



New Holland Mennonite Church

December 25, 2016 • Volume 61 No. 52
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Jesus is born! **Come, walk in the way of God's heart.**

Advent 4 Reading: Based on Psalm 148

Call to Worship (*back of bulletin*)

Sung Prayer: *Come, Light of the world*
Come, Spirit of God
Come, Prince of Peace

The Christmas Story: Luke 2:1-20

O little town of Bethlehem (WB 191)
Away in a manger (WB 194)
Angels we have heard on high (WB 197)
Joy to the World (WB 318)

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Silent Night* (WB 193)

Sharing and Announcements

Prayers of the People

O come, all ye faithful (WB 212)

Benediction

Worship Leader: Pastor Dawn Ranck Hower

Song Leader: Jenn Esbenshade

Sound: Bryan Hower;

Greeters: Bob & Anna Mae Weaver

Usher: Evelyn Bailey; **Closing:** Jim Bailey

NEXT SUNDAY - January 1, 2016

Coffee: Lois Zimmerman

Worship Leader: Karina Morales

Song Leader: Bryan Hower

Sound: Judy Nguyen

Greeters: Marge Ernst & Sarah Sauder

Nursery: Anna Mae Weaver & Tammy Snader

Usher: Kylah Morales

Closing: Lois Zimmerman

LAST SUNDAY - December 18, 2016

Attendance: 49

UPCOMING EVENTS

(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)

Dec 29 MCC Workday, noon to 7 p.m.

Dec 30 Church Cleaning, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jan 1 New Year's Day Worship Service, No Sunday School

Jan 4 Early Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m.
Senior Youth at Groffdale Mennonite 7:00 p.m.

Jan 10 Leadership Team Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Jan 11 Early Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m.
Sewing Circle 8:00 a.m.

Jan 14 Men's Prayer Breakfast, Squireside Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.

Jan 18 Early Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m.
Junior Youth Bowling with Ridgeview Mennonite,
7:00 p.m.

Senior Youth at Groffdale Mennonite 7:00 p.m.

Jan 20 Women's Lunch, 11:30 a.m. Yoder's Restaurant

Jan 25 Early Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m.

Church News and Information

Financial Update: We continue to run a \$5,000 deficit for our current fiscal year which ends on Saturday, December 31. Please consider this need in your year end financial giving.

Church Update: Our church secretary, Judy Nguyen, began a full time job at Goodville Mutual this past Monday. Congratulations Judy! We are not planning to hire another secretary at this time in order to help to balance the 2017 budget. Pastor Dawn will pick up some of the secretarial work and some things, like the monthly calendar, will be discontinued. We appreciate your patience in this time of transition. The Leadership Team

MCC Work Day at New Holland Mennonite Church:

December 29, 12:00-7:00 p.m. For young and older alike! Come for the whole time or drop in for a few hours to help. Snacks and drinks provided.

Church Cleaning: December 30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The church building is in need of a deep and thorough cleaning. Bring your rubber gloves and join in the fun. Contact Lois Zimmerman with questions or to sign up.

New Year's Worship: January 1, 10 a.m. Come prepared to enter into the story of two refugees: Mary, mother of Jesus and Delphin, a recent refugee from the Congo. We **will** be serving a pork and sauerkraut lunch after church. (Food provided. Financial donations welcome.) (No Sunday School).

Calendar: Did you know you can access the church calendar online at www.newhollandmc.org/calendar? You can also link the church calendar to your personal google calendar.

Junior Youth Bowling: (With Ridgeview Mennonite Church) Dutch Lanes, Wednesday, **January 18**. Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$2, plus money for snacks. RSVP to Dawn by January 15.

Wednesday Evenings on the Ridge: Junior Youth/Youth and Families at Ridgeview Mennonite Church. January 31 through March 8. Dinner: 6-7:00 p.m. Clubs: 7-8:00 p.m.

Community News and Information

Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views

Racism: Drew Hart, **January 8, 3 p.m.** at Ridgeview Mennonite Church.

Save the Date: MWC Global Songfest: Saturday, **January 21, 2017, 7:00 p.m.** Akron Mennonite Church (1311 Diamond Street, Akron, PA). Singing will focus on international music (including songs from MWC Assembly).

Upcoming Event: *New York Times* bestselling author and Peabody-award winning Krista Tippett, will speak on Saturday, **March 4, 7 p.m.** at an event hosted by the Parish Resource Center. The event will be held at Lancaster Mennonite School's Fine Arts Center. Each ticket includes a free copy of Tippett's latest book, *Becoming Wise*. For information and tickets: www.parishresourcecenter.org or call 717/299-1113.

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Leadership Team Chair: Robert A. Martin

Elders: Ruth Carrasco, Wade Esbenshade, Robert A. Martin

Church Secretary: Judy Nguyen; nhmc@frontiernet.net

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A nursery is available for children ages 4 and younger.