New Holland Mennonite Church

May 30, 2021 • Volume 66, No. 22 Sunday School: 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m. (Zoom)



Gathering Broken Pieces with Jesus

Ecumenical Worship Service prepared by Bridge of Hope National

Scriptures: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 146, Luke 9:10-17

Sermon: "Gathering Broken Pieces with Jesus"

Edith Yoder, CEO Bridge of Hope National

Sharing and Announcements Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower Congregational Prayer/ Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

Benediction

<u>May 23</u>

Attendance: 44 • Church Offering: \$3,640

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 3: Seth Lantz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 6: Evelyn & Jim Bailey

Upcoming Events

All activities are on zoom unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday, June 1: "Sprouts for Peace Garden" work, 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 6, 10 a.m. Worship by Zoom (No Sunday School June, July, August)

Worship Leader: Karina Morales Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Congregational Prayer: Lois Zimmerman

Children's Time: Ray Hurst

Sunday, June 13, 10 a.m. OUTDOOR worship **Sunday, June 20,** 10 a.m. Worship by Zoom

Sunday, June 27, 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary!!!

12:45 p.m. Underground Railroad Car Tour (details below)

Church News

Underground Railroad Car Tour through Southern Lancaster County. Sunday afternoon, **June 27.** Meet at church at 12:45 p.m. Daniel Ness will lead a 3-hour tour in our cars (feel free to car pull with other people). We will connect by cell phones set on speaker for the tour and stop at locations along the way for additional details. Pack a picnic lunch to eat together at a park at the end of the tour. The cost for the tour is covered by the church budget. No need to RSVP, just show up by 12:45 p.m.

Despite the horrors of slavery, it was no easy decision to flee. Escaping often involved leaving behind family and heading into the complete unknown, where harsh weather and lack of food might await. Then there was the constant threat of capture. So-called slave catchers and their dogs roamed both sides of the Mason-Dixon line, nabbing runaways—and sometimes free Black people and transporting them back to the plantation, where they

would be whipped, beaten, branded or killed. Yet those willing to brave the risks did have one main ally: the Underground Railroad, a vast, loosely organized network of constantly-changing routes that guided Black people to freedom. All told, in the decades preceding the Civil War, up to 100,000 Black people escaped slavery.

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1) We are planning to worship again in person in the sanctuary beginning on June 27. The worship service will also be available by Zoom. Specific details about the in-person worship services will be shared in June based on the CDC guidelines that are available then.

Community News

Ridgeview Garden Tour" Sunday, June 20, 1-5:30 p.m. View a variety of local, private gardens. Start at Ridgeview Mennonite Church. See the newly added pollinator garden! Participants will then receive a flyer with locations and addresses to visit on the self-paced tour. No registration required. By donation, box located at pollinator garden. (Rain Date: Sunday, June 27). Proceeds benefit Ridgeview's community welcoming renovations.

Help MCC respond to conflict in Gaza: The recent violence has made poor humanitarian conditions in Gaza worse, at a time when hospitals were already overwhelmed with COVID-19. Hundreds of homes have been destroyed and damaged with thousands displaced. Your gifts will help MCC partners provide emergency relief, like emergency food, hygiene supplies, household items, housing reconstruction and trauma healing. Thank you for supporting vulnerable families; your compassion and care will be felt across borders and walls. **DONATE** by calling MCC toll-free at (888) 563-4676 or visit mcc.org/gaza-relief. **TAKE ACTION** with the MCC Washington Office. Urge an end to violence in Israel and Gaza by visiting mcc.org/washington.

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