 30** MCC Warehouse work day

Church News

BEGINNING TODAY: Reverse Advent Calendar: Instead of TAKING a treat from a box each day during Advent, ADD an item to a box. Add the items to the display at the back of the church. A flyer with details is on the table in the lobby.

Vacation: Pastor Dawn and Bryan are on vacation from November 29-December 2 and December 5-7. Contact Lois Zimmerman with any pastoral care concerns.

Dec 1: ELC Christmas Program is only 1 week away! Sign up TODAY to volunteer. Donations can be put into your offering envelop and labeled for ELC Christmas Program.

Save the Date: Workday at MCC Materials Resource Center: Monday, **December 30.** 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Service opportunities for all ages. Sign up on sheet in lobby. Pizza will be ordered for lunch: \$5 per person.

For your planning: CHRISTMAS WORSHIP on December 29: We would love to have special Christmas song, poem, other readings, etc during our December 29 worship service. Gather a few friends or family members to join you. Let Pastor Dawn know what you would like to share by **Sunday, December 22.**

Community News

Singing Lights: The Pennsylvania Relief Sale is sponsoring "Singing Lights: The Walking Roots Band Christmas Concert" featuring re-imagined Christmas hymns and original songs for the season. 7 p.m., Stumptown Mennonite Church, Saturday, **December 7.** An offering benefiting MCC will be collected.

Mennonite Children's Choir: Christmas Concert Series Come and support Seth Lantz at a concert on **Thursday, December 5,** 7 p.m. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster; **Saturday, December 7,** 4 p.m. Forest Hills Mennonite Church, or **Sunday, December 8,** 4 p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

Hans Herr House Christmas Candlelight Tours: December 5 & 6, 6 to 8 p.m.; **December 7,** 5 to 8:40 p.m. Tickets go on sale on October 1st at hansherr.org. Information 717/464-4438.

New Holland Christmas on Main: December 7. A day of old-fashioned fun. www.christmasonmain.com.

Tuesday Alive with 55 & Up: December 10, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Christmas program led by Milt Stoltzfus, the Spiritual Nature and Community Life Coordinator for Friendship Communities. Sing Christmas carols, listen to stories and have a surprise or two! An uplifting and joyful end to our 2019 season.

Junior and Senior Youth Group Bible Study: Wednesday, **December 11,** at Ridgeview Mennonite.

Junior Youth Group Christmas Party, December 15

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Leadership Team Chair: Wade Esbenshade

Leadership Team: Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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A nursery is available for children ages 3 and younger.