

New Holland Mennonite Church

April 21, 2019 • Volume 64, No. 16
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Christ is risen, indeed!

Focus Statement

As we rejoice in and bear witness to the risen Christ,
we commit to finding Christ among the living!

Gathering

Preservice: *The Easter Song* Glenda Gingrich
Call to Worship (*From Psalm 118*) Brenda Martin Hurst
Leader: Christ is risen!
People: Christ is risen, indeed!
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
People: God's faithful love endures forever.
Leader: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.
People: God's faithful love endures forever.
Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become
the chief cornerstone.
**People: This is the Lord's doing,
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: let us be glad and rejoice in it.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Opening Prayer

Praising God

Low in the grave he lay (WB 273)

Christ the Lord is risen today (WB 280)

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Glenda Gingrich

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Conversation with Children

Steven Lantz

(Ages 4 and under dismissed to nursery)

Sing with all the saints in glory (SS 92)

Sermon: "Looking for Jesus"

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

(Anyone who wishes may color at the tables during the sermon.)

Responding

Lift your glad voices (WB 275)

Sabbatical Farewell to Pastor Dawn & Bryan Leadership Team

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Dawn Kaczor

Sending

Christ is alive (SS 89)

Benediction

Coffee/Close: Evelyn & Jim Bailey; **Sound:** Judy Nguyen

Usher: Sue Martin; **Greeters:** Laurence King & Sarah Sauder;

Praise Team: Glenda Gingrich, Bryan Hower, & Dawn Ranck-Hower

Nursery: Evelyn Bailey & Ruth Carrasco

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 28: Joan Brubaker & Elsa Lantz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 21: Bob & Sarah Martin; **April 27:** Everardo & Jen Morales

April 28: Mike Bortzel & Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

NEXT SUNDAY: April 28

Coffee/Close: Sue & Tim Martin; **Usher:** Tim Martin

Greeters: Judy Nguyen & Tim Martin

Children's Time: Lois Zimmerman

Worship Leader/Pianist: Jenn Esbenshade

Song Leader: Charles Longenecker

Congregational Prayer: Ruth Carrasco

Offertory: Myla Esbenshade; **Sound:** Davin & Wade Esbenshade

Nursery: Sue Martin & Tammy Snader

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

April 14: 104 • **Offering:** \$2,029.00

GARDEN DONATIONS TO DATE

Total needed: \$6,000

Everence Grant: \$1,500 • Total amount raised so far: \$4,040

Total amount needing to be raised: \$460

Upcoming Events

(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)

Apr 28 Sermon: Nancy Hooper

May 5 Sermon: Hunter Hess

..... Expanded Fellowship Meal (various locations)

May 8 Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m. Ridgeview Mennonite

May 11 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. Squireside Cafe

May 12 Sermon: Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel & Jen Morales

May 17 Women's Luncheon, Yoder's Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.

May 19 Sermon: Larry Guengerich

Church News

Sabbatical: Pastor Dawn and Bryan are on Sabbatical from April 22 through July 20. Please hold them in your prayers.

Sewing Circle: The Sewing Circle had their final meeting this month. Thank you to everyone who has participated over the years in making comforters and quilts for Mennonite Central Committee. A special thank you to Betsy Kennel for her coordinating role.

Directory Update: Marilyn Miller: 717-354-6178; Tom Miller: 717-669-8175.

An Expanded Fellowship Meal: Sunday, **May 5**, noon. Instead of our typical monthly fellowship meal at church, you are invited to sign up to go to one of our local retirement homes to eat with folks who can no longer attend regularly. We'll take our fellowship to them! Sign up in the lobby by **Sunday, April 28**.

Camp Scholarships: Consider giving a donation to make it possible for children in our congregation to enjoy a week at camp this summer. Mark "Church Camp" on offering envelop. \$100 donated so far.

What are you reading? Sign up (on the table in the lobby) to share a short (5-10 minutes) report during a June or July worship service about a book (any genre) that you are reading or have read in the past year. What did you enjoy about the book? What did you learn? Would you recommend this book to others?

Community News

Messiah Sing-a-long: Friday, **April 26**, 7 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA.

ACC Spring Assembly Celebration: For delegates, youth delegates, and general attendees. Saturday, **April 27**, 9 a.m.—1:30 p.m., Landisville Mennonite Church, 3320 Bowman Road, Landisville. The day will include sharing from many of ACC's congregations, discussion on how various age groups contribute to our ministries, and times of reporting for delegates. **Register by April 24.** www.atlanticcoastconference.net

An Evening with Brian McLaren: Saturday, April 27; 7:00-8:15 p.m.; Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA. A former college English teacher and pastor, Brian is a passionate advocate for what he calls "a new kind of Christianity" – just, generous, and working with people of all faiths for the common good. Tickets: parishresourcecenter.org; 717/299-1113.

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

Leadership Team Chair: Wade Esbenshade

Leadership Team: Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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A nursery is available for children ages 4 and younger.

Gospel Echoes Team Banquet: Thursday, **May 2**, 6:30 p.m. Yoder's Restaurant. A time of music & inspiration along with a delicious meal. Music provided by the Gospel Echoes Harvest & Mercy Road Teams. www.gospelechoes.com, 574/533-0221.

Shrek Jr. at Cavod Academy of the Arts: Featuring our very own Danika Snader! **May 3**, 7 p.m.; **May 4**, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; **May 5**, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. This nontraditional fairytale, through many twists and turns, sends a powerful message for the whole family. Tickets: cavodacademy.com or 717/354-3355.

Mennonite Children's Choir Spring Concerts: Featuring our very own Seth Lantz. Sunday, **May 5**, 6:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster; Sunday, **June 9**, 7 p.m. Mountville Lawn Concert Series, Mountville Church of the Brethren.

Boots, Buckets, and Barrows: MDS Fund Raiser for La Plata MC, Puerto Rico: In partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service, Ted & Co presents the original play, "The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks, & Fettuccine," in conjunction with a unique auction of buckets (filled with breads and other homey items) and the tools MDS needs. All proceeds from the auction benefit the continued work of MDS rebuilding hope and homes for families in need. **Friday, May 3**, 7 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite Church. Free Admission, a freewill offering will be taken to support the cost of the show.

Chatter, Chow, and Cheerful Service: Women & children are encouraged to join together in fellowship, MCC work, & a light lunch. Saturday, **May 4**, 2019, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. MCC Material Resource Center, Trout Run Road, Ephrata. Bring a pint of chicken corn noodle soup and your own bowl, spoon, and mug. A vegetarian soup option will be provided.

Yellow Bellies: A Production of Theatre of the Beat: **May 5**, Lancaster Mennonite School Fine Arts Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Yellow Bellies is a historical drama that highlights the experiences and public response to Mennonite Conscientious Objectors during WWII. This episodic tale takes audiences across Canada, featuring verbatim interviews, fictionalized scenes, and live music from an often overlooked chapter in Canadian history. A talk-

back will include a local historian to draw parallels between the experiences of Canadian and U.S. Conscientious Objectors.

Tuesday Alive with 55 & Up: May 14, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Caleb Wilde, a sixth generation funeral director, will tell stories of growing up in a funeral home and how that shaped his view of death. He will tell of funny and poignant experiences in his career at the Wilde Funeral Home in Parkesburg, PA. Caleb has written a book, "Confessions of a Funeral Director: How the Business of Death Saved My Life," which has garnered national attention, resulting in a review in *Time* magazine.

Plain Meetinghouses Learning Tour: Visit meetinghouses belonging to Weaverland, Groffdale, and Lancaster Conference Mennonites on Saturday, **May 18**, from 8 a.m to 4 p.m. Trip led by Beth Oberholtzer and Lloyd Weiler. Tickets cost \$80 for members, \$95 for nonmembers. Register by April 18 at lmhs.org or call (717) 393-9745.

Peace Witness, the Military, and Selective Service: Exploring the Anabaptist Peace Stance in the 21st Century: June 9, Forest Hills Mennonite Church, 6:30-8:00 p.m. This event will equip youth, parents, youth leaders, and educators with information on the current realities of U.S. military enlistment practices and trends and the selective service system, and will help the community articulate what it means to follow Jesus' lead as a Peace Church in today's world.

Tuesday Alive with 55 & Up: June 11, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Spare Parts, a local acapella male quartet, consists of three tenors and a high baritone. Their voices blend as they switch it up by using their "spare parts." Throughout the program they will be singing a variety of musical styles as they "sing to honor God."