

**Church Retreat Proposal Team:** There's been excitement about the idea of a church weekend retreat — we really do love being together! We're looking for 4–6 people to form a team to dream a bit, explore a few possible retreat options, and bring those ideas back to the congregation for discernment. ***Interested in helping shape the vision?*** Let Pastor Dawn know by March 31 if you'd like to participate. If there aren't enough people to form a team, we'll pause the idea for now.

**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.

### 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)

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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

## Palm Sunday

**Focus Statement:** This service holds a unique tension. John 12 tells of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, while John 19 continues the story at the crucifixion. We hear these side by side to hold together triumph and death, and to recognize that Jesus' finishing work has begun, but is not yet complete.

We gather to worship God  
**and to look back on where we've been;**  
we see old hopes, plans, and dreams,  
remembered "Hosannas!"  
and all these weeks of Lent.

We gather to worship God  
**and to look at where we are now,**  
at Jesus re-defining triumph;  
and the king on the cross instead of a throne.

We gather to worship God  
**and to wonder at this mystery,**  
of salvation that comes so strangely;  
of life that comes through death;  
of brokenness meeting grace.

# Order of Worship

## My Coins Count

Gathered by Children

## Gathering & Praising God

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (VT 313)*

Call to Worship & Prayer

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor (VT 315)*

Jenn Esbenshade

Sue Martin

## Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children

Steven Lantz

Scripture: John 12:12-27 (*Gospel of John* Visual Bible International)

Scripture: John 19:16b-22 (*Gospel of John* Visual Bible International)

Sermon: "Life, Death, and Holy Dissonance" Randy Keener\*

"Then and Now" Jen Morales, Steven Lantz, and Children

Extinguish Final Candle

Steven Lantz & Children

## Responding

*My Song Is Love Unknown (VT 320)*

Prayer of the People

Announcements

Ruth Douglas Miller

## Sending

*Word and Sign (VT 483)*

Sending Blessing

\* Randy Keener Randy serves as the Director of Chaplaincy Care and Education at Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health. He is a graduate of Hesston College and Goshen College, and earned his Master of Divinity from Eastern Mennonite Seminary. He completed a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) residency at Lancaster General, and is a board-certified Chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains.

Randy is ordained through Atlantic Coast Conference where he serves on the executive board. He is a member of Laurel Street Mennonite Church. When he isn't at the hospital, you can likely find him enjoying the beautiful outdoors, dreaming about van camping and road trips, and along with his wife, trying to keep up with their energetic toddler.

**Coffee:** Ashly Escalante; **Greeter:** Lois Zimmerman

**Nursery:** Lois Zimmerman; **Close:** Mike Bortzel

**Offering:** Francy Bailey & Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel

**Sound:** Seth Lantz

## March 22: Attendance and Offering

**Attendance:** 36 (4 Zoom) • **Offering:** \$2,590.00

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**March 29:** Dawn Ranck-Hower; **April 1:** Maggie Good

## NEXT SUNDAY: April 5

**NO Coffee; Greeter:** Francy Bailey

**Worship Lead:** Brenda Hurst; **Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Sermon & Prayer:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Children:** Jen Morales; **Sound:** Wade Esbenshade

**Nursery:** Ruth Douglas Miller; **Close:** Tim Martin

**Offering:** Keith Miller & Lois Zimmerman

**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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**Pastor Dawn and Bryan** are on vacation March 26-29. Contact Ruth Douglas Miller with pastoral care concerns.

### **THURSDAY, April 3: Maundy Thursday Meal & Service**

(For all-ages. Children encouraged to attend.) 6:30 p.m.

"The air felt heavy and expectant, as if the room were holding its breath. Jesus sat at the table with his friends, chatting quietly in the glow of the candles ..." So begins the story we will hear as we gather around a table with our friends to hear the story of Jesus from the table gathering until his death on the cross and burial. Our bodies will move with the story in this interactive service. Sign Up link in weekly email.

**SUNDAY, April 5: Easter Worship Service:** 10 a.m. No Sunday School. You are invited to bring potted Easter flowers to place around the cross. **Flowering the Cross:** Like Mary in the garden, we come in grief and encounter new life as Jesus calls us by name—transforming the cross into a sign of resurrection. Each person is invited to bring a flower with a short stem (4–6 inches) to place on the cross. Flowers will also be available.