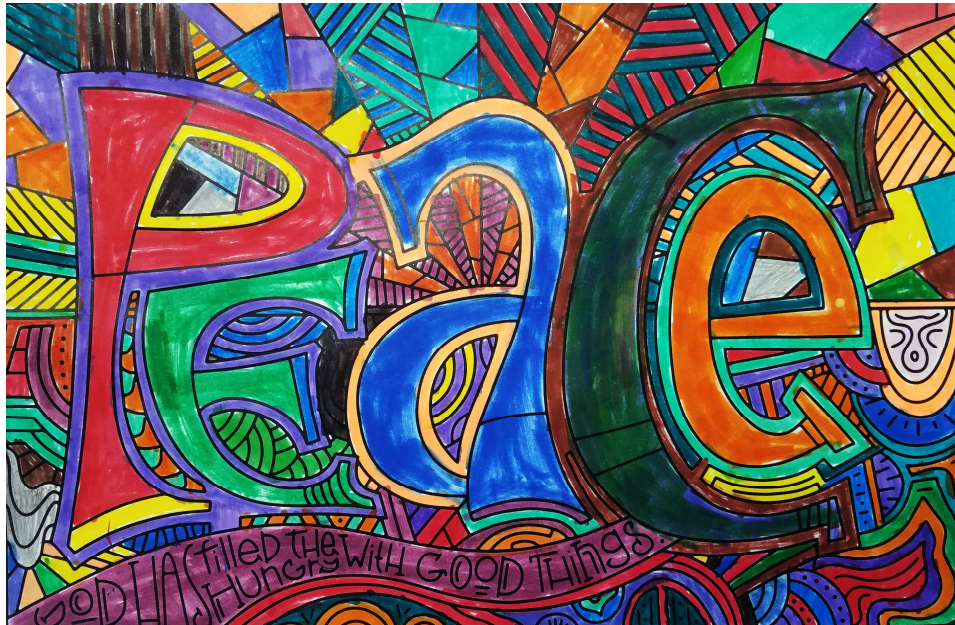


New Holland Mennonite Church

December 2, 2018 • Volume 63, No. 48
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

The Lord is Our Righteousness



Artwork colored by Seth Lantz

Proclaiming

Focus statement

On this second Sunday of Advent
we listen with open hearts to the one who proclaims
God's goodness embodied in the Messiah.

By listening, we learn what we can do
to prepare ourselves to live in right relationships
as embodied in Jesus' life and message.

Gathering

Preservice: *Open the eyes of my heart*

Praise Team

Call to Worship

Sue Martin

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord,
for things are about to change.

**People: Every valley shall be filled in
and every mountain made low.**

Leader: As we await the coming of the Messiah, we are
called to prepare our hearts for his coming.

**People: We are called to turn around, repent,
and allow God to renew us
and work within us.**

All: Then we will see the salvation of our God!

Opening Prayer

Praising God

Bless'd be the God of Israel (WB 174)

As the pauper waits for plenty (SS 9)

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Lord of all good (SJ 60)*

Hearing God's Word

Conversation with Children

Jenn Esbenshade

(Ages 4 and under go to nursery)

Comfort, comfort, O my people (WB 176)

Scripture: Luke 3:1-14

Sermon: "What should we do?"

Klaudia Smucker*

(Anyone who wishes may color at the tables during the sermon.)

Responding

How can we be silent (SJ 61)

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Steven Lantz

Sending

Go now in [peace] (WB 429)

Benediction

*Klaudia Smucker is a part-time chaplain at The Mennonite Home on Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster. She has two adult daughters, a 3-year-old grandson, a 12-year-old Goldendoodle, and a husband named Bob with whom she likes to go camping and hiking.

Coffee/Close: Lois Zimmerman; **Worship Leader:** Sue Martin
Greeters: Sarah Sauder & Curvin Zimmerman
Song Leader/Pianist: Jenn Esbenshade
Praise Team: Dawn Kaczor, Seth Lantz, Steven Lantz, Jen Morales
Congregational Prayer: Steven Lantz
Children's Time: Jenn Esbenshade; **Sound:** Judy Nguyen
Usher: Kylah Morales, **Nursery:** Ruth Carrasco & Karina Morales

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

November 25: 42 • **Offering:** \$2,803

HEATING & COOLING BILLS & DONATIONS TO DATE

Total needed: \$64,090
Money already in capital fund: \$12,375
Total amount raised so far: \$46,776
Total amount needing to be raised: \$4,972

GARDEN DONATIONS TO DATE

Total needed: \$6,000
Total amount raised so far: \$1,625
Total amount needing to be raised: \$4,375

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 8: Shirley King

Upcoming Events

(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)

- Dec 8** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. Squireside Cafe
Dec 9 ELC Christmas Program (sign up to volunteer)
(No Sunday School)
Dec 12 Sewing Circle, 8 a.m.—noon
Dec 16 Advent 3: Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
Dec 23 Advent 4: Sermon Dawn Ranck-Hower
Dec 28 MCC Work Day, 12:00-7:00 p.m.
Dec 30 Christmas Brunch (9:30 a.m.) and
Worship Celebration (10:00 a.m.)

Church News

Elder Update: Wade Esbenshade and Lois Zimmerman have both been unanimously affirmed as elders. 34 votes were submitted. Their 3-year-terms begin in January 2019.

Vacation: Pastor Dawn and Bryan are in Philadelphia this weekend.

Church Directory: If you do not have a photo for the church directory, have one taken in the lobby **TODAY** or **December 16**.

Annual Membership Covenant Agreement: Please return your vote to Pastor Dawn by **TODAY**.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AND WORSHIP: December 30

9:30 a.m. Brunch. Sign up sheet in lobby or email Pastor Dawn if you can bring a breakfast casserole or sweet item.

10:00 a.m. A worship service around tables: Sing Christmas carols, and hearing, once again, the story of God entering this world as a newborn!

Want to share your musical talents? We would love to have special Christmas music during our December 30 worship service. Gather a few friends and sing a song, or sing a solo, or play an instrument. Let Pastor Dawn know by **Sunday, December 24**.

Early Learning Center Christmas Program: Volunteers are needed. Sign up sheets are in the lobby. Donations can be put into your offering envelop and labeled for ELC Christmas Program.

MCC Work Day at New Holland Mennonite Church:

December 28, 12:00-7:00 p.m. For young and older alike!
Knot comforters, pack hygiene kits, piece comforter tops.
Snacks and drinks provided.

Featuring our very own Seth Lantz! Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster: Ring in Christmas with the choir and guest artist Philadelphia Bronze handbell ensemble: Thursday, **November 29** at 7 p.m.: Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster; Saturday, **December 1** at 3 p.m.: First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster; Sunday, **December 2** at 4 p.m.: Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster.

Pastor: Dawn Ranck-Hower; dawn.ranck@verizon.net; 1/215/237-1485

Leadership Team Chair: Wade Esbenshade

Leadership Team: Ruth Carrasco, Steven Lantz

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A nursery is available for children ages 4 and younger.