

New Holland Mennonite Church

August 2, 2026 • Volume 71, No. 30
Fellowship: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



WEEK 1: REMEMBER

We begin our series by looking back at what our spoken and unspoken money stories have been and how those stories have impacted our practices of stewardship. In these texts, we remember God's steadfast relationship with us throughout time and trials. We remember that Judas betrayed Jesus in exchange for money but was still invited to the table. We remember that the Israelites complained in the wilderness but were met with manna. Even in stories of desperation and deep betrayal, we are gifted with God's provision—of the feast of enough, and the holy meal of remembrance.

Gathering & Praising God

What Is This Place (VT 22)

Call to Worship & Prayer

I Love to Tell the Story (VT 761)

"The Extraordinary in the Ordinary"

Dawn Ranck-Hower

Bryan Hower

Ray Hurst

Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children

Ray Hurst

Based on Luke 22:1-23

Scripture: Exodus 16:1-18

Homily: "REMEMBER"

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Silent Journal Reflections (*bulletin back*)

Responding

Eat This Bread (VT 476)

Communion

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (VT 752)

Prayer of the People

Ruth Douglas Miller

Announcements

Sending

As You Go Out from Here (VT 841)

Sending Blessing

Fellowship Meal

Liturgy by Rev. Sarah Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Coffee: Evelyn Bailey; **Greeter:** Jim Bailey

Sound: Jen Morales; **Nursery:** Lois Zimmerman; **Close:** Jim Bailey

Offering: Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel & Keith Miller

July 19: Attendance and Offering

Attendance: 47 (2 Zoom) • **Offering:** \$3,720.00

July 26: Attendance and Offering (at CrossNet)

Attendance: 36 • **Offering:** \$1,500.00

NEXT SUNDAY: August 9

Coffee/Greet: Pat Thomas

Song Leader: Dawn Kaczor; **Worship Lead:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

Extraordinary in the Ordinary Sharing & Children: Jen Morales

Sermon: Beryl Jantzi; **Congregational Prayer:** Steven Lantz

Sound: Bryan Hower; **Nursery:** Ray Hurst

Offering: Francy Bailey & Brenda Hurst; **Close:** Steven Lantz

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

EVERY TUESDAY, Sprouts for Peace Garden Work, 6 p.m.

Snacks for CrossNet Ministries: Sign up in weekly email update to provide a month of snacks (40-50 individually wrapped) for CrossNet Ministries sometime in the next year. Give snacks to Lois Zimmerman at the beginning of the month.

WEDNESDAY: Mike Good kidney transplant, 6 p.m. Please hold Mike, Michele, Ellie, and Maggie in your prayers as they prepare for the surgery and the weeks of healing that will follow. Pray that both Mike and the kidney donor remain healthy leading up to the transplant and that the surgery and recovery go smoothly for everyone involved.

THURSDAY, August 6: 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.

SUNDAY, August 9: Our Money Story: RELEASE

FRIDAY, August 14: Book Club: 7 p.m. at Pat's house. Francy leading discussion. Book: *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall. Come discover why our church book club is one of the most enjoyable groups around —good novels, engaging discussion, and more than a few laughs.

SUNDAY, August 16: Our Money Story: REIMAGINE

THURSDAY, August 19: 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, August 23: Our Money Story: RESTORE

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

SUNDAY, September 6: Outdoor Worship: Season of Creation. Worship held at Esbenshade Farm. Picnic lunch followed by lawn games. Sign up in weekly email.

WEDNESDAY, September 30: "God's Love Knows No Borders" Float in New Holland Parade. Walk the parade with others from church! Sign up in weekly email.

Journal Prompts

In your own life, when have you felt like the Israelites, wandering and doubting you would have enough?

How do you discern what is enough?

What does enough money, food, time, and resources look like for you?

Identify a time in your life that felt like receiving manna — perhaps this was an unexpected financial gift, nourishing time spent with those you love, or a beautiful meal shared with family. What did it feel like to receive this? How do manna moments like this impact your faith and your stewardship practice?

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Artist Statement



RE-MEMBER ME

By Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Inspired by Luke 22:1-23
Digital Painting

Peter and John go to prepare the Passover meal in the home of a generous stranger. Meanwhile, Judas satiates the desires of the chief priests and legal experts by cutting a deal with them. Many of us quickly condemn Judas' betrayal as cowardly and weak. But we are privileged to know the end of this story, which makes judgment more enticing than empathy.

Judas did not know exactly how this narrative would play out. He knew what Jesus had told them about their fate, painting a vision of doom and terror: the temple demolished, nations at war, food shortages, epidemics, harassment and torture from the authorities, betrayal by loved ones, hatred from strangers, possible execution by the state (Luke 21:5-19). With the chief priests on the hunt and Jesus' disruptive death on the horizon, things were escalating quickly. Judas had to act fast.

In the face of so much uncertainty and fear for the future, how might you behave? Judas wants the nightmare to end. He wants security, assurance, quick relief. He wants to go back to how things used to be. And so, evil enters into Judas' story like ink spilled across the page.

But Jesus doesn't let Judas' story end here. Instead, he welcomes him to the table—a table where fear and doubt and difference have a place too. He offers him a meal where brokenness just makes more to pass around. He pours into a common cup that promises a new way forward.

Scarcity and fear and conflict will always threaten to dismember our story. But can we remember that God has a greater story to tell—a story that re-members us and makes us whole?

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ENOUGH

By Hannah Garrity
Inspired by Exodus 16:1-18
Digital Painting

We have enough... I have been contemplating this phrase for the last two years. We recently moved. In the process, we downsized. How could so many things that I remembered paying money for now become so irrelevant that I would choose to put them in the trash? My Honda Accord had to hold our

bags, the inflatable bed, the two children, and me. Sitting on my front stoop, I slowly realized that I had to send everything else to the dump. I had two hours.

1-800-GOT-JUNK was scheduled out for days, so was College Hunks Moving Junk. Glen from Stevens City was available. For \$50/load, he would take everything left in the house in the back of his blue pickup. Four loads. I had always contributed one trash can per week to the landfill. This was different. It was jarring. I began to feel lighter, but heavier at the same time. Why had I purchased all of these things? Enough is better than more, more, more.

In this painting, I have overlaid my empty hand with sets of circles. The guilloché-style patterning is used by treasuries all over the world to secure paper currency by making it too intricate to counterfeit. Here, guilloché circles represent my deeply personal relationship with the money that supports our lives. Some money falls past my hand, some into my hand. Moses advises the people: take only what you need, one omer each. In this piece, the idea of enough money is layered with the idea of enough sustenance through manna. The manna is portrayed by another set of circles, reminiscent of the wafers that are used in some traditions as Communion bread. Enough. Thank you, God, for providing enough, that I would take what I need.