



# New Holland Mennonite Church

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Lent Theme:** *The Call to Serve*

**The Point:** *We are called to serve God  
and build God's kingdom.*

### Gathering & Praising God

*To God Be the Glory (VT 84)* Dawn Kaczor & Steven Lantz  
Call to Worship & Prayer Sue Martin  
*Blessed Be Your Name (VT 637)*

### Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children Dawn Kaczor  
Offering / "My Coins Count"  
Scripture: Mark 12:1-17  
Sermon: "A Dueling Match" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

### Responding

*Take My Life and Let it Be (VT 759)*  
Communion Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower  
A Word of Thanks  
Sharing and Announcements  
Congregational Prayer Ruth Douglas Miller

### Sending

*Will You Come and Follow Me (VT 540, Vs. 1,5)*  
Benediction

**Coffee:** Ray Hurst; **Greeters:** Francy Bailey & Ray Hurst

**Close:** Tim Martin; **Sound:** Mike Good

**Offering:** Ruth Douglas Miller & Sue Martin

### February 25:

**Attendance:** 42 (3 on zoom) • **Offering:** \$3,071.00

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**March 5:** Tammy Snader

### NEXT SUNDAY: March 10

**Coffee:** Pat Thomas, **Greeters:** Michele, Ellie, Maggie Good

**Close:** Steven Lantz

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

**Sermon:** Mick Sommers; **Congregational Prayer:** Keith Miller

**Children:** Ray Hurst; **Sound:** Wade Esbenshade

**Offering:** Francy Bailey & Wade Esbenshade

### UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**March 7: Men's Dinner,** 5:30/6 p.m. Garden Spot Village

**March 14:** Potato Cutting, 7 p.m.

**March 22: Book Club: "Black Cake"** 7 p.m. Hosted by Pat Thomas

**March 20: Women's Dinner,** 5:30/6 p.m. GSV

**Following Jesus Footprints:** You are invited put your name on a footprint and lay it down the center aisle as a symbol of your willingness to commit to walk with Jesus each day.

**My Coins Count:** Between now and March 24 the children will collect coins (or dollars) for Mennonite Central Committee's "My Coins Count."

**Potato Cutting:** Join a group under the carport to prepare potatoes to be planted in the garden. **Thursday, March 14,** 7 p.m.

**Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster of Lancaster:** Seth Lantz and the rest of the choir will be singing at Garden Spot Village, **March 20,** 7 p.m.

**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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# Holy Week

## Theme: God's Triumph

We do not yet live fully in God's kingdom, but in a world of selfishness. We see the kingdom breaking through in small ways as people live out God's vision. But God is in charge and will triumph over evil. Both our suffering and success are only temporary. This message can sound scary, but it is truly a message of hope (Mark 13). The people celebrated this hope when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem (Mark 11). A woman honors Jesus as the Messiah when she anoints him with a costly perfume (Mark 14). Little did the people understand that God's greatest triumph would come, not through military victory, but through the Messiah's painful death on a cross (Mark 15). Jesus dreaded this path, but he courageously followed God's will (Mark 14). This story does not end when Jesus's body was placed in a tomb. Instead, Jesus triumphs over death itself by rising again and leaving that tomb empty (Mark 16).

### **Palm Sunday Worship Service: March 24, 10 a.m.**

Our service will begin with the crowds shouting "Hosanna" to Jesus as he rides into Jerusalem. Our readings, scripture, and songs will tell us the story of each day that week between Palm Sunday and Easter. This is a busy week for Jesus, and we do well to contemplate all of the story. This is a sacred and solemn week that lies before Jesus, that lies before us. A time when, once again, we see the depth and mystery of Jesus redeeming love.

### **Good Friday Tenebrae Service: March 29, 7:00 p.m.**

Enter and exit this service in silence. A service of scripture, silence, and song on the saddest day of the church year. Jesus is on his way through the Roman legal system. This is the day he is accused, jailed, judged, and executed. The question confronting Christians on Good Friday is whether we are willing to follow Jesus to the cross.

### **Easter Service: March 31, 10 a.m.**

We have seen the risen Lord! Easter Sunday begins a 50-day period during which the church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the triumph of life over death. (There is no Sunday School). **Please bring your Easter flowers to church and place on the platform for everyone to enjoy.**

## 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)