

# New Holland Mennonite Church

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



## Homesick First Sunday of Advent

**First Sunday of Advent:** As we begin Advent with the “Little Apocalypse” in Luke 21, we remember how far from home we are. The world is not as it should be. Many have lost their physical homes, many feel alone, and many are isolated. Many of us feel as if we are wandering with no clear way forward. This first week speaks to our deep longing—for our home to be made whole, made right, and made well. With deep longing, we watch for God. Thankfully, God enters a homesick world.

### Gathering & Praising God

*Wherever You Are* \*

Call to Worship

Candle Lighting

Prayer for Illumination

*Let's Walk Together (VT 6)*

Bryan Hower

Danika & Tammy Snader

Bryan Hower

### Hearing God's Voice

Children's Time

Elsa Lantz

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:10b-13a (ICB)

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36 (CEB)

Sermon: “A Homesick World” Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

### Responding

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Words of Forgiveness

*View the Present (VT 407)*

Membership Transfer: Marilyn & Tom Miller

Remembering Melvin Diffenderfer

Sharing and Announcements Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Prayer of the People & Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

### Sending

*For the Healing of the Nations (VT 705)*

Benediction

\* Song written & produced by Barnaby Bright (Nathan & Becky Bliss) | barnabybright.com / Featuring cello by Sascha Groschang | Mixed by Bryan Cook | Mastered by Jett Galindo at “The Bakery” / Featuring visual art by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Lauren Wright Pittman, & Hannah Garrity | Video by Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

**Greeters/Open:** Ellie, Maggie, Michele Good

**Praise Team:** Jenn Esbenschade, Francy Bailey, Bryan Hower,

Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Sound:** Mike Good & Jen Morales

**Count Offering:** Francy Bailey & Tammy Snader

**Close:** Jen Morales

### November 21

**Attendance Total: 65** (6 on zoom) • **Church Offering: \$3,033.00**

**November Early Learning Center Fundraiser: 2,050.00**

(ELC Fundraiser to date: \$3,850.00 [\$6,850.00 with match])

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, December 11, Men's Breakfast, Eli's Place, 7 a.m.**

**Tuesday, December 21, Longest Night Service, 7 p.m. (Zoom)**

**Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.**

(outdoors)

**Sunday, December 26, No Sunday School**

### **NEXT SUNDAY: December 5**

**Greeters/Open:** Evelyn & Jim Bailey

**Worship Leader:** Brenda Martin Hurst;

**Praise Team:** Jenn Esbenshade, Ray Hurst, Tammy Snader,  
Brenda Martin Hurst; **Children:** Jen Morales

**Sound:** Davin & Myla Esbenshade; **Prayer:** Ray Hurst

**Count Offering:** Wade Esbenshade & Tammy Snader

**Close:** Tammy Snader

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**December 4:** Eva May

## **Church News**

**Melvin Diffenderfer** died on Saturday evening, November 20 at the age of 95. Remember his family in your prayers.

**Sprouts for Peace Garden:** 12,000 pounds of produce this year! Thanks Gardener Ray and all who volunteered with him.

**Advent Devotional & Sunday School:** Adults and youth are encouraged to use the “Close to Home” Advent Devotional from November 28 through January 8. The Adult Sunday School class that meets in the sanctuary will focus on the devotional from December 5-January 9. Paper copies were placed in church folders for those who requested a copy. The electronic copy will be included in the weekly email beginning on November 21.

## **Community News**

**Mennonite Children’s Choir Christmas Concerts: “The Light Has Come”:** Join MCCL singers (including Seth Lantz) in celebrating the light of Christ through choral music featuring marimba, harp, and guitar. **Thursday, December 2,** 7 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite Church; **Saturday, December 4,** 4 p.m. St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Lancaster; **Sunday, December 5,** 4 p.m., Forest Hills Mennonite Church, Leola. Freewill offerings will be received. Masks are required.

**The global community of faith—reunited:** More than 1.5 million believers in 58 countries belong to the Anabaptist tradition. Mennonite World Conference (MWC) exists to facilitate relationships between Anabaptist-related churches worldwide and relate to other Christian organizations. Every six years, MWC hosts a global Assembly. For one week, thousands of Anabaptists-Mennonites will worship and pray as one, share our experience, build relationships, and serve together. The next Assembly will be in Semarang, Indonesia, **July 5-10, 2022.** Assembly offers a truly global experience for all ages. From workshops to tours, exhibitions to cultural performances, service opportunities to games, there is something for everyone! **Make plans to come in person or virtually!** More info: [mwc-cmm.org](http://mwc-cmm.org).

**Alive with 55 & Up:** Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **December 14,** 10 a.m. Conestoga Valley Orchestra Chamber Ensemble, directed by Mrs. Emily H. Sheffer. Come and enjoy a morning of orchestra music before our Christmas luncheon. (Masking is encouraged. Meal is either take out or served with fewer chairs at each table.)