



# New Holland Mennonite Church

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8:30 a.m. Coffee • 9:00 Sunday School • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

## Called to Share

As the disciples begin to make sense of their life and calling after Jesus' resurrection, they discover that the gospel message is much larger than any had imagined. Peter learns that this good news is meant for everyone as he encounters a centurion shortly after a surprising vision. Paul and Barnabas are set apart for a specific mission to invite others, especially the Gentiles, to know God. As they travel, they remind those they write to and visit that all belong to Jesus. Paul encourages the believers to be unshamed of the gospel message, as they work together in partnership to share the good news.

### Gathering & Praising God

*How Great Is Our God (VT 116)*

Call to Worship & Prayer

*Blessed Are You (VT 290)*

Jenn Esbenshade

Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

### Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Scripture: Romans 1:1-17 (CEB)

Conversation with Children

Sermon: "We're ALL included"

Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

Jen Morales

Sue Martin

### Responding

*Go in Grace and Make Disciples (VT 766)*

Sharing & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Keith Miller

### Sending

*As You Go Out from Here (VT 841)*

Benediction

Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

### NEXT SUNDAY: May 7

**Coffee:** Evelyn Bailey; **Greeters:** Michele, Mike, Ellie, Maggie Good

**Close:** Mike Bortzel; **Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenshade

**Gather & Count Offering:** Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel & Francy Bailey

### NEXT SUNDAY: May 14

**Coffee:** Evelyn Bailey; **Greeters:** Francy Bailey & Jim Bailey

**Close:** Tim Martin; **Worship Leader:** Sue Martin

**Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Sermon:** Keith Miller; **Children's Time:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Prayer:** Lois Zimmerman; **Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenshade

**Gather & Count Offering:** Sue Martin & Ruth Martin

### UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**May 13: Men's Breakfast:** 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

**May 17: Women's Dinner:** 6 p.m. Garden Spot Village

### April 30

**Attendance: 51** (5 on zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$1,787.00

## Church News

**Fellowship Meal:** Bring a hot and/or cold dish to share and your own place settings. Hot dish should be in a slow cooker. We will not be using the oven. The meal will be served in the lobby and begin approximately 15 minutes after service is over. (This will enable everyone to attend the morning service). Let Evelyn Bailey know if you are available to help.

**Congratulations** to Nyvani Molina who is graduating from Elizabethtown University on **May 13** with a degree in Criminal Justice

### 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)

**Surgery:** Pastor Dawn will be having lung surgery on Wednesday, May 3. She will be out of the office at least until May 15, possibly longer. Please hold Dawn and Bryan in your prayers. Contact Lois Zimmerman for pastor care concerns.

**Core Values:** On April 23 we looked at how we are already living out our core values and areas where God might be calling us to live out each value. Read what others have written on the board and add your own thoughts. The boards will be in the sanctuary until **May 14**. Feel free to take magnets with the core value statement on them. Put it on your refrigerator where you can read it often and memorize it.

**Sunday School: Anabaptism at Five Hundred: The Anabaptist Community Bible Project:** In 2025 Anabaptism will celebrate 500 years! We will participate in helping to create an "Anabaptist Community Bible" featuring notes in the margins from over 500 Anabaptist study groups from around the world.

**CrossNet Food Drive:** Our congregation will be collecting food for the Food Pantry during the month of **May**. Needed (please make sure they haven't expired): Juice (Large 32 oz bottles for families), tuna, canned fruit, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, minute rice, canned vegetables, pancake mix, brownie mix, sugar, crackers, dish detergent, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies.

**Garden Church: Feeding BODY** (enjoy a meal together), **MIND** (worship together), and **SOUL** (work in the garden). **Friday evening, May 25.** 5-6 p.m. work in garden (weed, water, harvest), 6-6:30 p.m. simple meal of soup and bread, 6:30-7:30 p.m. worship service for all ages, 7:30 p.m. S'mores around bonfire. Come for all OR part of the evening. All ages are encouraged to participate! Bring water bottles or glasses, chairs or blankets for meal and worship, wear old clothes to work in garden, bring gloves & watering can. **Future Dates: Friday, June 23, Friday, July 28, Friday, August 25.** (There will be no worship service on Sunday May 27, June 25, July 30, or August 27). We will move into the sanctuary for the meal and worship if it rains. Planned by Michele Good, Ray Hurst, Jen Morales & Dawn Ranck-Hower

**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 fall or winter.

## Community News

**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](http://www.highlandpc.org).

**Mennonite Children's Choir: Making All Things New: 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. **Attend to see Seth Lantz in the choir.**

**Highland Chancel Choir, Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m.** Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster). This concert will take us on a journey through musical theatre history featuring well-known songs by Rodgers & Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, Stephen Sondheim, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and others. The program also features the celebrated and stirring *Gospel Mass* by Robert R.

**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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