



# New Holland Mennonite Church

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

## ***“Promote the Welfare of the City”***

*(Jeremiah 29:7)*

### **Gathering & Praising God**

*Christ Is Alive, and Goes Before Us (VT 565)* Jenn Esbenshade

Welcome & Prayer Bryan Hower

**Litany of Celebration** Leadership Team

Wade: Today we celebrate!

**All: We celebrate the chance to worship together  
and to continue as members and active  
participants of New Holland Mennonite Church.**

Ruth: We celebrate those who came before us — those  
who, in 1923 became known in the community as  
New Holland Mennonite Church.

Dawn: We celebrate the people who settled in the  
town of New Holland — who built houses, opened  
businesses, planted gardens, and started  
ministries through revival meetings, Sunday  
School, and sewing circle. They sought the  
wellbeing of the town of New Holland.

Wade: We remember those who first constructed a  
building and celebrated with the words from  
Genesis 12:8, *“And there Abram built an altar unto  
the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord.”*

Ruth: We give thanks for the men and women who, on  
November 18, 1923, voted unanimously to  
form a congregation and who, through the years,  
kept worshipping with singing and preaching,  
offering hospitality to those in need, and joining  
God’s mission both here at home and around the  
world.

Dawn: And we celebrate those who are a part of New  
Holland Mennonite Church today—still worshipping,  
singing, praying, and seeking the wellbeing of our  
town.

Wade: Today we celebrate!

**All: Come, let us worship together!**

*When We Walk with the Lord (VT 570)*

### **Hearing God’s Voice**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-5; 6-7; 11 Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Why did we come to ELANCO and stay?

How are we making our neighborhood better?

Gathering of Support Potluck

Jen Morales

CrossNet Food Pantry

Brenda Hurst

Early Learning Center

Lisa Kehm

Sprouts for Peace Garden

Ray Hurst

What is our hope?

Congregation

*Seek the Peace of the City (VT 206)*

### **We Covenant and Commune Together**

Covenant Signing by Church Members

Communion

*I Come With Joy (VT 478)*

### **Connected we go ...**

Congregational Prayer & Sharing

Dawn Kaczor

Announcements

*How Can We Be Silent (VT 790)*

Benediction

### **Everyone is invited to stay for a meal following worship.**

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

**Sound:** Wade Esbenshade

**Offering:** Tammy Snader & Lois Zimmerman

### **November 16: Attendance and Offering**

**Attendance: 34** (1 on Zoom) • **Offering: \$1,240.00**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**November 26:** Marilyn Miller; **November 27:** Mike Good

### **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:** These are people 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 congregational life.

\* **Covenant Members:** These are people who want to make a formal commitment to the community of faith. Covenant members attend regularly, participate in and vote on congregational decisions, and take leadership in the congregation. Covenant members annually sign the Membership Covenant Agreement.

## NEXT SUNDAY: November 30 (Advent 1)

**Coffee/Greeter:** Pat Thomas; **Worship Leader:** Sue Martin  
**Sermon/Song Leader:** Matt Carlson (Pulpit Swap with Akron Mennonite); **Prayer:** Jen Morales; **Sound:** Tammy Snader  
**Children:** Dawn Kaczor; **Nursery:** Ruth Douglas Miller  
**Offering:** Ruth Douglas Miller & Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel

### UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**2025 Financial Update:** As of November 23, New Holland Mennonite Church has a **\$12,206 deficit** for the year.

**Leadership Team Affirmation:** There was strong affirmation for adding a fourth elder to the Leadership Team. Steven Lantz has been unanimously affirmed for a three-year-term as Elder of Administration and Lois Zimmerman has been unanimously affirmed for a three-year-term as Elder of Worship. Thank you to each person who voted and to Steven and Lois for their willingness to serve.

**SATURDAY, November 29: Christmas On Main:** Enjoy a variety of activities, food vendors, free refreshments, music, and more! All events and activities are free and open to the public.

**WEDNESDAY, December 17: Book Club:** *Midnight Library* by Matt Haig, 6:30 p.m. at Palermo's. Discussion led by Jenn. (NOTE: New date, time, and place.)

**THURSDAY, December 11: Gathering of Support POTLUCK:** A safe place to connect in the midst of current chaos: 6 p.m., at the church. Bring a dish to share and join in conversation to find mutual support and build friendships in local community. (Beverages and place settings provided). This gathering will continue on every second Thursday of the month. Invite friends!

**SATURDAY, December 13: Singing Light: The Walking Roots Band Christmas Concert,** 6:30 p.m. at Stumptown Mennonite Church. A wonderful evening of music, community, and supporting the Pennsylvania Relief Sale's Annual Christmas Concert.

**Pastor:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Leadership Team:** Wade Esbenshade, Dawn Kaczor, Ruth Douglas Miller  
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