

New Holland Mennonite Church

November 10, 2019 • Volume 64, No. 45
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

“Expanding the Table”



“The table was an altar
around which Jesus welcomed the world
to experience communion with God
and with one another.
There at the big table they were all treated
with equal dignity,
and they left his presence with that dignity intact.”
— John Pavlovitz “A Bigger Table”

Gathering

Preservice: *Praise with joy the world’s Creator (SJ 16)*

Photos of the Neighborhood

Call to Worship/Prayer

Dawn Kaczor

Praising God

Come, bring your burdens to God (SS 50)

O breathe on me, O breath of God (SJ 46)

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Lord of all good (SJ 60)*

Hearing God’s Word

Conversation with Children

Dawn Ranck-Hower

(Ages 4 and under dismissed to nursery)

Christ’s is the world (SJ 62)

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

Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon: “A Disruptive Guest”

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Prayer of Confession

We are always uncomfortable, watching God,
when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor.
We can be so proper, so good, so well-off,
that it is easy to imagine we are superior to others.
We are so busy completing our to-do list each day,
that we forget to do good when we have the chance.

Forgive us, welcoming God.

**Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility
that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus,
our Lord and Savior,
throwing a party for the poor, the damaged,
the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.**

(Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news:

after what God has done for us,
what can anyone or any thing do to us?

We are new people, graced by our loving God.

Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God,

we will offer open hearts and serving hands
to everyone we meet.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**.

A place at the table

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Jenn Esbenshade

Sending

Lord, you give the great commission (SJ 63)

Benediction

Coffee/Greeters/Close: Evelyn & Jim Bailey

Song Leader/Pianist: Jenn Esbenshade

Praise Team: Bryan Hower & Dawn Ranck-Hower

Usher: Evelyn Bailey; **Sound:** Davin Esbenshade

Nursery: Jen Morales & Mekdes Anshebo

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

November 3: 44 • **Offering:** \$1,787.00

NEXT SUNDAY: November 17

Coffee/Close: Sue & Tim Martin

Worship Leader: Sue Martin; **Usher:** Tim Martin

Song Leader: Ray Hurst; **Pianist:** Ruth Carrasco

Sound: Judy Nguyen; **Prayer:** Ruth Carrasco

Children's Time: Bryan Hower

Nursery: Lois Zimmerman (Karina Morales)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 16: Dot Weaver

November 17: Judy Nguyen & Sarah Sauder

Pastor: Dawn Ranck-Hower; dawn.ranck@verizon.net; 1/215/237-1485

Leadership Team Chair: Wade Esbenshade

Leadership Team: Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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A nursery is available for children ages 4 and younger.

Annual Covenant Sunday

November 24, 2019

Regular attendees* and church members are encouraged to attend this special worship celebration. Nyvani Molina will be baptized and received as a new member. Anyone who signed the covenant in February can renew their commitment by signing the Annual Membership Covenant. Communion will be observed and a fellowship meal will conclude the worship service.

Please let Pastor Dawn know if you want to sign the Covenant but are unable to be at worship on November 24. Persons who can no longer attend will be contacted by the Pastor or a Leadership Team member and can sign their names on the Covenant to continue as church members.

Membership Covenant

- ◆ We believe in God, the creator; Jesus, the savior; and the Holy Spirit, the sustainer.
- ◆ We accept the Word of God as guide and authority for our lives.
- ◆ We affirm our faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ, our Lord, and to the gospel he proclaimed.
- ◆ We unite as a congregation and worship, serve, and share in its ministry.
- ◆ We will support this congregation with our earnest prayers, regular attendance, loyal service, and faithful stewardship as God gives us strength.
- ◆ We will live and share with the congregation in the bonds of Christian fellowship, giving and receiving love, sharing and bearing one another's joy and pain.

**Attendee's are persons who want to attend, participate, and call New Holland their spiritual home, yet do not wish to formally covenant or have not yet been baptized or transferred their membership from another congregation. Attendees' participation, wisdom, and insight are welcome in the congregational life.*

Upcoming Events

(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)

- Nov 10** Youth Group hiking after worship
Nov 13 Youth Group Bible Study at Ridgeview Mennonite
Nov 15 Women's Luncheon, Yoder's Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.
Nov 17 Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
Nov 24 Sunday School: Visioning for Youth and Adults
Covenant Sunday, Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
Baptism / Communion / Fellowship Meal
Dec 1 Sermon: Joe Miller (no Fellowship Meal)
Dec 8 ELC Christmas Program

Church News

ELC Christmas Program: On **December 8**, we at have the privilege to welcome a couple of hundred guests here in our space. The church will provide a simple meal. Volunteers (of all ages) are needed on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning and to make cookies. Sign up sheets are in the lobby. Please consider signing up for more than one slot. Donations to cover the cost of the meal can be put into your offering envelop and labeled for ELC Christmas Program. *(Note: a few of you were already signed up on the worship chart to greet that morning. You will find your names already on the forms.)*

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 in your church mailbox or on the table in the lobby.

Photos Needed: Each Sunday during our hospitality series we would like to show photos from around New Holland during the preservice. Please email any photos that you take to Pastor Dawn: dawn.ranck@verizon.net

A 40-Day Hospitality Experiment: For children through adult. Commit to: 1) pray each morning "Lord, please send me a hospitality opportunity today." 2) Journal each evening about your experience, 3) Share experiences with the rest of the group. The group will meet twice: once after 20 days, and once after the experiment. Return form that is in mailbox by **November 17**.

Meditating on Scripture: The Leadership Team is inviting the congregation to meditate on scripture and pray as we are working at visioning in these next months. The list of scriptures are located on the table in the church lobby.

You are invited: Celebrate Anna Mae and Bob Weaver's 60th wedding anniversary on **Friday, November 29** at a dessert drop - in from 6-8 p.m. Calvary Homes Rec Room (next to the library), 502 Elizabeth Drive, Lancaster, PA. No gifts please.

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.

Pathways to Housing Update: CrossNet Ministries has explored a variety of locations for their Pathways to Housing program and are planning to purchase houses to renovate. Meredith Dahl, Executive Director wrote: "I value that New Holland Mennonite Church has been willing to partner with CrossNet on housing."

Change of Address: Irvin and Dorothy Weaver, 433 S. Kinzer Ave. Apt 110GN, New Holland, PA 17557, 717/355-6302, Cell: 717/475-1977.

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

Tuesday Alive with 55 & Up: November 12, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Featuring Jeff Raught, pianist, composer, and theatrical storyteller.

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