

September 8, 2019 • Volume 64, No. 36 Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Snakes & Ladders: Gluttony / Temperance

A worshipful study of the "seven deadly sins" and "seven holy virtues" (August 11 through September 22)

Gathering

Preservice: *Blest are they (SJ 94)*

Praise Team

Call to Worship

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Prayer

Wonderful grace of Jesus (WB 150)

Praise Team

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (WB 37)

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Myla Esbenshade

Disoriented Love

(Anyone who wishes may color at the tables. Ages 4 and under dismissed to the nursery.)

About the theme / Two wolves: a parable *Cuando el pobre (When the poor ones) (SJ 69)*

Scripture reading: Ecclesiastes 6:7-9, Philippians 3:17-21

Shirley King

Homily 1: "Gluttony: Disoriented Love"

Nelson Okanya*

Prayer of Confession Words of Assurance

Oriented Toward God's Love

"The Love of God" (SJ 44)

A Spiritual Practice (for children and adults)

Newly Oriented Love for Discipleship

Scripture readings: Psalm 119:9-16, Isaiah 58:6-12,

Luke 16:19-25 Bob Martin

Homily 2: "Temperance: Newly Oriented Love for Discipleship"

Nelson Okanya*

Congregational sharing

Congregational prayer

Steven Lantz

The Lord lift you up (SJ 73)

Sending blessing

Coffee/Close: Evelyn & Jim Bailey; Usher: Evelyn Bailey

Greeters: Jim Bailey & Karina Morales **Song Leader/Pianist:** Jenn Esbenshade

Praise Team: Bryan Hower, Jen Morales, Danika & Tammy Snader

Sound: Davin Esbenshade

Nursery: Ruth Carrasco (Karina Morales)

* Nelson Okanya is a former pastor and former Eastern Mennonite Mission president. He is currently in transition and working on a Doctorate at Fuller seminary. Nelson is married to Carmen Horst Okanya (pastor at James Street Mennonite) and father to Barak (12 years) and Izak (10 years).

Upcoming Events

(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)

- **Sept 8** Sunday School Picnic, 4:30 p.m.
- Sept 14 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 a.m. Squireside Café
- **Sept 15** Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower Youth Group Kickoff: 6-8:00 p.m. NHMC host.
- **Sept 20** Women's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Yoder's Restaurant
- Sept 22 Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
- **Sept 25** Youth Group Bible Study at Ridgeview Mennonite
- Sept 29 Sermon: Ervin Miller
- Oct 6 Worship at Spanish Mennonite, **10:30 a.m.**No Sunday School
- **Oct 16** Youth Group: Oregon Dairy Corn Maze, 6 p.m.
- Oct 23 Youth Group Bible Study at Ridgeview Mennonite
- Oct 26 Atlantic Coast Conference Annual Assembly,
- Oct 27 At CrossNet Ministries: 9 a.m. tour, 10:00 worship

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

September 1: 41 • Offering: \$960.00 **ELC Capital Campaign:** \$350.00

NEXT SUNDAY: September 15

Coffee/Greeters/Close: Sue & Tim Martin
Worship Leader: Karina Morales; Usher: Riley Snader
Song Leader: Charles Longenecker; Pianist: Ruth Carrasco
Congregational Prayer: Lois Zimmerman
Children's Time: Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower
Sound: Bryan Hower; Nursery: Judy Nguyen (Tammy Snader)

Church News

ELC Capital Campaign Fundraiser: The Leadership Team is asking church members to prayerfully consider giving to the Capital Campaign during the month of September. Up to a \$1,500 matching grant is available from Everence. Make checks payable to New Holland Mennonite Church, mark "ELC Capital Campaign" in the memo line, and place in the offering during the month of September. (Monies donated to the ELC at other times should be given directly to the ELC, not given through the church).

Church Picnic: TODAY: 4:30 p.m. to dusk (Meal at 5:30 p.m.) Held at the church. Bring lawn chairs, games, a hot and/or cold dish to share, and your own place settings. Drinks provided.

Prayer Concern: Continue to hold CrossNet Ministries PATH-WAYS TO HOUSING program in your prayers as decisions are made about our church partnering with them in this program.

5K Walk/Run: Join "Team Wanda" in supporting CrossNet Ministries PATHWAY TO HOUSING program. Saturday, **September 28,** 8 a.m. at Lloyd H. Roland Memorial Park, Akron, PA. Cost \$25 (includes t-shirt, race, and breakfast sandwich). Deadline September 10. (There is a \$30 late registration fee after September 10). To register: https://www.shady-maple.com/smorgasbord/5k-walk-run. "**Team Wanda**": A group of ELC staff, patrons, and church members are joining together to form "Team Wanda." T-shirts can be purchased from Jen Morales (\$20 each, \$10 goes to the ELC). Deadline for T-shirt order is **Sunday, September 15**.

Grant from Everence: Our church received a \$115 grant from Everence to assist with expenses connected with training volunteers for our Safe Church policy.

World Communion Sunday: Worship with New Holland Spanish Mennonite Church & New Holland Mennonite Church on **October 6**, **10:30 a.m.** Service at New Holland Spanish Mennonite Church. Bring a hot and cold dish for the fellowship meal.

ELC Teacher Appreciation: A veggie distribution is planned for the ELC teachers on **October 14**. Bob Weaver will be collecting items from area roadside stand owners. Monies to help to cover costs can be given though the weekly offering. Clearly mark offering envelope with "ELC Veggie Distribution." Contact Bob if you are available to help with distribution.

2019 ACC Nickels for Neighbors: Bring your coins to church on October 13 and 20. Children will collect coins for the Training Station Preschool in Ocean City, Maryland. The preschool was established in 1984 as an outreach of CrossWay Church. The playground used by the preschool must be removed to allow access to plumbing updates needed underneath the equipment. After the work is complete, the playground will be reconstructed and revamped.

Worship at CrossNet Ministries: Our church has related to CrossNet Ministries for years, yet most of us have never been there. On Sunday, **October 27** we will gather at CrossNet (123 W Franklin Street) at 9:00 a.m. for a tour and introduction to the various programs they offer. At 10:00 a.m. we will gather for our worship service in the youth center.

Baptism/Membership: Contact Pastor Dawn if you are interested in being baptized or become a member at New Holland Mennonite Church during our Annual Covenant Sunday on **November 24.**

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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Atlantic Coast Conference Annual Assembly: Saturday, **October 26.** 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. For delegates and others. A day of learning, singing, and being together as the Church. The morning will include worship, delegate business, congregational storytelling, and singing and sharing with Bradley Kauffman from the new hymnal, *Voices Together* The afternoon will feature workshops on a variety of topics intended to equip individuals for discipleship and ministry. For more information or to register: atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly.

Pray for the MC USA Executive Board as they meet Sept. 5-7 in Dallas, Texas.

Worship Series: August 11 through September 22: Snakes & Ladders: A worshipful study of the "seven deadly sins" and "seven holy virtues." During these weeks the congregation is introduced to a "deadly sin" and are asked to reflect on how this sin is present in their lives. After a time of reflection, confession, and prayer, congregations reflect on the contrasting holy virtue and imagine ways to practice it in their lives.

August 11 — Sin: Pride / Virtue: Humility
August 18 — Sin: Envy / Virtue: Contentment
August 25 — Sin: Greed / Virtue: Generosity
September 1 — Sin: Lust / Virtue: Chastity

September 8 — Sin: Gluttony / Virtue: Temperance

September 15 — Sin: Sloth / Virtue: Joy **September 22** — Sin: Wrath / Virtue: Love

Community News

Annual Storytelling Night: Hear life stories from Keith Weaver and Linda Gehman Peachey at 7 p.m. on Monday, **September 9**, at Stumptown Mennonite Church.

Tuesday Alive with 55 & Up: September 10, 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Instrumental music by the Beiler's of Beiler Paving, Alvin and son Andy.

Fairmount Benefit Auction & Barbecue: Saturday, **September 14.** A schedule of events can be found at FairmountHomes.org.

Landis Homes Fellowship Day: Saturday, **September 14:** A schedule of events can be found at LandisHomes.org.

Youth Group Kickoff: New Holland Mennonite Church, **September 15**, 6-8:30 p.m.

MC USA Faith Formation fall webinar series: Putting People on the Ballot: Anabaptism and American Politics. The first session, Foundations: Setting Our Theological Bearings, will take place on Tuesday, September 17. Sign up and find more information at thegatheringplace.us.

Welsh Mountain Home Fall Benefit Banquet: September 18, 6:15 p.m., Yoder's Country Restaurant, A free will offering will be received to provide for residents whose income falls short of what is needed for care. Musical entertainment by the Daryl Weaver Family. Reservations: Melody Jacobs 717/355-9522, Ext. 102 or mjacobs@welshmountainhome.org.

Art Reception: Crossings Gallery, Landis Homes, **September 19**, 6-8 p.m. Featuring Frank Morone, who uses oil paints to reflect the beauty of the natural world that surrounds him. On display through October. Information: <u>landishomes.org</u>, 717-381-3550.

Hearth Cooking: Learn colonial cooking techniques, making food on an open hearth on Saturday, **September 21**, from 10am to 12pm. Class will take place in the *Küche* (kitchen) of the Herr House. Cost for the class is \$35. Register at hansherr.org or call (717) 464-4438.

Community-Focused Architecture: Uniquely designed for community, has Mennonite Central Committee's Welcoming Place delivered on its promise? Explore the space and engage with a panel reflecting on its first 18 years at 6:30 p.m on Tuesday, **September 24** at 21 South 12th Street, Akron.

Plain Meetinghouses Learning Tour: On Saturday, **September 28** from 8am to 4pm, visit meeting-houses belonging to Weaverland, Groffdale, and Lancaster Conference Mennonites. Tour led by Beth Oberholtzer and Lloyd Weiler. (Repeat of May 18 Tour). Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society—2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster. Tour cost \$95 for non-members, \$80 for members. Register at lmhs.org or call (717) 393-9745.