



New Holland Mennonite Church

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Worship: 10:00 a.m. followed by Picnic and Lawn Games

— NO PRINTED BULLETIN —

Greeter: Francy Bailey

Offering (Tuesday): Sue Martin & Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

May 17: Attendance and Offering

Attendance: 48 (3 Zoom) • **Offering: \$2,222.00**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 28: Tim Kehm

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 25: Jenn & Wade Esbenshade

May 31: Craig & Kelsey Means

NEXT SUNDAY: May 31

Coffee/Greeters: Sue Martin & Shawn Cunningham

Song Leader: Jenn Esbenshade; **Worship Lead:** Bryan Hower

Sermon/Children: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Prayer:** Keith Miller

Sound: Wade Esbenshade; **Nursery:** Ruth Douglas Miller

Close: Tim Martin

Offering: Francy Bailey & Ruth Douglas Miller

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

Summer Stories: Over the summer, each Sunday someone from our congregation will share a story of “The Extraordinary in the Ordinary.” Monthly highlights include: Ray from the garden, Jen from the Early Learning Center, a “why I give of my time and/or money to this church,” and a “why I love this church” story. **Interested in sharing? Let Pastor Dawn know!**

Congratulations Danika & Seth! Seth Lantz and Danika Snader graduate from Garden Spot High School on **Friday, May 29.**

SATURDAY, May 30: Open House Graduation Celebration for Seth Lantz: All are invited to celebrate with Seth and his family at their house in honor of his graduation from Garden Spot High School. 4:00-8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, May 30: Party Time! 45th Birthdays and 20th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Michele & Mike Good: Drop-In between 4-7:30 p.m.: **RSVP** before May 23rd. Your presence is the only gift we want!

JUNE ELC Fundraiser: Your gifts will help provide classroom supplies, books, games, STEM tools, and student workspaces and seating at the brand-new school-age center at Trinity Lutheran Church. The first \$3,000 given will be matched through an Everence grant. Mark offering “ELC Fundraiser.”

THURSDAY, June 4: Men’s Dinner at Garden Spot Village Concord Room: Room is reserved from 5:30-8:00. Food is available to purchase until 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, June 5: Book Club: *How to Read a Book*, by Monica Wood. 7 p.m. at Bryan & Dawn’s house. *How to Read a Book* is an unsparingly honest and profoundly hopeful story about forgiveness, letting go of guilt, seizing second chances, and the power of books to change our lives.

SUNDAY, June 28: We’re closing the church doors! The doors of our church will stay locked—not because we’re not worshipping, but because we’re heading out to bless other congregations in the Atlantic Coast Conference with our cheerful presence! ***Can we visit all 24 ACC churches?*** Including places like Gettysburg, PA; Port Allegany, PA; Ocean City, MD; Frazer, PA; Hagerstown, MD; Cambridge, MA; Baltimore, MD—even New York City! Some of the farther trips will take a bit of planning (maybe even a weekend getaway), so start thinking now about where you might go. **SIGN UP** in the weekly email update and be part of this fun, connection-building experiment.

SUNDAY, July 5: Brunch (9:30 a.m.) & Table Church (10 a.m.) Swap stories from church visits. **SIGN UP** in weekly email update to participate and/or bring food to share.

Pastor: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Leadership Team:** Dawn Kaczor, Ruth Douglas Miller, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman
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SUMMER WORSHIP

The Extraordinary in the Ordinary *Discovering God in the Everyday*

For all the drama of Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, most of life is made up of ordinary days—and God is present in them all. God meets us as we grocery shop, pay bills, go to work or school, and spend time with family and friends. Yet we do not always notice.

Our summer worship series is an invitation to pay attention—to seek God in the rhythms of daily life, and to become more open to wonder, to grace, and to the possibility that something extraordinary is unfolding in the ordinary. Jesus often used ordinary things and everyday people in his parables to reveal deeper truths about God's kingdom, and these stories will help shape our worship throughout the summer.

Our days hold a quiet promise, if we have eyes to see.

May 31: Practicing Gratitude: Luke 17:15-16

Preacher: Dawn Ranck-Hower

June 7: The Eyes of Silwan: John 9: Preacher: Amy Yoder McGloughlin is the Conference Minister for Allegheny Mennonite Conference, and the Denominational Minister for Education with MCUSA. She's been travelling to Palestine yearly since 2013, leading delegations with Community Peacemaker Teams, Mennonite Men, and the Mennonite Palestine Israel Network. Amy's upcoming book, tentatively titled, *Storied Land*, looks at stories in scripture and compares them to current stories happening on those same pieces of land today. Her central question is "How can the story of Palestinians and their experiences on the land enhance the reading of our own sacred texts?"

June 14: Parables about Prayer: Luke 11:1-13 & 18:1-18

Preacher: Dawn Ranck-Hower

June 21: Early Learning Center: Parable: The Wise & Foolish Builders: Matthew 7:24-27, Led by Jen Morales, Kelsey Means, and the ELC School Age Students

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July 12: Parable about Weeds: Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43
Preacher: Ray Hurst, Sprouts for Peace Garden

July 19: Parable about Hospitality: Luke 14:1-14
Preacher: Dawn Ranck-Hower

July 26: CrossNet Ministries: Worship, Tour, and Service
Parable about an Invisible Person: Luke 16:19-31.

August Worship: Our Money Story

A 4-Week Worship Series from Sanctified Art

Money and possessions are among the most common topics in scripture, and Jesus spoke about money more than faith or prayer. This series invites us to reflect on and share our own money stories in light of God's story — a story rooted in liberation and justice. Together, we'll explore how our stewardship practices can more fully express who we are and what we believe.

August 2: Our Money Story: REMEMBER

Luke 22:1-23 / Exodus 16:1-18, Fellowship Meal

August 9: Our Money Story: RELEASE

Matthew 19:16-22 / Deuteronomy 15:1-11

August 16: Our Money Story: REIMAGINE

Mark 12:38-44 / Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12

August 23: Our Money Story: RESTORE

John 21:1-14 / Genesis 33:1-17

August 30: Children & Youth Worship: Parable about Sowing Seeds: Matthew 13:3-23, Led by Dawn Kaczor

September 6: Outdoor Worship: Season of Creation.
Picnic lunch followed by lawn games. Place TBD.