New Holland Mennonite Church

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

God's peace is at hand.
Come, walk in the way of God's heart.

Gathering

Pre-service — Jenn Esbenshade
Call to Worship (back of bulletin) — Wanda Coleman
Prayer: *Come, Light of the world (SS 3)* — Praise Team

Praising

Advent 1 Reading: Based on Psalm 122
He came down (SJ 31)
Comfort, comfort, O my people (WB 176)
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory — Evan Morales

Confessing/Reconciling

Prayer of Confession (back of bulletin)
Words of Assurance (back of bulletin)
Alleluia! (SS 17)

Hearing God's Word

Conversation with Children — Jen Morales
Peace before us (SS 16) (verses 1,2,3)
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
New Testament Reading: Matthew 24:36-44
Sermon "Live with Expectation" — Pastor Dawn Ranck Hower

Responding

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (WB 178)
Sharing and Announcements
Prayers of the People — Bob A. Martin

Sending

Peace before us (SS 16) (verses 4,5,6)
Benediction *(back of bulletin)*

Praise Team: Wanda Coleman, Bryan Hower, Dawn Ranck Hower, Tammy Snader
Sound: Judy Nguyen
Greeters: Curvin & Lois Zimmerman
Nursery: Peg Jackson & Anna Mae Weaver
Usher: Evelyn Bailey; **Closing**: Jim Bailey

LAST SUNDAY - November 20, 2016
Attendance: 47

NEXT SUNDAY - December 4, 2016
Coffee House: Lois Zimmerman
Worship Leader: Bob A. Martin
Song Leader: Bob Weaver
Sound: Judy Nguyen
Greeters: Marge Ernst & Peg Jackson
Nursery: Kylah Morales & Tammy Snader
Usher: Kylah Morales; **Closing**: Lois Zimmerman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 30 Early Morning Prayer, 6:30 a.m.
Dec 4 Fellowship Meal
Dec 7 Early Morning Prayer, 6:30 a.m.
Junior/Senior Youth at Groffdale Mennonite 7:00 p.m.
Dec 10 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 a.m, Squireside Café
Dec 11 ELC Christmas Program; 10:30 a.m., No Sunday School
Dec 14 Early Morning Prayer, 6:30 a.m.
Sewing Circle, 8:00 a.m.
Dec 16 Women's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Yoder's Restaurant
Dec 21 Early Morning Prayer, 6:30 a.m.
Junior/Senior Youth at Groffdale Mennonite 7:00 p.m.
Dec 25 Christmas Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., No Sunday School
Dec 29 MCC Workday, noon to 7 p.m.
Jan 1 New Year's Day Worship Service, No Sunday School

Church News and Information

An Update: Joanne Dietzel was ordained for her ministry as a Conference Minister with Atlantic Coast Mennonite Conference on Sunday, November 20.

Financial update: Our yearly income through the middle of November is slightly below what we projected in the annual budget. Although we've been able to reduce expenses in some areas, we are currently running a deficit of around $6,000.

Early Learning Center Christmas Program: Volunteers (of all ages) are needed to help to host the ELC Christmas program on **December 11.** Don't forget to sign up today on the sheets in the lobby. Donations can be put into your offering envelop and labeled for ELC Christmas Program. (No Sunday School)

Offering Update: The offering on **December 11** will be given to the ministry of the Early Learning Center.

Christmas Brunch and Worship: December 25, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Enjoy breakfast together around tables, sing Christmas carols, and hear, once again, the story of God entering this world as a newborn! (Food provided. Donations welcome). Return form that was in your mailbox by December 11. (No Sunday School).

MCC Work Day: 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 to knot comforters, quilt, chat with friends. 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.

New Year's Worship: January 1. 10 a.m. We are considering preparing a pork and sauerkraut lunch that day. Please return the form that was in your mailbox so we know whether or not there is enough interest. (No Sunday School).

Community News and Information

Drug Epidemic Presentation and Expo: Wednesday, **December 7,** 6 p.m. Garden Spot High School Auditorium. Valuable information for concerned citizens, parents, businesses, and members of the community. Visit repzimmerman.com for more info.

130-voice Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster: Neffsville Mennonite Church, Thursday, **December 1**, 7 p.m.; Saturday, **December 3,** First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, 4 p.m.; and Sunday, **December 4**, Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster. 4 p.m. Tickets are not required, but a freewill offering will be received.

Voices of Hope: The Holiday Music Festival at the historic downtown Lancaster Trust Building on Sunday, **December 4,** 7 p.m. will include *Voices of Hope* co-founders, Madeline Bender and Timothy Long, joined by friends from the opera world, Gordon Gietz, Paul Whelan and Alison Trainer–performing popular holiday favorites! *Voices of Hope* concerts raise money for Mennonite Central Committee's Global Family Program, which provides life-changing education to children and young adults worldwide. Light refreshments at 6:00 pm. Limited tickets available. Information: VoicesOfHopeOpera.org, 717/926-3107.

Lectio Devinia Retreat: Kairos School of Spiritual Formation is offering a Lectio Divina Retreat **January 6-8,** or Saturday, **January 7** only. The retreat invites participants into a way of listening for God through multiple readings of Scripture with intentional space for silence. It is designed for rest and renewal of the whole person. Information: www.kairosjourney.org/lectio-divina

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