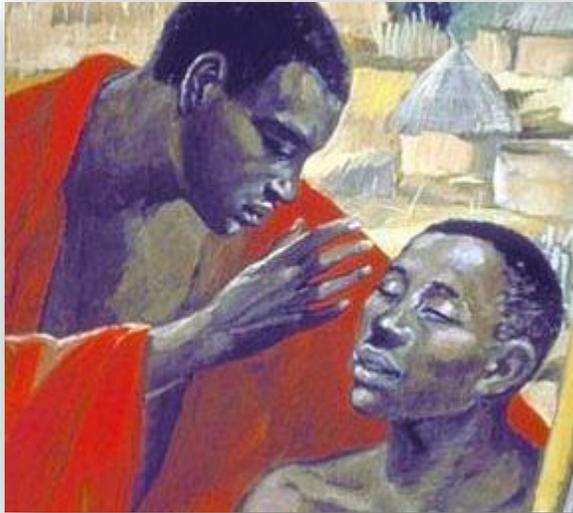


New Holland Mennonite Church

February 27, 2022 • Volume 67, No. 9
Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Zoom)



Gathering & Praising God

Oceans (VT 456)

Call to Worship / Prayer

Bryan Hower

Open My Eyes That I May See (VT 738)

Hearing God's Voice

Scripture: John 9:1-41

"The Life of Jesus" movie

Conversation with Children

Elsa Lantz

Sermon: "Mud in our Eyes?"

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord (VT 401)

Sharing and Announcements

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Prayer of the People & Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

Sending

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (VT 156)

Benediction

February 20

Attendance Total: 43 on Zoom • Church Offering: \$1,350.00

NEXT SUNDAY: March 6

Greeters: Francy Bailey & Bryan Hower

Worship Leader: Elsa Lantz; **Children:** Dawn Kaczor

Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower; **Prayer:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

Sound: Davin & Myla Esbenshade

Song Leader: Jenn Esbenshade; **Close:** Tim Martin

Count Offering: Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel & Sue Martin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 3: Ruth Carrasco & Rowan May; **March 5:** Tammy Snader

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday, 7 p.m. (in person)

Wednesday, March 16: Discussion in preparation for MC

USA Special Delegate Assembly, 7 p.m.

Church News

February Food Drive for CrossNet Food Pantry: Bring items to church on the **first Sunday of March**. Needs: canned corn, ketchup, crackers, pasta sauce, laundry detergent, paper towels, facial tissues, and **Single sized:** mac & cheese cups, snacks (pretzels, crackers, chips, popcorn, etc), Chef Boyardee cups. Contact Lois Zimmerman to have food picked up: 717/354-9129.

My Coins Count!!! Each year, spare change collected by churches, children and families add up to more than \$600,000 for Mennonite Central Committee's work around the world! This year your spare change benefits MCC's food initiatives. Bring your coins (or paper money or checks made out to MCC) to church **during the month of March**. The coin bucket will be in the back of the worship space.

Pastor: Dawn Ranck Hower; dawn.ranck@verizon.net; 1/215/237-1485

Leadership Team: Wade Esbenshade, Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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About Ash Wednesday through Easter

The origins of Lent were that one was to leave their old life behind to fast and prepare to be baptized into a new way of living. In essence, this was a practice of stepping away from corrupt power, scarcity mentality, and empty rituals in order to live a more expansive and full life of faith. And so, our Lenten theme, “Full to the Brim”, is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It’s an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God’s lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.

Ash Wednesday, March 2

Full to the Brim: With all that you are

As we begin our Lenten journey, we’re invited to come fully as we are. The prophet Joel proclaims, “return to God with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning” (Joel 2:12). Your brokenness, joy, gifts, and doubts all belong to God. God wants you, authentically. God wants you, stripped down and vulnerable. You are enough. Come as you are, with all that you are.

College Care Packages: As a way to remind our college students (Karina, Nyvani, Kylah) that they are not forgotten, consider writing a note and/or giving a small gift (snack food, cereal, pen, Post-It Notes, etc.) to each college student. A box for each of them will be in the lobby during the month of March.

Campership Donations: Consider giving a donation to make it possible for children (Grades 3-12) in our congregation to enjoy time at a Christian camp this summer. Give donations by **Sunday, April 24**. Mark “Campership” on offering envelope.

Campership Applications: Contact Pastor Dawn if you would like to apply for a camp scholarship for Summer 2022. Deadline to apply: **Sunday, March 28**. Camperships will be awarded by the end of May. Each child who receives a campership is asked to do 5 hours of community service with the church.

Community News

Ain’t Gonna Study War No More: An evening with Osheta Moore: Thursday, March 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Lancaster Mennonite School. Focusing on belovedness and our call as peacemakers, this evening will examine ways we’ve been formed to think of racial justice work as what we’re against when a better way is to think of what we are for: shalom and God’s dream of restoration. Free tickets available at tinyurl.com/y4fw578v

EMU Chamber Singers PA Tour: The Eastern Mennonite University Chamber Singers will be on tour in Pennsylvania in early March. You are invited to join for a 7 p.m. concert on **March 4**, Landisville Mennonite or **March 5** at Akron Mennonite.

Stewardship University: Saturday, March 5. Register: stewardshipuniversity.com or contact Lynette Morales, 717/394-0769, lynette.morales@everence.com.

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **March 8, 10 a.m.** Sharing Space...the Ridgeview/Branch story. Audrey Kanagy (Ridgeview Mennonite) and Dave Smucker (Branch Community) will share how God brought together a congregation who had space to share with those who needed space, and the fruitful relationship that has grown since 2018. A meal follows the program.