



# New Holland Mennonite Church

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February 3, 2019 • Volume 64, No. 5  
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

## Gathering

Preservice: *God of the Bible* (SJ 27) Praise Team  
Call to Worship Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower  
Scripture: Excerpts from Psalm 145  
Opening Prayer

## Praising God

*Revelation song*  
*How great is our God*  
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings  
Prayer of Commitment  
Offertory: *Lord of all good* (SJ 60)

## Hearing God's Word

Conversation with Children Lois Zimmerman  
(Ages 4 and under go to nursery)  
*Blest are they* (SJ 94)  
Reader's Theater: Luke 7:36-50 Bryan Hower, Sue & Tim Martin  
Sermon: "Costs of Living into Covenant Community"  
John Denlinger\*

## Responding

*Take my life* (WB 389)  
A Moment in the Neighborhood Principal Jeff Starr\*  
New Holland Elementary School  
Sharing and Announcements  
Congregational Prayer Brenda Martin Hurst

## Sending

*Seeds*  
Benediction

**Noon: Amish Turkey Dinner Youth Group Fundraiser at  
Ridgeview Mennonite Church**

*The peace lamp is lit as a reminder to pray to for the children in our congregation, the Early Learning Center, our community, and around the world.*

\* **John Denlinger** is married to Debbie. They have three married children, Jeremiah (Kristine), Jonalyn (Jon), Julie (Tyler) and five grandchildren. They attend Ridgeview Mennonite Church. John works at Lancaster Mennonite Schools with the Advancement Office and Church Relations and serves as Moderator of Atlantic Coast Conference. John is a graduate of Conestoga Valley, West Chester University, Ohio State University and Eastern Mennonite Seminary. John's hobbies include the out of doors, working around his house and riding motorcycle with his wife.

\* **Jeff Starr** was born in suburban Philadelphia. He has an undergraduate degree in Secondary Education, a Masters in Educational Administration, and a Doctorate to become a school Superintendent. Jeff has been a School Administrator for 15 years. He was the principal of the Garden Spot Middle School for 8 years and has recently been appointed to the New Holland Elementary School. Jeff is married to Kim. They have twin daughters Kaitlyn & Kristyn, age 25, daughter Abigail, age 11, and son Christopher, age 8. He enjoys basketball and boating.

**Coffee:** Ruth Carrasco; **Close:** Jim Bailey

**Greeters:** Brenda Martin Hurst & Sarah Sauder

**Praise Team:** Jenn Esbenshade, Bryan Hower, Jen Morales,  
Tammy Snader; **Sound:** Wade Esbenshade

**Usher:** Riley Snader; **Nursery:** Kyla Morales & Judy Nguyen

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**January 27: 47 • Offering: \$2,115.21**

## HEATING & COOLING BILLS & DONATIONS TO DATE

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

Total amount raised so far: \$50,156

**Total amount needing to be raised: \$1,559**

## GARDEN DONATIONS TO DATE

Total needed: \$6,000

Everence Grant: \$1,500 • Total amount raised so far: \$3,275

**Total amount needing to be raised: \$1,225**

**NEXT SUNDAY: February 10**

**Coffee/Close:** Sue & Tim Martin

**Worship Leader:** Dawn Kaczor

**Greeters:** Karina Morales & Dot Weaver

**Pianist/Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Praise Team:** Dawn Kaczor, Seth Lantz, Steven Lantz, Jen Morales

**Congregational Prayer:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Children's Time:** Bryan Hower; **Sound:** Wade Esbenshade

**Usher:** Anna Mae Weaver; **Nursery:** Evelyn Bailey & Sue Martin

**Upcoming Events**

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

**Feb 3** Youth Fundraiser: Amish Turkey Dinner at Ridgeview Mennonite, 12 p.m.

**Feb 9** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., Squireside Café

**Feb 10** Congregational Meeting during Sunday School  
Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Feb 13** Sewing Circle: 8 a.m.—noon

**Feb 15** Women's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at Yoder's Restaurant

**Feb 17** Sermon: Dawn Ranck Hower

**Feb 20** Youth activity at New Holland Mennonite

**Feb 24** Annual Membership Covenant Worship Service  
followed by a Fellowship Meal

**TODAY! Youth Group Fundraiser: Amish Turkey Dinner:**

The youth from New Holland and Ridgeview are partnering to raise funds for their trip to the Mennonite Convention (MennoCon19) this coming summer by hosting a Amish Turkey Dinner at Ridgeview on **Sunday, February 3**, 12 p.m.

**Congregational Meeting:** The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held during Sunday School on **February 10**, NOT after church. There will NOT be a Fellowship Meal that Sunday.

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

**Leadership Team Chair:** Wade Esbenshade

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

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

***First Annual Membership Sunday***

**February 24**

Regular attendees\* and church members are encouraged to attend this special worship service. Mekdes Anshebo, Brenda and Ray Hurst will be received as members. Anyone who has been received as a member in the past will renew their commitment during the service by signing the Membership Covenant. Communion will be observed. A Fellowship Meal will conclude the worship service.

Please let Pastor Dawn know if you want to sign the Covenant but are unable to be at worship on February 24. Persons who can no longer attend will be contacted by the Pastor or a Leadership Team member and can sign their names on the Covenant to continue as members.

**Membership Covenant**

- ◆ We believe in God, the creator; Jesus, the savior; and the Holy Spirit, the sustainer.
- ◆ We accept the Word of God as guide and authority for our lives.
- ◆ We affirm our faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ, our Lord, and to the gospel he proclaimed.
- ◆ We unite as a congregation and worship, serve, and share in its ministry.
- ◆ We will support this congregation with our earnest prayers, regular attendance, loyal service, and faithful stewardship as God gives us strength.
- ◆ We will live and share with the congregation in the bonds of Christian fellowship, giving and receiving love, sharing and bearing one another's joy and pain.

*\*Attendee's are persons who want to attend, participate, and call New Holland their spiritual home, yet do not wish to formally covenant or have not yet been baptized or transferred their membership from another congregation. Attendees' participation, wisdom, and insight are welcome in the congregational life.*

## Church News

**Year-end Reports:** Year-end contribution summaries were distributed last week to everyone who requested one. Any questions regarding the summaries should be directed to Nancy Hooper. If you did not receive a year-end contributions summary and would like to have one, please call or email Nancy.

**A Moment in the Neighborhood:** We have invited leaders from the New Holland community to share briefly with us answering three questions: What are the joys of New Holland? What are the challenges of New Holland? How can we pray for you?

- ♦ **Feb 10:** William Leighty, New Holland Chief of Police
- ♦ **Feb 17:** Amy Marburger, Food & Nutrition Manager
- ♦ **Mar 3:** Heather Smith, ELANCO Library Director

**Ash Wednesday Service:** New Holland Mennonite Church & Ridgeview Mennonite Church (at New Holland Mennonite Church), Wednesday, **March 6** 7 p.m., A service of confession, scripture, and hymns. "Yet even now, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing." — Joel 2:12-13

## Community News

**Bird House Show and Silent Auction: February 1-28**, Village Square Indoor Park, Garden Spot Village. Dozens of unique bird houses, quilted wall hangings and other handcrafted items with a bird theme. 717/355-6000.

**Art Reception:** Landis Homes Crossings Gallery, **February 5**, 6-8 p.m.. Featuring the work of a local couple, photographer and woodturner, Jim Bowman and potter, Lin Bowman, both attendees of Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster. Live music will be provided by Daryl Snider. The exhibit will continue to be on display through March 25, 2019. For more information, visit [www.landishomes.org](http://www.landishomes.org) or call 717-381-3550.

**Story Telling:** Donald Kraybill presents "'I Just Want a Red Convertible': Surprising Stories from 30 Years of Research and Publishing Amish Life" on **Thurs., February 7**, 7:00 p.m., in Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies. Kraybill is senior fellow emeritus at the Young Center and the author or coauthor of numerous books on Anabaptist groups. For more information, call 717-361-1470 or visit [www.etown.edu/youngctr/events](http://www.etown.edu/youngctr/events).

**Winter Bookfest:** Discover quality used books in categories such as children's books, fiction, and history. This sale at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society runs from 3 to 7 p.m. on **Thursday, February 14**; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on **Friday, February 15**; and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on **Saturday, February 16**.

**Why We Build:** Join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, **February 19**, for a roundtable discussion on Lancaster County's human-made spaces at East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church. Hear from a panel of designers, builders, and historians, moderated by Chad Martin of Partners for Sacred Places.

**Stewardship University:** On Saturday, **March 2, 2019**, Everence Lancaster will host Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. One of the workshops is about building family resilience—specifically, how relationships heal. Bekah Bowland and Sarah Kim, both from Bridge of Hope, will explore resilience, trauma and its causes, and the responses people may have to trauma. Single session fee: \$19, full day fee: \$39. Details: [everence.com/stewardship-university-2019](http://everence.com/stewardship-university-2019)

**An Evening with Brian McLaren: Saturday, April 27**; 7:00-8:15 p.m.; Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA. Join us for an evening with bestselling author, speaker, and public theologian Brian McLaren. A former college English teacher and pastor, he is a passionate advocate for what he calls "a new kind of Christianity"—just, generous, and working with people of all faiths for the common good. Information and tickets: [parishresourcecenter.org](http://parishresourcecenter.org); 717/299-1113.