

FRIDAY, April 24: Book Club: 7:00 p.m. at Brenda & Ray Hurst's home. Brenda leading the discussion. Theo of Golden, Theo visits the local coffeehouse, where ninety-two pencil portraits hang on the walls, portraits of the people of Golden done by a local artist. He purchases them, one at a time, and puts them back in the hands of their "rightful owners." With each exchange, a story is told, a friendship born, and a life altered.

THURSDAY, May 7: Men's Dinner at Garden Spot Village
Concord Room: Room is reserved from 5:30-8:00. Food is available to purchase until 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 17 & SATURDAY, April 18: Pennsylvania Relief Sale, Farm Show Building, Harrisburg PA.

Land Acknowledgment: We acknowledge, with humility, that the land where we sit and stand today is land that was home to the Susquehannock, Shawnee, and Lenape people. Let us be aware that we occupy their homeland, and that their presence is imbued in this land.

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New Holland Mennonite Church

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Fellowship: 8:30 a.m. • Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Dwelling in *DISSONANCE*

Death & Resurrection

Focus Statement: Today we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Death could not defeat him. Jesus lives! Our dissonance now is like those first disciples: What does this all mean?

Listen. Do you hear it?

The sound of joy. Laughter breaking in.

Listen! It sounds like harmony.

Angels singing.

Why are you weeping?

For the grief? For the beauty?

Jesus is risen!

Yes! And creation sings it.

Yesterday's tears linger, as they must,

but love is stronger than death.

Do you believe this?

Listen, Jesus is speaking your name.

Our names — each one.

Like music of the soul. Can you hear it?

It is the sound of resurrection.

Let us worship the Risen One!

Order of Worship

Gathering & Praising God

Low in the Grave He Lay (VT 333) Jenn Esbenshade
"Resurrection Sunday" Rosanna & Tom Ceresini
Christ the Lord is Risen Today (VT 346)
Call to Worship Brenda Hurst
Flowering the Cross
Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia! (VT 341)
Opening Prayer
Christ Who Left His Home in Glory (VT 361)

Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children Jen Morales
Scripture: John 20:1-18 (*Gospel of John* from Visual Bible International)
Sermon: "Called by Name" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Thine Is the Glory (VT 355)
Prayer of the People Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower
Announcements

Sending

Lift Your Glad Voices (VT 340)
Sending Blessing

Greeter: Francy Bailey; **Sound:** Wade Esbenshade
Nursery: Ruth Douglas Miller; **Close:** Tim Martin
Offering: Keith Miller & Lois Zimmerman

March 29: Attendance and Offering

Attendance: 35 (1 Zoom) • **Offering:** \$190.10

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 9: Ashley Escalante; **April 10:** Tim Martin

NEXT SUNDAY: April 12

Coffee/Greeter: Pat Thomas; **Song Leader:** TBD
Worship Lead: Dawn Ranck-Hower
Sermon: Colin Saxton; **Prayer:** Steven Lantz
Children: Dawn Kaczor; **Sound:** Bryan Hower
Nursery: Lois Zimmerman; **Close:** Tim Martin
Offering: Mike Good & Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

Silent Retreat: Pastor Dawn will be on a Silent Retreat with other female pastors and a spiritual direction from Monday, April 6 through Thursday, April 9. Please contact Lois Zimmerman with pastoral care concerns.

Rejoice: Daily Devotional Readings: Each day's entry features a Bible reading, a short inspirational message, and a prayer of response. A yearly subscription (4 books) is \$36.63. Let Pastor Dawn know if you would like to subscribe. Place a check, labeled "Rejoice" in the church offering. Due by April 30.

SUNDAY, April 12: Long-Term Planning and Sustainability, 9 a.m. Colin Saxton will be with us in person to lead this meeting and bring the morning sermon.

SUNDAY, April 12: College Care Packages: As Davin and Kai finish up their college year, consider sending a little encouragement their way. You're invited to write a note and/or contribute a small gift such as snack foods, cereal, or chocolate (school supplies are not needed). Please place items in the boxes on the table at the front of the sanctuary by Sunday, April 12.

MONDAY, April 13: Leadership Team Meeting, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 15: Women's Dinner at Panera Bread in Ephrata (NOTE NEW LOCATION): 839 E. Main Street, 6 p.m. (Garden Spot Village is not available on this date).

SUNDAY, April 19: Campership Applications due. Awarded end of May. Each child who receives a campership is asked to do 5 hours of community service with the church.

TUESDAY, April 21: ICE Preparation Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

What We Value

With Jesus as our center, we commit to
including all people,
strengthening our relationships (and)
practicing peace and justice. (adopted February 2023)