



# New Holland Mennonite Church

May 21, 2023 • Volume 68, No. 21

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

## Gathering & Praising God

*Summoned by the God Who Made Us (VT 1)* Praise Team  
Call to Worship & Prayer Bryan Hower  
*Be a Sower (VT 789)*

## Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings  
Scripture: Mark 4:26-32, 1 Corinthians 3:4-9  
Conversation with Children Dawn Kaczor  
Sermon: "A Divine Composting Project"  
Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

## Responding

Blessing of Garden Church (outside)  
*There's Nothing Worth More (VT 369)*  
Sharing & Announcements Steven Lantz  
Congregational Prayer

## Sending

*How Can We Be Silent (VT 790)*  
Benediction

**Coffee & Greeter:** Ray Hurst; **Close:** Jim Bailey

**Praise Team:** Jenn Esbenshade, Bryan Hower,  
Jen Morales, Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenshade

**Gather & Count Offering:** Wade Esbenshade & Lois Zimmerman

## GARDEN Church: Friday, May 26

**Garden Coordinator:** Ray Hurst

**Worship Service:** Michele Good, Jen Morales, Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Food:** Pat Thomas, Adina Bills, & Evelyn Bailey

**Greeters:** Dawn Kaczor & Steven Lantz

**Sound/Close Building:** Mike Good; **Bonfire:** Steven Lantz

**Count Offering:** Mike Good & Brenda Martin Hurst

## NEXT SUNDAY: No Worship Service

## UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

### **May 25: Garden Church**

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.

### **June 2 (Friday): ELC Spring Program & Graduation, 5 p.m.**

**Volunteers needed!**

### **June 10 (Saturday): Men's Breakfast: 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant**

### **June 16 (Friday): Book Discussion: *The Vanishing Half*,**

Dawn & Bryan's home, 7 p.m

### **June 21 (Wednesday): Women's Dinner: 6 p.m.**

Garden Spot Village

### **June 23 (Friday): Garden Church**

### **July 23 (Sunday): Davin Esbenshade's Baptism,**

Esbenshade farm

### **July 28 (Friday): Garden Church**

### **August 25 (Friday): Garden Church**

## May 14

**Attendance: 45** (3 on zoom) • **Church Offering: \$1,040.00**

## **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)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**May 26:** Erica Shirk; **May 28:** Tim Kehm

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**May 25:** Jenn & Wade Esbenshade

## Church News

**Comforter Knotting:** Join a group of women to knot the graduation comforter for Davin on **May 31**, 7-8:30 p.m. at the home of Brenda Martin Hurst.

**Come celebrate Davin's graduation!** You are invited to the Esbenshade's house for cake and ice cream on **Saturday, June 3** from 2-4 p.m.

**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 during 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. 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.

## Community News

**"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, Wednesday, May 24**, 7 p.m. Webinar is part of a year-long grant to study anti-racist worship practices hosted by Raleigh Mennonite Church. Panelists include: Shana Chivon Green, Community activist and pastor; Joanne Gallardo, Conference Minister, Indiana-Michigan Conference; Jerrell Williams, Pastor, Salem Mennonite Church; Anna-Beth Roeschley, moderator and Executive director, Brethren Mennonite Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Interests. Register: [go.raleighmennonite.org/intersectional](http://go.raleighmennonite.org/intersectional)

**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.**

**Highland Chancel Choir, Wednesday, June 7**, 7 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster). A journey through musical theatre history featuring well-known songs by Rodgers & Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, Stephen Sondheim, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and others. The program also features the celebrated and stirring *Gospel Mass* by Robert R.

**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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