



New Holland Mennonite Church

May 14, 2023 • Volume 68, No. 20

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

Gifts of God's Grace

As we live in faith, believing the good news of Jesus' resurrection, we continue to receive gifts of God's grace, God's unconditional love. Even in facing struggles, we have peace and hope from knowing Jesus. Because of his death and resurrection, sin no longer rules in our lives, but instead, grace abounds. We celebrate that we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit, who provides help and guidance. As we rejoice in this gift, we are reminded that we should live guided by God's promises, especially the promise that nothing can separate us from God's great love.

Gathering & Praising God

Blessed Be Your Name (VT 637)

Jenn Esbenschade

Call to Worship & Prayer

Sue Martin

In Christ Alone (VT 332)

Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11 (CEB)

Conversation with Children

Jenn Esbenschade

Sermon: "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?"

Keith Miller

Responding

Come, Thou Fount (VT 563)

Sharing & Announcements

Lois Zimmerman

Congregational Prayer

Sending

Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing (VT 555)

Benediction

Coffee: Evelyn Bailey; **Greeters:** Francy Bailey & Jim Bailey

Close: Tim Martin; **Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenschade

Gather & Count Offering: Sue Martin & Ruth Martin

NEXT SUNDAY: May 21

Coffee: Ray Hurst; **Greeters:** Brenda & Ray Hurst

Close: Jim Bailey; **Worship Leader:** Bryan Hower

Praise Team: Jenn Esbenschade, Bryan Hower, Jen Morales,

Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Sermon:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

Children's Time: Dawn Kaczor; **Prayer:** Steven Lantz

Sound: Davin & Kai Esbenschade

Gather & Count Offering: Wade Esbenschade & Lois Zimmerman

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

May 17: Women's Dinner: 6 p.m. **Garden Spot Village**

June 10: Men's Breakfast: 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

June 16: Book Discussion, Dawn & Bryan's home, 7 p.m.

July 23: Davin Esbenschade's Baptism, at Esbenschade farm

May 7

Attendance: 41 (5 on zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$2,800

Church News

Core Values: Last day to add more thoughts!: On April 23 we looked at how we are already living out our core values and areas where God might be calling us to live out each value. Read what others have written on the board and add your own thoughts. Feel free to take magnets with the core value statement on them. Put it on your refrigerator where you can read it often and memorize it.

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)

Save the Date: The **Early Learning Center spring program and graduation** is on **Friday, June 2**, 5 p.m. Volunteers will be needed from the church to help with food, set up chairs, greet, etc. for this large crowd of parents and children. **A wonderful way to connect with ELC patrons, children, and teachers.**

CrossNet Food Drive: Our congregation will be collecting food for the Food Pantry during the month of May. Needed (please make sure they haven't expired): Juice (Large 32 oz bottles for families), tuna, canned fruit, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, minute rice, canned vegetables, pancake mix, brownie mix, sugar, crackers, dish detergent, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies.

Garden Church: Feeding BODY (enjoy a meal together), **MIND** (worship together), **and SOUL** (work in the garden). **Friday evening, May 25.** 5-6 p.m. work in garden (weed, water, harvest), 6-6:30 p.m. simple meal of soup and bread, 6:30-7:30 p.m. worship service for all ages, 7:30 p.m. S'mores around bonfire. Come for all OR part of the evening. All ages are encouraged to participate! Bring water bottles or glasses, chairs or blankets for meal and worship, wear old clothes to work in garden, bring gloves & watering can. **Future Dates: Friday, June 23, Friday, July 28, Friday, August 25.** (There will be no worship service on Sunday May 27, June 25, July 30, or August 27). We will move into the sanctuary for the meal and worship if it rains. Planned by Michele Good, Ray Hurst, Jen Morales & Dawn Ranck-Hower

Antiracism Book Discussion: *The Vanishing Half*. Bryan & Dawn's backyard, **Friday evening, June 16**, 7 p.m. RSVP to Dawn. Beverage and snack provided.

Moment in the Neighborhood Upcoming Speakers:
June 11: Dr. Snopkowski, ELANCO Superintendent

Community News

Urban Recycled Art: A benefit show & sale: May 20, 6-8 pm; Akron Mennonite Church. Free entry, food, drinks & live music. Featuring artwork by Philip Scoggins. 50% of all proceeds from the sale will go to the Diamond Street Early Childhood Center.

"The Boys Who Said No!" May 21, 1 p.m., Zoetropolis Cinema Stillhouse, Lancaster. Sponsored by The Peace Action Network of Lancaster. The 90-minute documentary, directed by Judith Ehrlich and released in 2020, profiles the young people who actively opposed the draft during the Vietnam War. A discussion will follow the screening. Tickets, zoetropolis.com.

Racial Justice/Queer Justice: Fractures and Intersections in the Mennonite Church: Webinar, **May 24, 7 p.m.** Webinar is part of a year-long grant to study anti-racist worship practices hosted by Raleigh Mennonite Church. An online discussion of the ways race and sexuality are utilized for division and the possibilities for mutual liberation in the church. Panelists include: Shana Chivon Green, Community activist and pastor; Joanne Gallardo, Conference Minister, Indiana-Michigan Conference; Jerrell Williams, Pastor, Salem Mennonite Church; AnnaBeth Roeschley, moderator and Executive director, Brethren Mennonite Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Interests. Register: go.raleighmennonite.org/intersectional

Introduction to Cemetery Research: Join genealogical research expert James C. Landis on **Saturday, June 3** at Mennonite Life, 2215 Millstream Rd. Lancaster, 9:30-11:30 am. Class will conclude with a visit to a local Mennonite cemetery. Information/Register: mennonitelife.org/events or 717/393-9745.

Mennonite Children's Choir: Making All Things New: 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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