

New Holland Mennonite Church

April 3, 2022 • Volume 67, No. 14
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



God is brazen in turning tears into joy. Not so long after their brother, Lazarus, dies and is raised from the dead, Mary and Martha joyfully welcome Jesus into their home. Mary pours out the fragrant perfume (perhaps originally intended to anoint her brother's body after death) and it fills the whole room. This is a brazen act of beauty. Beauty is resistance to death; beauty is an act of love. Her anointing of Jesus' feet is also a public act of worship. Her faith does not hide; it is not frugal. It is embodied, broken open, and poured out. This isn't a frugal faith—it is an abundant, extravagant faith. Mary's act is also risky—she puts her full body into it, sort of like a protest. She exhibits a shameless and brazen faith.

Gathering & Praising God

*Full to the Brim**

Call to Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Revelation Song (VT 415)

Dawn Ranck-Hower

Jenn Esbenshade

Hearing God's Voice

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Conversation with Children

Sermon: "Love's Lovely Act"

Dawn Kaczor

Richard Weaver **

Responding

Prayer of Confession

Words of Forgiveness

Beautiful Things (VT 551)

Communion

Sharing and Announcements

Dawn Ranck-Hower

Prayer of the People & Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

Sending

Seeds (VT 777)

Benediction

** After a career in general surgery, Richard completed a Master of Divinity degree and was ordained for ministry at NHMC where he spent five years in ministry including the time he was an intern. Ruth and Richard have three children, three in-laws and eight grandchildren. Two of their children were born in East Africa where they served, for seven years at Shirati Hospital. They live at Landis Homes.

** Song written & produced by Paul Demer | Video by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, featuring visual art by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Lauren Wright Pittman, Hannah Garrity, Carmelle Beaugelin, & Denise Anderson | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org*

Artwork on Screen: "Brazen Beauty" Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Banner on Left: "First Fruits" by Lauren Wright Pittman

Banner on Right: "Posca" by Carmelle Beaugelin

Greeters: Sue & Tim Martin

Sound: Davin & Myla Esbenshade; **Close:** Tim Martin

Count Offering: Sue Martin & Lois Zimmerman

March 27

Attendance Total: 42 (39 on Zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$5695.00

Camp Fund: \$450.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 8: Rhoda Weaver; **April 10:** Tim Martin

NEXT SUNDAY: April 10

Greeters: Evelyn & Jim Bailey

Worship Leader: Karina Morales; **Children:** Dawn Kaczor

Praise Team: Jenn Esbenshade, Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel,
Jen Morales, Tammy Snader

Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Prayer:** Ray Hurst

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

Count Offering: Wade Esbenshade & Brenda Martin Hurst

UPCOMING EVENTS

(All events are at church unless otherwise indicated)

Race Relations Meeting: Tues, April 5, 7 p.m. (112 Huyard Ave.)

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Sat. April 9, 7 a.m. (Eli's Restaurant)

Women's Craft & Chat: Sat. April 9, 6:30 p.m. (112 Huyard Ave.)

Good Friday Worship, April 15, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service (outdoors), 6 a.m., **April 17** (followed by
an outdoor breakfast)

Church News

Race Relations Meeting: You are invited to join the group that has been giving leadership at church to learning about race relations. Our next meeting is Tuesday, **April 5, 7 p.m.** at Bryan and Dawn's home (112 Huyard Avenue). How do we continue to learn and grow as a congregation?

Women's Craft & Chat: Saturday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. at Pastor Dawn's house (112 Huyard Ave.) Bring a craft to work on or just come to chat. Drinks provided. Bring a snack to share.

Hygiene Kits for Refugees: Keeping clean is an important part of remaining healthy, but families who have fled their homes because of disaster or war often struggle to afford these necessary supplies. **Place completed bags in church lobby before the end of May.** Details: www.newhollandmc.org/missions

Easter, April 17: Our morning worship service begins in the dark parking lot. Gather at 5:45 a.m. Hot beverages (bring a mug) provided from 5:45-5:55 a.m. Preservice begins at 5:55 a.m. Bring chairs, blankets (whatever you need to stay warm until the sunrises). There will be a basket for the offering. **Sign up in lobby by Sunday, April 10.** (Note: This service will not be available on Zoom. There will be no 10 a.m. worship service).

Transportation Needed: The refugee family our church is assisting continues to need some help with transportation to medical appointments. Please let Jenn Esbenshade know if you are able to help transport them to Lancaster on the following dates and times:

Kapisha - April 12 at 10:00am

Kapisha - April 26 at 2:00pm

Kapisha - May 3 at 2:15pm

Kapisha - May 17 at 2:15pm

Some of these appointments for Kapisha may not be necessary depending on when their baby arrives!

Campership Donations: Consider giving a donation to make it possible for children (Grades 3-12) in our congregation to enjoy time at a Christian camp this summer. Give donations by **Sunday, April 24.** Mark "Campership" on offering envelope.

Community News

Support world food relief through the Pennsylvania Relief Sale: On **April 1-2, 2022**, respond to basic human needs through the 66th Pennsylvania Relief Sale at the PA Farm Show Complex (2300 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA). Support Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) by bidding on handmade quilts, buying artisan crafts, eating delicious foods, enjoying children's activities and donating coins to My Coins Count. Admission is free, and parking is \$10 per car. Hours are **Friday, April 1** from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. and **Saturday, April 2** from 6:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information, visit pareliefsale.org.

The Gospel According to Bach: Friday, April 8, 7 p.m. Experience sublime music and drama in a refreshing performance of selections from J.S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion. Free Admission. St. Stephen's Reformed Church, 249 E. Main Street, New Holland. Information: sdgconcerts.com

Gather Together: Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster: Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey PA, Sunday, **April 10, 4 p.m.**; Strasburg Mennonite Church, Sunday, **May 1, 4 p.m.**, Neffsville Mennonite Church, Saturday, **May 7, 3 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**