

## “Expanding the Table”



“The table was an altar  
around which Jesus welcomed the world  
to experience communion with God  
and with one another.  
There at the big table they were all treated  
with equal dignity,  
and they left his presence with that dignity intact.”  
— John Pavlovitz “A Bigger Table”

### Gathering

Preservice: “This is our community”

*This is my Father’s World*, Amy Grant

Call to Worship/Prayer

Karina Morales

### Praising God

*For the beauty of the earth (WB 89)*

*Heart with loving heart united (WB 420)*

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Ruth Carrasco

### Hearing God’s Word

Conversation with Children

Lois Zimmerman

*(Ages 4 and under dismissed to nursery)*

*In your sickness (WB 585)*

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

Scripture: Luke 5:17-21

Sermon: “Whatever it Takes”

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

### Responding

Hospitality Prayer

Holy God,

Hospitality does not always come easily.

There are so many other things to do, important things.

We have responsibilities that get in the way  
of our best intentions.

Give us eyes to see the possibilities  
and hearts big enough to make room for someone else.  
Amen.

*(written by Maneno Huandikwa Kwa Choo)*

*Help us to help each other (WB 362)*

Moment in Mission: Welsh Mountain Homes

Mona Frey

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Steven Lantz

### Sending

*Will you let me be your servant (WB 307)*

Benediction

### Fellowship Meal followed by a Baby Shower and

**Housewarming for Britney & Abel Good.** All are welcome to attend. The meal will begin 15 minutes after service is over when the kitchen committee opens the curtain.

**Coffee:** Ruth Carrasco; **Greeters:** Judy Nguyen & Sarah Sauder  
**Song Leader/Pianist:** Jenn Esbenshade  
**Praise Team:** Bryan Hower & Dawn Ranck-Hower  
**Usher:** Anna Mae Weaver; **Sound:** Davin Esbenshade  
**Nursery:** Jen Morales (Sue Martin); **Close:** Jim Bailey

**ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING**

**October 20:** 38 • **Offering:** \$827.00

**College Scholarship:** \$1,325.00

**NEXT SUNDAY: November 10**

**Coffee/Greeters/Close:** Evelyn & Jim Bailey

**Worship Leader:** Dawn Kaczor; **Usher:** Evelyn Bailey

**Song Leader:** Charles Longenecker; **Sound:** Bryan Hower

**Pianist:** Ruth Carrasco; **Prayer:** Steven Lantz

**Children's Time:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Nursery:** Jen Morales & Mekdes Anshebo

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**November 8:** Ray Hurst & Kylah Morales

**Upcoming Events**

*(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)*

- Nov 9** Men's Prayer Breakfast, Squireside Café, 7:00 a.m.  
**Nov 10** Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower  
**Nov 15** Women's Luncheon, Yoder's Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.  
**Nov 17** Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower  
**Nov 24** Sunday School: Visioning for Youth and Adults  
Covenant Sunday, Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower  
Baptism / Communion / Fellowship Meal  
**Dec 1** Sermon: Joe Miller (no Fellowship Meal)  
**Dec 8** ELC Christmas Program

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**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.***

***Annual Covenant Sunday***

**November 24, 2019**

Regular attendees\* and church members are encouraged to attend this special worship celebration. Nyvani Molina will be baptized and received as a new member. Anyone who signed the covenant in February can renew their commitment by signing the Annual Membership Covenant. Communion will be observed and a fellowship meal will conclude the worship service.

Please let Pastor Dawn know if you want to sign the Covenant but are unable to be at worship on November 24. Persons who can no longer attend will be contacted by the Pastor or a Leadership Team member and can sign their names on the Covenant to continue as church members.

**Membership Covenant**

- ♦ We believe in God, the creator; Jesus, the savior; and the Holy Spirit, the sustainer.
- ♦ We accept the Word of God as guide and authority for our lives.
- ♦ We affirm our faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ, our Lord, and to the gospel he proclaimed.
- ♦ We unite as a congregation and worship, serve, and share in its ministry.
- ♦ We will support this congregation with our earnest prayers, regular attendance, loyal service, and faithful stewardship as God gives us strength.
- ♦ We will live and share with the congregation in the bonds of Christian fellowship, giving and receiving love, sharing and bearing one another's joy and pain.

*\*Attendee's are persons who want to attend, participate, and call New Holland their spiritual home, yet do not wish to formally covenant or have not yet been baptized or transferred their membership from another congregation. Attendees' participation, wisdom, and insight are welcome in the congregational life.*

## Church News

**Photos Needed:** Each Sunday during our hospitality series we will be showing photos from around New Holland during the preservice. Please email any photos that you take of your neighborhood to Pastor Dawn: dawn.ranck@verizon.net.

**Reverse Advent Calendar:** Instead of TAKING a treat from a box each day during Advent, ADD an item to a box. Each week, add the items to the display at the back of the church. The items will be delivered to CrossNet Ministries food pantry. The list of items are in your church mailbox. Additional flyers are on the table in the lobby.

**A 40-Day Hospitality Experiment:** For children through adult. Commit to: 1) pray each morning "Lord, please send me a hospitality opportunity today." 2) Journal each evening about your experience, 3) Share experiences with the rest of the group. The group will meet once after 20 days and once after the experiment. Return the form from the back table by **November 17**.

**Meditating on Scripture:** The Leadership Team is inviting the congregation to meditate on scripture and pray as we are working at visioning in these next months. The list of scriptures are located on the table in the church lobby.

**Save the Date: Workday at MCC Materials Resource Center:** Monday, **December 30**. 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Service opportunities for all ages. Sign up on sheet in lobby. Pizza will be ordered for lunch: \$5 per person.

**Pathways to Housing Update:** CrossNet Ministries has explored a variety of locations for their Pathways to Housing program and are planning to purchase houses to renovate. Meredith Dahl, Executive Director wrote: "I value that New Holland Mennonite Church has been willing to partner with CrossNet on housing."

**Change of Address:** Irvin and Dorothy Weaver, 433 S. Kinzer Ave. Apt 110GN, New Holland, PA 17557, 717/355-6302, Cell: 717/475-1977.

**For your planning: CHRISTMAS WORSHIP on December 29:** We would love to have special Christmas song, poem, other readings, etc during our December 29 worship service. Gather a few friends or family members to join you. Let Pastor Dawn know what you would like to share by **Sunday, December 22**.

## Community News

**Leaving My Father's Faith:** Film Screening and a Conversation about Secularism. We've all heard about the rise of the "Nones," those who claim no religious affiliation. Current research suggests almost 25% of all Americans—and 35% of Millennials—identify as Nones. As part of an ongoing conversation about secularism and a faithful response, Forest Hills is hosting a screening of the documentary film "Leaving My Father's Faith," which chronicles the de-conversion of Bart Campolo and his relationship with his famous Evangelical father, Tony. **Sunday, November 3** at 7 p.m.. Free registration at <http://foresthillschurch.org/fait>. Light refreshments will be served.

**Book Signing:** Romaine Stauffer will be signing her new book, *Led by His Hand: Stories from Merle Burkholder's Forty Years in Missions*. Thursday, **November 7**, 7 p.m. Ephrata Mennonite School, 598 Stevens Rd, Ephrata, PA.

**Educational Event: Beyond the Binary: What Everyone Should Know About Being Trans: November 9**, 4 p.m. Community Mennonite Church. Additional information on bulletin board in lobby.

**Book Signing:** Author & recent Bowery director, Jason Storbakken will be signing his new book, *Bowery Mission: Grit and Grace on Manhattan's Oldest Street*. **November 9**, 7 p.m. Groffdale Mennonite Church.

**Junior and Senior Youth Group Hiking: November 10**, after church.

**Junior and Senior Youth Group Bible Study: Wednesday, November 13**, at Ridgeview Mennonite.

**Tuesday Alive with 55 & Up: November 12**, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Featuring Jeff Raught, pianist, composer, and theatrical storyteller.