



# New Holland Mennonite Church

March 10, 2019 • Volume 64, No. 10  
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

## BLESSED HUNGER HOLY FEAST

### Focus Statement

When we enter the wilderness of wandering and temptation,  
God's hand delivers us.  
We confess our trust in a saving God.

### Gathering

Preservice: *We sing to you, O God (SJ 1)* Praise Team  
Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 63 and 91)* Bryan Hower

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you  
as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.**

Leader: We trust in the Lord, who is our refuge,  
who commands his angels to guard us.

**People: God delivers and protects us  
when we are in trouble.**

**All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.  
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy,  
and you uphold us.**

Opening Prayer

### Praising God

*A wonderful Savior is Jesus (WB 598)*

*He leadeth me (WB 599)*

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

My Coins Count

Offertory

Myla Esbenshade

### Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

Conversation with Children:

Karina Morales

*(Ages 4 and under dismissed to nursery)*

*Fill us with your feast*

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Sermon: "First Fruit"

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Sharing

Bryan Hower, Brenda Martin Hurst,

Sarah Sauder, Curvin Zimmerman

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

### Responding

*Beautiful Things (vs 1,2)*

Leader: "Scripture says, 'No one who believes in God will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on God. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'" *(Romans 10:11-13)*

Leader: We are all invited to call upon the Lord today.  
Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

*(Prayer)*

*(A time of silence for personal confessions.)*

Leader: Saving God, we call upon you,  
for you alone can save.

**All: When we find ourselves wandering in a  
wilderness, we call to you.**

**When we face temptations we call to you.**

**When our souls hunger for what only you can  
provide, we call to you.**

**In the morning and in the evening,  
we will call upon the Lord.**

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

*Beautiful Things (vs 3)*

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Brenda Martin Hurst

### Sending

*God be with you (WB 430)*

Benediction

**Coffee/Close:** Judy Nguyen; **Greeters:** Evelyn & Jim Bailey  
**Usher:** Anna Mae Weaver; **Sound:** Judy Nguyen  
**Praise Team:** Jenn Esbenshade; Dawn Kaczor, Seth Lantz  
Steven Lantz; **Nursery:** Tammy Snader & Lois Zimmerman

**NEXT SUNDAY: March 17**

**Coffee/Close:** Evelyn & Jim Bailey; **Usher:** Evelyn Bailey  
**Worship Leader:** Karina Morales; **Pianist:** Glenda Gingrich  
**Greeters:** Dawn Kaczor, Seth Lantz, Steven Lantz  
**Song Leader:** Charles Longenecker  
**Children's Time:** Dawn Kaczor  
**Congregational Prayer:** Steven Lantz; **Sound:** Judy Nguyen  
**Nursery:** Ruth Carrasco & TBD

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**March 11:** Sarah Martin; **March 12:** Barbara Longenecker  
**March 15:** Dawn Kaczor

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**March 10:** Bryan Hower & Dawn Ranck-Hower

**ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING**

**March 3:** 45 • **Offering:** \$2,136

**GARDEN DONATIONS TO DATE**

Total needed: \$6,000

Everence Grant: \$1,500 • Total amount raised so far: \$3,325

**Total amount needing to be raised: \$1,175**

**HEATING & COOLING BILLS & DONATIONS TO DATE**

Total needed: \$64,090 • Money already in capital fund: \$12,375

Total amount raised so far: \$50,431

**Total amount needing to be raised: \$1,184**

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**Leadership Team Chair:** Wade Esbenshade

**Leadership Team:** Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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## Upcoming Events

*(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)*

**Mar 13** Sewing Circle: 8 a.m.-noon  
**Mar 15** Women's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Yoder's Restaurant  
**Mar 17** Sermon: Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower  
Youth Bowling at Dutch Lanes, noon  
**Mar 24** Sermon: Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower  
**Mar 30** Church Spring Cleaning, 9 a.m.  
**Mar 31** Sermon: Jonathan Bowman  
**Apr 3** Youth Bible Study at Meadville Mennonite  
**Apr 7** Sermon: Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower  
**Apr 10** Sewing Circle, 8 a.m.-noon

## Church News

**Garden Tools Needed:** Wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, hoes, hose, sprinkling cans, etc Bring items to the shed after April 1.

**My Coins Count:** Change will be collected by the children during the offering each **Sunday in March**.

**Spring Cleaning:** It is time for "Spring Cleaning" our sanctuary and foyer. Please joining us on **Saturday, March 30**, 9:00 a.m. Bring a bucket, cloth, and any special cleaning supplies you like to use. If you have a small ladder, bring it along so you or someone else can wash windows. ***Many hands make a job go faster.***

**Donations Needed:**

**1) Pies:** 20 pies are needed for the Mennonite Relief Sale on April 6. Jim Bailey will buy the pies at a cost of \$5 (\$100 total). Consider donating money through the weekly offering by **March 31. \$20 donated so far.**

**2) Easter Egg Hunt:** Each year the church does an Easter Egg Hunt for the Early Learning Center children. The total cost is about \$150. Please consider donating through the weekly offering by April 14. Talk to Lois Zimmerman if you would like to help out at the Egg Hunt on **April 16. \$20 donated so far.**

**Camp Scholarships:** Consider giving a donation to make it possible for children in our congregation to enjoy a week at camp this summer. Mark "Church Camp" on offering envelope.

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***A nursery is available for children ages 4 and younger.***

**CrossNet Meal:** The Youth Center provides open door nights, round table, free meals and fun activities, and a meal for youth in grades 6–12 in the ELANCO School District. Our church is providing the meal on Tuesday, **April 9**. There are two ways to be involved: 1) Contact Lois Zimmerman if you are interested in serving the food or helping to cook the food and 2) sign up on the table in the lobby to bring food items. Bring food to church by noon on **April 8** and put in the front office.

**The Mennonite Schools Council** will be holding its annual choral festival this year from **Friday, April 12 to Sunday, April 14** at Lancaster Mennonite High School. Schools from all over the United States will send their choirs to Lancaster for rehearsals and other fun activities before the mass choir concert on Sunday at 3 pm. Forest Hills Mennonite is hosting the Eastern Mennonite High School choir in their homes, but are unable to host the choir on Sunday morning. **The choir will be joining us for worship and a meal on April 14.**

**The Gap Male Chorus:** Sunday evening program at New Holland Mennonite Church, 7 p.m. on **April 14**. The chorus, which has been performing since 1922, will sing classic hymn arrangements, southern Gospel, spirituals, and modern styles. Jim Bailey and Bob Weaver are members of the chorus. Admission is free, but a love offering will be received to benefit the New Holland Early Learning Center.

**Stamps:** Calvary Homes collects cancelled stamps to sell for money for their benevolent fund. Stamps should have at least a quarter inch margin around them. Please bring stamps to church and put them in the container by the church mailboxes.

**What are you reading?** I (Pastor Dawn) sometimes ask people what they are reading. The answers are fascinating and often say a lot about the person. During the months of June, July, and August, I'd like to have a different person share a short (5-10 minute) report during the worship service about a book (any genre) that they are reading or have read in the past year. What did you enjoy about the book? What did you learn? Would you recommend this book to others? etc. Sign up in the lobby.

## Community News

**Calling all knitters, crocheters, or quilters with generous hearts!** The *Patriotic Stitchers for Veterans* needs volunteers to make afghans or lap quilts for veterans who are seriously ill. Contact Pastor Dawn for supplies.

**Tuesday Alive with 55 & Up: March 12**, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. *God With Us ...* Pastors Robert and Audrey Kanagy will share from their journey of faith and calling, highlighting the times when they felt God especially near or revealed in a new way. From childhood adventures to pastoral ministry, they bring stories of joy, struggle, and the faithfulness of God.

**Family History Conference: March 28-30.** The Conference will highlight the use of legal records in learning our ancestors' stories. Judy Russell, "The Legal Genealogist," will give the keynote address "No Person Shall Gallop Horses in the Streets": Using Court Records to Tell the Stories of Our Ancestors' Lives." The Saturday conference will take place at the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster Registration is available online at [www.lmhs.org](http://www.lmhs.org) or by calling Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society at (717) 393-9745.

**PA Relief Sale: April 5-6;** Friday: 4 - 9 p.m.; Saturday: 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Farm Show Complex (Harrisburg, PA). Auctions featuring handmade quilts, furniture, original artwork and much more; Delicious treats including strawberry pie; Children's activities; Ten Thousand Villages merchandise and other artisan displays; And more! Visit [PaReliefSale.org](http://PaReliefSale.org) for additional details and a complete schedule of events

**The Peaceable Kingdom: An Evening of Storytelling: April 15**, 7-8:30 p.m. Akron Mennonite Church What does it mean to live out peace in the way of Jesus today? Come hear from storytellers whose identity as a disciple of Christ has shaped their responses in times of conflict/crisis.