



October 9, 2022 • Volume 67, No. 40  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School • 10:00 a.m. Worship

### Gathering & Praising God

*Here in This Place (VT 10)* Praise Team  
Call to Worship and Prayer Karina Morales  
*Brethren, We Have met to Worship (VT 25)*

### Hearing God's Voice

Sharing our Tithes and Offering Karina Morales  
Scripture: Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17 Karina Morales  
Conversation with Children Jen Morales  
Sermon: "Transformed from Slavery into the People of God"  
Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

### Responding

*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer (VT 34)*  
ELC Classroom: Butterflies Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower  
Sharing and Announcements Lois Zimmerman  
Prayer of the People

### Sending

*My Life Flows On (VT 605)*  
Benediction Karina Morales

**Coffee:** Evelyn Bailey; **Close:** Jim Bailey; **Sound:** Bryan Hower

**Greeters:** Francy Bailey & Karina Morales

**Praise Team:** Dawn Ranck-Hower; Keith Miller;

Ruth Douglas Miller, Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel, Jen Morales

**Gather & Count Offering:** Francy Bailey & Lois Zimmerman

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### October 2

**Attendance:** 43 (7 on zoom) • **Church Offering:** \$1,441.00

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**October 14:** Curvin & Lois Zimmerman

### NEXT SUNDAY: October 16

**Coffee:** Ray Hurst; **Close:** Mike Bortzel

**Greeters:** Mike, Michele, Ellie, Maggie Good

**Sound:** Davin & Kai Esbenshade; **Children's Time:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Worship Leader:** Steven Lantz; **Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade

**Congregational Prayer:** Brenda Martin Hurst

**Gather & Count Offering:** Sue Martin & Brenda Martin Hurst

### UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**October 12, Christian Nationalism Discussion,** 7-8:30 p.m.

**October 23, Fall Fun: Soup and Games,** 4 p.m.

**October 26, Christian Nationalism Discussion,** 7-8:30 p.m.

**November 6: Communion and Fellowship Meal**

**November 12: Men's Prayer Breakfast:** 7 a.m. Eli's Restaurant

## Church News

**Financial Update:** As of the end of September, the congregation has a deficit of \$9,057 for the year. End of September giving comparisons: 2021: \$83,562 / 2022: \$72,941.

**Fall Sunday School UPDATE:** 9 a.m.

**October 23, 30: Core Value Discussion,**

Adults and youth; led by Joanne Dietzel

**November 20: Congregational Meeting**

**December 25: No Sunday School**

**Other Sunday's during October, November, December:**

Adults: God's Plan for Freedom and Justice

**Crop Walk:** Akron Mennonite is inviting New Holland Mennonite Church to join them for the Crop Walk on **Sunday, October 16**, at 1:30 p.m. at New Holland Community Park. Contact Steven Lantz for more information.

**OCTOBER Fall Fun: Soup and Games: Sunday, October 23,** 4 p.m. Sign up to attend or bring soup, bread, etc. Invite friends! [www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AAAE23A6F49-october](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AAAE23A6F49-october) Bring food item you signed up for, place settings (including bowl for soup) lawn games, and lawn chairs. We will gather below the playground by the fire pit.

**What is Christian Nationalism? What is its influence in American social, cultural, and political life? As Christians, should we know about it?** If you are interested in this topic and want to know more about how a Christian Nationalist perspective impacts our knowledge about God and neighbor, then plan to participate in a series of Wednesday evening conversations this Fall. Steven Lantz will lead using materials from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary Assistant Professor, Drew Strait along with key passages from the book, *Taking America Back for God*, by Andrew Whitehead and Samuel Perry.

Mark your calendars to meet at church on Wednesday, **October 12, and October 26, 7:00-8:15 p.m.**

## Community News

**MCC PA Relief Sale Craft Stand:** A reminder to be creating for the annual sale to be held Friday and Saturday, **March 31 & April 1, 2023**, in the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, PA. We are seeking new quality items made from fabric, yarn, thread, wood, paper or your specialty medium, including fancy soaps, candles, etc. See bulletin board at church for details or contact Janet Runion Patton: 717-926-4008; [jcpatton99@gmail.com](mailto:jcpatton99@gmail.com)

**Alive with 55 & Up:** Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **October 11,** 10 a.m. Ernie & Lois Hess will share their story of walking the 500 mile Camino de Santiago trail across northern Spain. Thousands of pilgrims have walked it in memory of the Apostle James, who took the Gospel to Spain. A meal follows the program.

**Hmong Alliance Church Fall Food Festival Fundraiser:** Fun games and activities. Authentic Hmong/Asian cuisine and desserts for sale. **Saturday, October 15, 11 a.m.-5 p.m,**

**Underground Railroad Learning Tour, October 23, 2 p.m.** at Columbia Crossing River Trails Center, Additional information: [mennonitelife.org](http://mennonitelife.org)

**Alive with 55 & Up:** Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **November 8, 10 a.m.** East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church provides a free meal to the community every Monday evening. Greg Henning is the coordinator of this ministry and will explain the church's commitment and tell stories of hope and provision to those in need. A meal follows the program.

**Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster, Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m.** Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster). MCCL creates exceptional music that represents the diversity of the global church across time. They serve over 100 children and youth representing 45 congregations, 35 schools, and 10 denominations. Details: [www.highlandpc.org](http://www.highlandpc.org).

**Alive with 55 & Up:** Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **December 13, 10 a.m.** The Ukulele Band will lead us in a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long, followed by a delicious Christmas meal.

**Deux Voix, Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m.** Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster). Formed in 2014, Deux Voix ("two voices") has amassed a sterling reputation with national and international acclaim. In their mission to expand the world of trumpet and organ, Stephen Langham and Justin Distad are constantly adapting works from other genres and instrumentations. Details: [www.highlandpc.org](http://www.highlandpc.org).

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