



# New Holland Mennonite Church

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

## Gathering & Praising God

*I Will Follow (VT 775)*

Jenn Esbenshade

Call to Worship & Prayer

Bryan Hower

*God of Justice (VT 772)*

## Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children

Ray Hurst

Scripture: John 21:1-25

Sermon: "I Am Going Fishing!"

Dawn Ranck-Hower

## Responding

*Will You Come and Follow Me (VT 540)*

Prayer of the People

Lois Zimmerman

Announcements

## Sending

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

Sending Blessing

**Coffee:** Ashly Escalante; **Greeter:** Francly Bailey

**Close:** Bryan Hower; **Sound:** Mike Good

**Nursery:** Ruth Douglas Miller

**Offering:** Brenda Hurst & Ruth Douglas Miller

### April 19: Attendance and Offering

**Attendance:** 40 (2 Zoom) • **Offering:** \$890.00

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**April 28:** Joan Brubaker; **April 29:** Lisa Kehm

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**April 28:** Mike Bortzel & Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

### NEXT SUNDAY: May 3

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

**Worship Lead:** Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel

**Song Leader/Prayer:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Sermon:** Nelson Okanya; **Children:** Steven Lantz

**Sound:** Bryan Hower; **Nursery:** Ray Hurst; **Close:** Mike Good

**Offering:** Mike Good & Keith Miller

### UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**SUNDAY, May 3: Fellowship Meal:** Bring a hot and/or cold dish to share and your own place settings. Hot dish should be in a slow cooker.

**My Coins Count:** New Holland Mennonite Church collected 2,577 coins and \$68 in bills for a total of \$222.88 for MCC's project this year.

**Schedules:** Joe Kehm's baseball and Grace Kehm's softball schedules are in the weekly update.

**SUNDAY, April 26: Band Concert:** 2 p.m. GSHS Auditorium. Joe Kehm, Hunter & Leah Leonard,

**WEDNESDAY, April 29: Second Grade Concert:** 7 p.m. New Holland Elementary. Grace Kehm & Maddie Leonard. A smaller venue so you may need to stand.

**SATURDAY, May 2: Lancaster County ICE Watch Training:** 1-3 p.m., Landisville Mennonite Church, 3320 Bowman Rd., Landisville, PA. In Minneapolis, mass participation in rapid response networks, legal observance, and mutual aid were key in defending the city during the ICE surge. This training will provide our community with the structure and knowledge to perform ICE watch now, and to scale up the efforts if the need arises. Link to register in weekly email.

**TUESDAY, May 5: Garden Spot Band and Orchestra Concert:** 7 p.m., GSHS Auditorium. Maggie Good in Band and Ellie Good in Orchestra,

**THURSDAY, May 7: 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.

**Tuesday May 12: Garden Spot Chorus Concert:** 7 p.m., GSHS Auditorium, Maggie is in a Middle School Ensemble of select choir singers!

**WEDNESDAY, May 20: Women'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.

**SUNDAY, May 24: 10 a.m. Celebrate Pentecost with "Wild Church" — then stay for a picnic, great conversation, lots of laughter, and so much more.** At Keith & Ruth's farm. Led by Gina Burkhart, pastor Landisville Mennonite Church. **Sign Up** to bring picnic items (in weekly update). **Wear colors of fire!** Wander the grounds, explore the pond, visit the animals (sheep, goats, horse, chickens, cats), and join in some spirited (but friendly!) lawn game competition. Bring lawn chairs, place settings, food, a water bottle, lawn games, bug spray (be aware of ticks and poison ivy). If venturing into pond, bring water shoes, if desired, and bring extra clothes. Life jackets are available. Bring old shoes for visiting critters in the pasture. Space for changing, as well as a cold shower, is available.

### What We Value

With Jesus as our center, we commit to  
including all people,  
strengthening our relationships (and)

**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

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## Money Talk & Ministry Priorities

**April 26 Intergenerational Sunday School Class**  
**A Quarter, 2 Dimes, and a Nickel for God:**  
*Sharing our stories of the offering plate  
and Sunday School collections*

In an increasing digital world in which we rarely keep cash in our wallets, how do we teach the next generation the importance and the blessing of giving cheerfully to God and our church's ministries?

### August Worship: Our Money Story

A 4-Week Worship Series from Sanctified Art  
Money and possessions are one of the most common topics in scripture, and Jesus talked about money more than faith and prayer. Our money story, therefore, is a spiritual story. This theme invites us to discover and tell our money stories in light of God's money story of liberation and justice. This series encourages us to transform our stewardship practices into more full expressions of who we are and what we believe.

### Summer 2026

The Leadership Team, with Colin Saxton, will reflect on the past year, revisit our core values, and prepare for a meaningful fall congregational conversation.

### Fall 2026

Together, we'll align our ministries, structure, staffing, and facility plans with who we are called to be and what we are called to do—here and beyond. A budget will be developed to support this shared vision and reflect our capacity as a congregation.

**Join in:** All members and regular attendees are encouraged to take part as we discern our future together.

***This is an exciting season in the life of our congregation—  
come be part of it.***