

# New Holland Mennonite Church

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Zoom Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. & Worship: 10:00 a.m.



**Blessed are those who trust  
in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.  
They shall be like a tree  
planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought  
it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.**  
**Jeremiah 17:7-8**

## Gathering

*I saw a tree by the riverside (SS 116)*      *Sung by Evie Karlsson*  
Call to Worship/Prayer      Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

## Praising God

Litany of Celebration      Leadership Team  
Today we celebrate and give thanks to the Lord, for God's love endures forever. We celebrate the opportunity to join together and continue as members or active participants of New Holland Mennonite Church. We celebrate those who walked before us and became known in the community as New Holland Mennonite Church. The people who moved into town to operate businesses, to initiate ministry through revival meetings, Sunday school and sewing circle. Those who first constructed a building and celebrated with the words from Genesis 12:8, "And there Abram built an altar unto the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord." We acknowledge the men and women

who, on Sunday, November 18, 1923, voted unanimously to organize as a congregation, and continued through the years to worship through congregational singing and preaching, to show hospitality to those in need, and to engage in mission, at home and in the world. Today we celebrate and give thanks to the Lord, For God's love endures forever. To God's glory, we bear fruit, demonstrating the fruits of the spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Showing ourselves to be disciples of Jesus. Disciples who trust in the Lord, Whose trust is the Lord. Like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots. It shall not fear when heat comes, and in times of drought, it is not anxious. It does not cease to bear fruit. We give thanks to the Lord, for God's love endures forever.

*I will stand in the congregation (SS 113)*

## Hearing God's Word

Conversation with Children  
Scripture: Jeremiah 17:7-8

Jen Morales  
Darryl Jackson, Elsa Lantz, &  
Mekdes Anshebo  
Congregation

Sharing: "Well Watered Roots"

## Covenanting and Communing Together

Covenant Signing by Church Members  
*By our love*      Praise Team: Jenn Esbenshade, Bryan Hower,  
Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel, Jen Morales, Tammy Snader  
Communion

## Connected we go ...

Sharing and Announcements  
Congregational Prayer      Jenn Esbenshade  
Prayer for the Tithes and Offerings  
*Sent forth by Christ's blessing (WB 478)*  
Benediction

**While we can't be together for a fellowship meal, the  
Leadership Team invites you to enjoy the soup and cookies!**

### **November 15 (Zoom)**

**Attendance: 37 • Church Offering: \$6,110**

As you are able, please mail your offerings to the church office.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**November 26:** Marilynn Miller; **November 27:** Mike Good

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**November 22:** Brenda & Ray Hurst

## **Upcoming Events**

*All activities are on zoom unless otherwise stated.*

**Wednesday, November 25: “Shine Bright Club” Zoom, 7 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 29 (Advent begins)**

**Youth/Adult Sunday School: 9-9:50 a.m.**

**Worship: 10:00 a.m.**

*Sermon:* Dawn Ranck-Hower

*Worship Lead:* Dawn Kaczor

*Children’s Time:* Steven Lantz

*Congregational Prayer:* Dawn Ranck-Hower

## **Church News**

**ONE MORE WEEK: “Thanks for Giving”: Drop off donations**

**before November 27 at the ELC** (main door at the carport)

from 6:15 a.m.-9 a.m. or 3:30-5:30 p.m. or contact Pastor Dawn to arrange a time between those hours.

**2021 Directory:** A reminder to send any updates for the directory to Pastor Dawn by December 9.

## **Community News**

**Concert:** Join the Pennsylvania Relief Sale on **Sunday, December 6** at 8:00 p.m. for an online concert to support Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)'s work, featuring an opening performance by A Girl Named Tom followed by an hourlong concert from musical group The Steel Wheels. Songs and stories will highlight MCC's work around the world. Donations will be collected during this virtual event and will be donated directly to MCC. The program will include a silent auction and intermission with opportunities to join in financially supporting the programs and mission of MCC around the world. Information: [pareliefsale.org/events](http://pareliefsale.org/events).



## **Advent 2020**

**Beginning on Sunday, November 29**

***What does it look like to live as those who dream?***

The prophets, the psalmists, John the Baptist, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, Simeon, Anna, the shepherds and the Magi — they were all dreamers. They received, discovered, and responded to God’s dreams for the world.

In Advent, we step into the mystery and awe of God’s dreams and pray they shape our reality.

This theme is for the dreamers in all of us—those who dream of a deeper connection with God and those who dream of a better world. It’s for those who dream of comfort and for those who have given up on their dreams. It’s for those whose dreams have been crushed and for those who show us that dreams take time.

**Join us this Advent as we dream alongside prophets and angels, Mary and the Magi.**

**Join us as we seek and sow God’s dreams for our world.**

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