



New Holland Mennonite Church

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Show us your hiding place in the thick of temptation

Focus statement: God's boundaries are wise and protective. When we push through them, surrendering to temptation, our vulnerabilities are exposed. Show us, Jesus, through fasting and Scripture how we can grow stronger through temptation and remain true to the calling of God in our lives.

Gathering

Preservice

Ruth Carrasco

Call to Worship/Prayer

Steven Lantz

Leader: Eternal God, you call beloved daughters and sons.

**People: We praise you for creating us
and calling us to cultivate your life in the world.**

Leader: Eternal God, you call our name in the garden

**People: We come to worship, acknowledging our
vulnerabilities and temptations.**

Leader: Eternal God, you are our hiding place,
where forgiveness and mercy encircle us.

**All: Thanks be to God for the radical grace
offered to us through Jesus Christ.**

Praising God

Brethren, we have met to worship (WB 8)

Lord, listen to your children (WB 353)

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

My Coins Count

Offertory

Seth Lantz

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (NRSV)

Conversation with Children

Dawn Kaczor

(Ages 3 and under dismissed to nursery)

When the storms of life are raging (WB 558)

Confession

Leader: God calls to us, "Where are you?"

**People: We, like Adam, hide in the garden,
hoping God does not come looking for us.**

Leader: God asks, "What have you done?"

**People: We, like Eve, say, "the devil made me do it,"
masking our shame.**

Leader: Our choices have consequences
and yet God's grace abounds.

**People: I confess I have hidden and denied my sin.
When I refused to admit my wrongs,
I was miserable;
even my bones felt brittle.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

Silence

Assurance of pardon *(from Psalm 32)*

How happy are the ones whose wrongs are forgiven.

How happy are the ones whose sin the Eternal God
will not take into account.

God has become our hiding place,
our refuge from trouble.

God hears our prayers extending the arms of salvation
and songs of deliverance.

Jesus loves me (WB 341)

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11 (CEB)

(Anyone who wishes may color at the tables during the sermon.)

Sermons: "Distractions"

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Ritual of Response Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower
Sermon: "Ashamed" Danika Snader
When we are tempted (SS 81)
Sharing and Announcements
Introducing East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church
Congregational Prayer Lois Zimmerman

Sending

Extinguishing the light: Symbolizing Jesus' life drawing
to a close and the world getting darker.
Why should I feel discouraged (SJ 103)
Benediction

Fellowship Meal: 15-minutes after the worship service ends.

Coffee/Greeters/Close: Sue & Tim Martin; **Sound:** Bryan Hower

Usher: Anna Mae Weaver; **Nursery:** Sue Martin, Mekdes Anshebo

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

February 23: 40 • Church Offering: \$2,502.00

NEXT SUNDAY: March 8

Coffee/Close: Evelyn & Jim Bailey; **Usher:** Evelyn Bailey
Greeters: Anna Mae & Bob Weaver; **Prayer:** Wade Esbenshade
Song Leader/Pianist: Jenn Esbenshade
Praise Team: Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel, Tammy Snader
Worship Leader: Sue Martin; **Children's Time:** Ruth Carrasco
Sound: Judy Nguyen; **Nursery:** Jen Morales (Lois Zimmerman)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 3: Ruth Carrasco & Rowan May
March 5: Tammy Snader; **March 8:** Terra May

Upcoming Events

(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)

Mar 8 Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
Mar 14 Men's Prayer Breakfast, Coffee Company, 7 a.m.
Mar 15 Sunday School: Visioning
Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
Mar 20 Women's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. TBD
Mar 22 Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
Mar 29 Sermon: Richard Weaver

Church News

From CrossNet Ministries: Thank you for your helpful donation to the Food Pantry of 425 pounds of food during your Reverse Advent collection. (See bulletin board for letter).

Eating & Dreaming Together: ELC staff and New Holland Mennonite Church members/attendees are invited to dream together. Tuesday, **March 3**, 5:30 p.m. A baked potato and salad bar will be provided. Please let Pastor Dawn know if you would like to attend and haven't signed up.

My Coins Count!!! Fill the Bucket to the Rim! Change will be collected by the children during the offering each Sunday in March. Each year, spare change collected by churches, children and families add up to more than \$600,000 for Mennonite Central Committee's work around the world.

Youth Bible Study: March 4, 7-8:30 p.m., Ridgeview Mennonite.

Youth: March 15: Game "Night" (in the afternoon) at Meadville. Bring your favorite table games.

Youth Bible Study: April 1: 7-8:30 p.m., Ridgeview Mennonite

Youth Group: April 19, 1 p.m. Scavenger Hunt at East Lampeter Park

Youth Bible Study: May 6: 7-8:30 p.m., Ridgeview Mennonite Church

Pastor: Dawn Ranck-Hower; dawn.ranck@verizon.net; 1/215/237-1485

Leadership Team Chair: Wade Esbenshade

Leadership Team: Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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A nursery is available for children ages 3 and younger.

Community News

Tuesday Alive with 55 and Up: March 10, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Lunch served. Bryan Hower and Dawn Ranck-Hower will celebrate their 7th wedding anniversary on March 10. How did a Church of Christ elementary school teacher from Marysville, PA and a Mennonite pastor from Lansdale, PA meet? Dawn and Bryan will share their life journeys and what led them together in May of 2012. A modern love story.

Film Screening and a Conversation about Nationalism and Faith: J.E.S.U.S.A. is a new documentary exploring the relationship between Christianity and American nationalism and the violence that emerges from it. The film includes leading voices in this conversation such as Osheta Moore, David Bentley Hart, Hyung Jin "Sean" Moon, and more. Forest Hills will be hosting a free screening of the film on **Sunday, March 15** at 6pm, followed by informal conversation. To get free tickets, visit <http://foresthillschurch.org/film> Light refreshments will be served.

Woodcrest Retreat Spring Banquet: Thursday, March 26, 6:15 p.m., Yoder's Banquet Facility. Meals are complimentary but registrations must be received by March 18. 717/738-2233.

World's Oldest Ausbund: Bundled Treasure: Discover an important artifact from Anabaptist history on **March 30** at 7 pm at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Joe Springer, Curator of the Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen, Indiana, reveals the Ausbund hymnal Attendance is by donation. The event streams online. Access to the live stream costs \$10. Pre-register by March 25 at bit.ly/Ausbund.

CrossNet Ministries Banquet: Tuesday, **March 31**, 6:15 p.m. Shady Maple Banquet Center. \$25. Speaker: Scott Hamilton, Olympic champion, cancer survivor, broadcaster. RSVP 717/355-2454 or www.elancocross.org.

Tuesday Alive with 55 and Up: April 14, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Lunch served. Dan Armstrong began installing cable television at the age of twenty. Now in his fifties, he still enjoys meeting new people. For six years, Armstrong

was featured in a one minute radio spot called "The Wacky Words of Dan Armstrong." He is married and the father of four daughters. He has written a book called "The Adventures of a Real Life Cable Guy." He is an accomplished speaker and story teller, has preached at Timberline church where he and his family attend.

Connecting Families East Retreat: May 15-17, Laurelville Retreat center. Ron Adams will be presenting "Becoming the Whole Church: Moving Beyond Inclusion." Ron serves as Lead Pastor of Landisville (PA) Mennonite Church. The retreat aims to create a space of mutual support for families, friends, and those in the LGBTQ community with the opportunity to meet, share, and worship together. mail.connectingfam@gmail.com or call 717.203.1170 to request registration materials.

Tuesday Alive with 55 and Up: May 12, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Lunch served. The Dean and Dale band is led by Dean Hertzler and Dale Stoltzfus. This group does an annual concert at their church, Landisville Mennonite. Vocal harmonies supported by guitar, fiddle, mandolin, bass guitar, and rhythm make up the concert. Artists covered include gospel writers as well as contemporary musicians like Emmy Lou Harris, The Steel Wheels, The Wailin' Jennies, Steve Earle, and others.

Family History Heyday: New one day format for those that enjoy our Family History Conference. For the curious hobbyist & the committed researcher. Saturday, **May 16** from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Prices: \$60 for the day; \$25 for individual sessions; \$15 per Livestream. Register at bit.ly/FamilyHistoryHeyday.

Tuesday Alive with 55 and Up: June 9, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Lunch served. We'll meet Adam Nagle, the executive director of The Factory Ministries. This local ministry exists to empower others in our community because everybody's journey matters. He will share some of the God moments in his life that prepared him for and led him to The Factory Ministries. We can also look forward to him bringing us up-to-date on what is happening there and what some of the future plans are for the ministry.