

New Holland Mennonite Church

April 18, 2021 • Volume 66, No. 16
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Scripture Summary: The name of the Lord is to be praised. It is God who has the power and the willingness to raise the poor and needy from the dust and to treat God's children as royalty. All good things are possible because of a loving God.

Gathering & Praising God

Praise to the Lord Psalm 113
Call to Worship/Prayer
We sing to you, O God (SJ 1)

Blanca Vega & Roby Duke
Dawn Kaczor

Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children
Scripture: Psalm 113
Sermon: "Praise the Lord!"

Elsa Lantz
Dawn Kaczor
Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Let all creation dance (SS 122)
Sharing and Announcements
Congregational Prayer

Brenda Martin Hurst

Sending

Praise God from whom (WB 118)
Benediction

ACC Virtual Choir

April 11

Attendance: 40 • **Church Offering:** \$1,500
Camp Scholarship (given to date): \$250

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 21: Bob & Sara Martin • **April 24:** Marilynn & Tom Miller

Upcoming Events

All activities are on zoom unless otherwise stated.

Wednesday, April 21: Shine Bright Club, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 25

Sunday School: 9:00 am.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Bryan Hower
Sermon: Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower
Congregational Prayer: Lois Zimmerman
Children's Time: Jenn Esbenshade

Church News

Prayer for the Week from Atlantic Coast Conference: This week, congregations in ACC are encouraged to pray for fair and equal global distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. We affirm and pray wisdom for those making decisions for our congregations and families about vaccination and resuming in-person activities. Those wishing to pursue vaccination can visit vaccinefinder.org/search to find a location with vaccines in stock.

Civil Rights Bus Trip: Thanks to each person who filled out the form about the bus trip to the south. We will be planning a bus trip for Summer 2022. A date will be set later this summer.

Refugee Resettlement Welcome Team: Jenn Esbenshade is giving leadership to team of people who will resettle a refugee family through Church World Services. Contact Jenn if you would like more information or to sign up to be on the welcome team. *"I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* (Matthew 25:35)

Sunday School: April 11-May 30. Each Sunday we will be listening to and discussing a Chapter of *"I Am Not Your Enemy: Stories to Transform a Divided World"* by Michael T. McRay. The author visits divided regions of the world and interviews activists, peacebuilders, former combatants, and clergy members about their personal stories of conflict, justice, and reconciliation. In a time of heightened alienation and fear, McRay offers true, sacred stories of reconciliation and justice, asking what they can teach us about our own divided states. We need stories that cultivate empathy and tell the truth. We need stories to save us from our fear. *(There will be no Sunday School on May 2 or June-August)*

Community News

MCCL (Mennonite Children's Choir) Concerts: Saturday, May 15 (rain date May 22), **2:30 p.m. & 4:15 p.m.** Lancaster Mennonite School Turf Field. MCCL with The Walking Roots Band. No tickets needed. **Sunday, May 16** (rain date May 23), **2:30-4:45 p.m.** Experience music from nine groups by the Mill Stream. Guests will receive a sampling of local foods to enjoy. Bring a chair or blanket. Tickets required. Lancaster Mennonite School Grounds. MCCL with local guest artists. **Sunday, June 6, 7 p.m.**, Mt. Gretna Tabernacle. Freewill offering. Details about concerts and tickets for Sunday, May 16 can be purchased at: mennonitechilrenschoir.org/2021/04/mccl-spring-2021-concerts/

Let's support Seth Lantz who is a member of the choir.

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Leadership Team: Wade Esbenshade, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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Free webinar: Refugee & Immigration Updates from Church World Service: Wednesday, April 28, 6:30 -7:30 pm. Learn about recent updates to national refugee and immigration policy and how congregations can partner with Church World Service (CWS) to assist refugee families resettle locally. Registration required at ibit.ly/ITsH

MCUSA Announcement: Pastor Jon Carlson of Forest Hills (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church has been nominated as Mennonite Church USA moderator-elect for the 2021-2023 biennium. Read more at: www.mennoniteusa.org/carlson-elect

Menno Snapshots: Pastor Hendy Matahelemaul sheds light on the dramatic increase in hate crimes and acts of racism against Asians in the United States in his blog, "Difficult things in difficult times." www.mennoniteusa.org/difficult-things-times

Caring for God's Earth: A Hopeful Response to the Climate Crisis, Friday-Saturday, May 7-8. This two-day event with both virtual and in-person components will equip and give hope to current and developing church leaders and others concerned about climate change. The day includes online plenary sessions and workshops as well as inspiring in-person field trips to explore climate action work being done in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area. This event is offered by the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions, Mennonite Central Committee East Coast, and the Peace & Justice Committee of Atlantic Coast Conference. Info and registration at atlanticcoastconference.net/gods-earth. Registration required.