



New Holland Mennonite Church

April 2, 2023 • Volume 68, No. 14

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

God's Greatest Promise

Holy Week Theme: 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

Jesus is Coming (VT 312)

Call to Worship & Prayer

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (VT 313)

Praise Team / Children

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-17

Conversation with Children

Sermon: "A Pilgrim's Reflections"

Steven Lantz

Randy Keener *

Responding

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (VT 315)

A Moment in our History Jen Morales & Lois Zimmerman

Sharing & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Keith Miller

Sending

We. Your People, Sing Your Praises (VT 849)

Benediction

Jen Morales

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Coffee: Ray Hurst; **Greeters:** Jim Bailey & Ray Hurst

Close: Mike Bortzel; **Praise Team:** Francy Bailey, Jenn Esbenshade, Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel, Terra May; **Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenshade

Gather & Count Offering: Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel & Ruth Douglas Miller

NEXT SUNDAY: April 9

Coffee: Evelyn Bailey; **Greeters:** Jim Bailey & Tim Martin

Close: Jim Bailey; **Song Leader/Pianist:** Jenn Esbenshade

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

Prayer: Brenda Martin Hurst; **Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenshade

Gather & Count Offering: Francy Bailey & Sue Martin

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

April 6: Seder Meal, 6 p.m.

April 7: Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.

April 9: Easter Service, 10 a.m. (No Sunday School)

April 8: Men's Breakfast: 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

April 19: Women's Dinner: 6 p.m. Panera Bread, Ephrata
NOT Garden Spot Village this month

March 26

Attendance: 36 (4 on zoom) • **Church Offering: \$520.00**

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)

Church News

Core Values Sunday School: On **April 16** 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?

Moment in the Neighborhood Upcoming Speakers:

April 16: William Leighty, Police Chief

April 23: Wilbur Horning, Historical Society

April 30: Falene Nancarvis, Meals on Wheels

June 11: Dr. Snopkoski, 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.

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 23**. Mark "Campership" on offering envelope.

DEADLINE THIS WEEK: Campership Applications:

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

Mennonite Children's Choir: Making All Things New: April 2: 4 p.m. Salem United Methodist Church, Manheim; **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.**

Plain Living Series: Learn the stories of local Amish and Mennonites in an event series co-hosted by Mennonite Life and Garden Spot Village at the Garden Spot Village Chapel. **April 4**–Plain Living Series 1: Weaverland Mennonites: 300 Years of Growth, Division, and Faithfulness; **April 10**–Plain Living Series 2: My Journey to Plainness with Edsel Burdge, Jr.; **April 24**–Plain Living Series 3: Amish Alternatives to Government Programs. These events are complimentary and do not require registration. Learn more at mennonitelife.org/events.

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **Tuesday, April 11,** 10 a.m. Connie Metzler, Program Coordinator and Nurse Case Manager for the Alzheimer's and Memory Care Program at Lancaster General Health Penn Medicine will speak on maintaining brain care as we age.

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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