

New Holland Mennonite Church

September 26, 2021 • Volume 66, No. 39
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

DEFENDING HOPE

PEACE SUNDAY



Question to ponder throughout
the morning worship service:
**“What concrete ways
can you sow peace in your community?”**

Gathering & Praising God

Beauty for Brokenness

Opening & Prayer

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Call to Worship: A Readers Theater

Wilfrido Murillo, pastor of Emmanuel Mennonite Brethren
Church in Colombia, who also teaches agriculture.
(Wade Esbenschade)

SeongHan Kim, an MCC representative from South Korea,
son of North Korean refugees. (Bryan Hower)

Amal Nassar, a Palestinian woman running a family farm
near Bethlehem. (Evelyn Bailey)

Caesaer Hakim, father of six and peace committee chair in
Opari, South Sudan, who spent years in a refugee camp in
Uganda. (Ray Hurst)

We Are People of God's Peace

Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children

Michele Good

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-3

Homily: “If you ask of God a tree, God gives it in the form
of a seed.” (written by Angeline Shellenberg)

Read by Luz Casallas

Life in Area C: We Refuse to be Enemies (Amal Nassar) Video
Sowing Peace Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

God of the Bible

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Lois Zimmerman

Sending

Seeds

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Leader: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred,

People: let me sow love;

Leader: where there is injury,

People: pardon;

Leader: where there is discord,

People: union;

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 28: "Sprouts for Peace Garden," 6 p.m.
Saturday, October 9, Men's Breakfast, 7 a.m.

Church News

A Wedding Celebration!: Victor Woods and Patricia Dietz will be married on **Tuesday, September 28**, at 10 a.m. Pastor Dawn is performing the private ceremony outdoors at Zerbe Retirement Community where they are both residents. Cards can be sent to Zerbe Retirement Community, 2499 Zerbe Road, Narvon, PA 17555.

Nickels for Neighbors: Coins will be gathered at the back of the sanctuary until **October 10**. The 2021 ACC Nickels For Neighbors grant will be given to the New York Mennonite Immigration Program (NYMIP) to expand assistance for immigrant families within the New York City family shelters system with free legal assessments, referrals and service needs assessment for children and families.

Membership: Our Annual Covenant Sunday is November 21. Please be in touch with Pastor Dawn **TODAY (September 26)** if you would like to join a membership class this fall and join the church on Sunday, November 21.

Community News

ACC Fall Assembly: All are welcome to attend. **October 23, 2021**, Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Worship and delegate sessions will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Professor Drew Strait will speak and lead conversation in the late morning and afternoon sessions on "The Bible and Christian Nationalism: Faithful Leadership in a World of Political Idolatry." Registration and details available at atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly

Leader: where there is doubt,

People: faith;

Leader: where there is despair,

People: hope;

Leader: where there is darkness,

People: light;

Leader: and where there is sadness,

People: joy.

Leader: O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;

**People: for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

All: Amen.

Note: This week you will receive a devotional guide each day. You are encouraged to use the devotional to build on this mornings worship theme "Defending Hope."

Greeters/Open: Evelyn & Jim Bailey

Praise Team: Jenn Esbenshade, Bryan Hower,
Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Sound:** Davin & Myla Esbenshade

Clean/Close: Michele & Mike Good

Count Offering: Wade Esbenshade & Bryan Hower

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 27: Laurence King

September 30: Victor Woods

September 19, 2021

Attendance: 34 • **Church Offering:** \$2,160.00

NEXT SUNDAY: October 3

Greeters/Open: Dawn Kaczor & Steven Lantz

Worship Leader/Communion: Brenda Martin Hurst

Praise Team: Ray Hurst, Francy Bailey, Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

Sound: Mike Good & Jen Morales; **Sermon:** Karyn Nancarvis

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

Clean/Close: Mike Bortzel & Tim Martin

Count Offering: Sue Martin & Brenda Martin Hurst

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

Leadership Team: Wade Esbenshade, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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