

New Holland Mennonite Church

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No Sunday School • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



God's Greatest Promise

Throughout Scripture, God has made and kept promises, but God's greatest promise was to send a savior. Jesus arrives in Jerusalem as a king on a donkey to the sound of great praise, an act that makes it even more clear that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise. As he cleanses the temple and clashes with the religious leaders, we see he is a very different kind of king. At his trial, the title of king is meant to mock him. Facing death, Jesus takes time to eat with his disciples, giving them the gift of communion and preparing them for what is to come. Still, it is hard for everyone to believe that God's plan was for Jesus to be crucified. All creation reacts to the death of the Son of God, as the earth shakes and the rocks split apart. Yet even after Jesus' death, God's promise to rescue still stands. As the disciples see the risen Christ, they are invited to let go of their fear and rejoice as they share in the good news that nothing can disrupt God's promise for salvation, not even Jesus dying on the cross.

Gathering & Praising God

Low in the Grave He Lay (VT 333) Jenn Esbenshade
Call to Worship & Prayer (From Psalm 118) Karina Morales
Christ the Lord is Risen Today (VT 346)

Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings
Conversation with Children Jen Morales
Sermon: "I've Given the Message to You."
Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10 Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Christ Who Left (VT 361)
Sharing & Announcements
Congregational Prayer Brenda Martin Hurst

Sending

Lift Your Glad Voices (VT 340)
Benediction Karina Morales

Greeters: Jim Bailey & Tim Martin; **Close:** Jim Bailey
Sound: Davin & Kai Esbenshade
Gather & Count Offering: Francy Bailey & Sue Martin

NEXT SUNDAY: April 16

Coffee: Judy Schweitzer; **Greeters:** Brenda and Ray Hurst
Close: Mike Bortzel; **Worship Leader:** Sue Martin
Praise Team: Francy Bailey, Jenn Esbenshade, Bryan Hower,
Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Sermon:** Dorcas Lehman
Children's Time: Jenn Esbenshade
Prayer: Bryan Hower; **Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenshade
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UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated
April 19: Women's Dinner: 6 p.m. **Panera Bread, Ephrata**
NOT Garden Spot Village this month
May 7: Fellowship Meal
May 13: Men's Breakfast: 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

April 2

Attendance: 48 (4 on zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$2,644.00

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)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 10: Tim Martin

Church News

Core Values Sunday School: On **April 23** we will take a look at the Core Values that we affirmed earlier this year. **Come to the class prepared to answer:** 1) How are we already living out the values? 2) How might God be calling us to live out each value?

Moment in the Neighborhood Upcoming Speakers:

April 16: William Leighty, Police Chief

April 23: Wilbur Horning, Historical Society

April 30: Falene Nancarvis, Meals on Wheels

June 11: Dr. Snopkoski, ELANCO Superintendent

Social Events: The Leadership Team suggests having 3-4 social events each year. These events can be relaxed and simple or more involved such as planning a dinner and entertainment. The events could be at church, at a park, or at your house. **Contact Steve Lantz if you would like to plan a social event for the church** in the Spring, Summer, Fall, or Winter.

Community News

Mennonite Children's Choir: Making All Things New: April April 16, 4 p.m. Donegal Presbyterian Church, Mt. Joy, PA (Carol and Concert choirs only); **April 29,** 6:30 p.m. Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA; **April 30,** 4 p.m. Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA, **June 4,** 7 p.m. Mt. Gretna Tabernacle, Mt. Gretna, PA. Let the beauty of choral music shared by young voices inspire, bless, and encourage you. **Seth Lantz is in the choir.**

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **Tuesday, April 11,** 10 a.m. Connie Metzler, Program Coordinator and Nurse Case Manager for the Alzheimer's and Memory Care Program at Lancaster General Health Penn Medicine will speak on maintaining brain care as we age.

Everence Free Medicare Workshops: Learn more about Medicare. Topics include: enrollment details and deadlines. How to move from current coverage. Prescription drug coverage. Plans that supplement Medicare. **Webinar: April 20:** 6 p.m.; **August 24:** 6 p.m. **October 6:** 6:30 p.m. **In Person: October 5:** 6:30 p.m. **Bonus: September 28,** 6:30 p.m. "Retired with Confidence" seminar. Register or learn more at everence.com/centralpenn.

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **Tuesday, May 9, 10 a.m.** The Dean and Dale Band (Dean Hertzler and Dale Stoltzfus). Various harmonies supported by guitar, fiddle, mandolin, bass guitar and rhythm make up the concert. Lunch served after each meeting.

Rizzetta's Tones: Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster). Rizzetta's Tones is a Celtic Americana band whose repertoire includes music from Ireland, Scotland, and the United States, but draws on other sources as well. Forging new arrangements and writing their own material, they present audiences with a pleasing twist on musical traditions. Details: www.highlandpc.org.

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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