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Living Ink: An Unexpected Twist

Focus Statement: The Grand Author works in mysterious ways – ways that we often find to be inexplicably, extravagantly generous. The twists that are thrown into the plot are counterintuitive to our human ways of seeing things. Where one would expect only to find a vast, dry, barren desert, we discover a refreshing, anointing, life-giving stream of hospitality.

Gathering

Pre-service Music: *I could sing of your love* Praise Team
Call to Worship (*back of bulletin*) Bob A. Martin
(*based on Isaiah 43*)

Opening Prayer
Holy Spirit, come with power (WB 26) Praise Team
Immortal, invisible, God only wise (WB 70)
Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts
My Coins Count Davin & Myla Esbenshade

Confessing and Reconciling

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation
Assurance (*based on Psalm 126:3*)
God, fill me now (SS 63)

Hearing God's Story

Scripture Reading: Psalm 126
L.E.N.T News Lois Zimmerman & Rhoda Clemens
I love to tell the story (WB 398)
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
Sermon: "Perceiving the New Thing"
Pastor Dawn Ranck Hower

Responding

Ritual: What is a new thing that you see God doing at New Holland Mennonite Church?
This is a day of new beginnings (WB 640)
Sharing Time & Announcements
Congregational Prayer Pastor Dawn Ranck Hower

Sending

New earth, heavens new (WB 299)
Benediction

Praise Team: Jenn Esbenshade, Bryan Hower, Tammy Snyder

Greeters: Jim & Evelyn Bailey

Nursery: Judy Nguyen & Karina Morales

Sound: Wade Esbenshade

Usher: Anna Mae Weaver; **Closing:** John Campbell

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

9:00 a.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 14 - Everardo Morales

Mar. 20 - Jen Morales

LAST SUNDAY - March 6, 2016

Attendance - 38

Offering - \$3,027.00

NEXT SUNDAY - March 20

Coffee House: Judy Nguyen; **Message:** Dawn Ranck Hower

Greeters: Bob & Anna Mae Weaver

Nursery: Evelyn Bailey & Judy Nguyen

Worship Leader: Bryan Hower, **Sound:** Wade Esbenshade

Usher: Tim Martin, **Closing:** Tim Martin

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 16 Junior/Senior Youth at Groffdale Mennonite 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 17 ELC Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 20 Palm Sunday

Mar. 24 Maundy Thursday Meal & Service 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 25 Good Friday Service 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 27 Easter Sunday
Apr. 1-3 PA Relief Sale, Harrisburg, PA
Apr. 3 Sunday School: Congregational Meeting
 Fellowship Meal
Apr. 6 Early Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m.
 Sewing Circle 8:00 a.m.
 Junior/Senior Youth at Groffdale Mennonite 7:00 p.m.
Apr. 9 Men's Prayer Breakfast at Squireside 7:00 a.m.
Apr. 13 Early Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m.
Apr. 15 Women's Breakfast at Yoder's Restaurant 8:30 a.m.

Church News and Information

The peace lamp is lit as a reminder to pray that God's peace may flow through you as God creates a new earth and heaven.

Twelve Scriptures Project: Each person is invited to submit up to 12 scriptures that influence your life and shape your identity as a follower of Jesus. These scriptures will be compiled into the "Top 12 Scriptures" for New Holland Mennonite Church and will be the topics for the July 10 through September 25 worship services. Please take time to list the scriptures on the paper that is in your mailbox and return it to Pastor Dawn by **April 24**. Additional papers can be found on the table in the lobby.

Cross Connection Meal: Our church is scheduled to provide a meal for the youth on Wednesday, **March 16**. Contact Ruth Carrasco if you are interested in serving the food, and/or sign up to bring food items on the sheet in the lobby. Bring food to church by NOON on **March 16**.

My Coins Count!!! Fill the bucket to the rim! Each year, spare change collected by churches, children, and families add up to more than \$600,000 for Mennonite Central Committee's work around the world. Change will be collected by the children during the offering each Sunday in **March**.

Holy Week Reminders

Maundy Thursday: March 24. 6:00 p.m. We will eat a meal together like Jesus did with his disciples; wash the hands or feet of another; pray for others; witness Jesus' anguish in the garden of Gethsemane; and watch as he is betrayed, arrested, and deserted by his disciples. This interactive event is great for all ages. **(Bring 30 pieces of silver** (coins) to the service. You will be invited to pour your coins into a metal container, praying for times that you have betrayed others or been betrayed. Coins will be given to Good Samaritan Shelter in Ephrata.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service: March 25. 6:30 p.m. In this solemn service, fourteen passages of scripture describe Christ's spiritual and physical suffering prior to and including his crucifixion. Candles representing each event are extinguished, symbolizing the flight and despair of the disciples and the isolation of Jesus. Finally the flame of a solitary candle points hopefully to the future, and the tolling bell recounts the thirty-three earthly years of our Lord. Enter and exit in silence.

ELANCO Ministerium Good Friday Worship Service:
 Garden Spot Village Chapel, Friday, **March 25**, 1:30 p.m.

Flowers for Easter Sunday: Are you buying Easter flowers (Lilies, Daffodils, Tulips, cut flowers, etc.) to decorate your table for Easter dinner? Would you consider sharing them for use during our Easter worship service? If yes, bring your flowers to church, before Sunday School and place on the platform for everyone to enjoy. Thanks!

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Secretary office Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 7-9:30 a.m.;

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