



# New Holland Mennonite Church

October 29, 2023 • Volume 68, No. 44

Fellowship: 8:30 am • Sunday School: 9 am • Worship: 10:00 am

## Gathering & Praising God

*You are Good (VT 33)*

Call to Worship / Prayer

*My Lighthouse (VT 597)*

Praise Team

Bryan Hower

## Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

Kelsey Means

Scripture: 1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29

Conversation with Children

Jenn Esbenshade

Sermon: *"Servant Leadership; Missed Opportunity"*

Dwight Rohrer \*

## Responding

*Blessed Are You (VT 290)*

Sharing & Announcements

Ray Hurst

Congregational Prayer

## Sending

*Be a Sower (VT 789)*

Benediction

\* **Dwight Rohrer** is the former youth pastor of Neffsville Mennonite church and Atlantic Coast Conference. He retired from youth ministry in July 2021. He is currently working in the maintenance department at Lancaster Mennonite School. Dwight and his wife Jenny have 4 adult children and 3 awesome grandchildren.

**Coffee:** Evelyn Bailey; **Greeters:** Jim Bailey

**Close:** Jim Bailey; **Worship Leader:** Bryan Hower

**Praise Team:** Jenn Esbenshade, Dawn Kaczor, Steven Lantz

**Sound:** Kai Esbenshade

**Count Offering:** Wanda Gonzelez Bortzel & Brenda Martin Hurst

## NEXT SUNDAY: November 1

**Coffee:** Ray Hurst; **Greeters:** Brenda & Ray Hurst

**Close:** Jim Bailey; **Worship Leader:** Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

**Song Lead:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Sermon:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Children's Time:** Ray Hurst

**Prayer:** Ruth Douglas Miller; **Sound:** Mike Good

**Count Offering:** Francy Bailey & Keith Miller

## UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**November 3: Book Club,** 7 p.m. Dawn & Bryan's home

**November 5: Adult Sunday School** Focus: 2014-2023

**Fellowship Meal**

**November 11: Men's Prayer Breakfast,** 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

**November 11: Walking Tour: Stories of Southeast Lancaster**

**City: The Heritage of the Polite Family,** 2 p.m.

**November 19: Annual Covenant Sunday &**

**Centennial Celebration! Fellowship Meal**

**December 21: Longest Night Service, 6:30 p.m.**

**December 24: Christmas Brunch (9 a.m.) and Worship**

## OCTOBER 22

**Attendance:** 38 (3 on zoom) • **Offering:** \$2,124.00

**Total Early Learning Center October Fundraiser:** \$200.00

(Total given so far: \$3,006.60 toward \$3,000 goal)

## 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)

## Church News

**Thank you:** We appreciate all of the prayers, cards, phone calls and meals that we received during the time Curvin was sick and then his passing on to his heavenly home. Our hearts were touched by all of the caring from our church family. May God bless all of you. — Lois, Kevin, Brad Zimmerman; Jen, Karin, Kyla, Evan Morales

**Vacation:** Pastor Dawn is on vacation with her sister from October 26-29. Contact Steven Lantz for pastoral care.

**LAST SUNDAY for October Fundraiser:** You are invited to participate in a fundraiser for the New Holland Early Learning Center. During the month of October, funds will be raised to go toward the ELC PreK educational supplies. **The first \$3,000 will be matched.** Mark your offering envelopes “ELC Fundraiser.”

**Book Club: Braiding Sweetgrass.** Keith Miller will lead the next book discussion on **Friday, November 3**, 7 p.m., at Bryan and Dawn’s house. Beverage and sweet snack provided. Bring a snack to share if you wish. RSVP: <https://forms.gle/zZ7eReS84DGG9qXr9>

**Fellowship Meal: Sunday, November 5.** Bring a hot and/or cold dish to share and your own place settings. Hot dish should be in a slow cooker. The meal will be served in the lobby and begin approximately 15 minutes after service is over. Let Evelyn Bailey know if you are available to help.

**Centennial Sunday School series this fall:** We continue our monthly focus on the 100-year history of New Holland Mennonite Church in November.

**November 5: Focus: NHMC Relationship with Spanish**

**Mennonite Church:** Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel

**November 12: Focus: 2014-2023:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Stories of Southeast Lancaster City: The Heritage of the Polite Family: November 11**, 2 p.m. This hour and a half tour departs from the Crispus Attucks Community Center, 407 Howard Ave, Lancaster. Please arrive 15-30 minutes before departure times. Prices: Adults \$15 / Seniors (62 & older) \$10 / Students (6-18) \$5 / Children under 6 free. [www.aahsscpa.org](http://www.aahsscpa.org).

Contact Pastor Dawn if price is prohibitive. **Note:** We will meet for an early dinner at Lancaster Southern Market to chat about what we observed and learned. ([southernmarketlanaster.com](http://southernmarketlanaster.com).)

**Centennial Celebration and Annual Covenant Sunday:** Our Centennial History events will conclude with a worship celebration at our Annual Covenant Sunday on **November 19!**

## Community News

**Alive with 55 & Up:** Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **Tuesday, November 14**, 10 a.m. Canine Partners for Life from Cochranville will present information about their mission of preparing and placing service dogs. Prepare to be charmed by some dogs in training, and learn inspiring stories of how dogs can enrich lives of people with differing needs. Lunch served after each meeting.

**The Come Together Concert to benefit Chestnut Housing, Lancaster: Sunday, November 26**, Landisville Mennonite Church, 3320 Bowman Road, Landisville. Four groups, two sets each, afternoon and evening 3-5:00 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Gospel, Folk, Folk-Rock, Blue/New Grass, and more. Different songs for each set. Original music by Jessica Smucker, Sopa Sol (Frances Miller and Daryl Snider) Lancaster, PA, the Clymer/Kurtz spousal duo, Harrisonburg, VA and song covers by The Dean and Dale Band Landisville, PA. Come, bring your family, bring your friends. No admission. Offering to benefit Chestnut Housing.

**Alive with 55 & Up:** Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **Tuesday, December 12. TBD.** Lunch served after each meeting.

**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.

**Pastor:** Dawn Ranck-Hower; [dawn.ranck@verizon.net](mailto:dawn.ranck@verizon.net); 1/215/237-1485

**Leadership Team:** Wade Esbenshade, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman  
18 Western Ave., New Holland, PA 17557 • 717/354-0602  
[www.NewHollandMC.org](http://www.NewHollandMC.org) • Hearing Aids Available