

## CHRISTMAS BRUNCH & WORSHIP

December 29

### INVITE FRIENDS

#### 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Brunch

Sign up in lobby to bring a breakfast casserole or sweet item.

#### 10:00 a.m. Worship around tables

Sing Christmas carols, and hear, once again, the story of God entering this world as a newborn!



### Community News

**Witness amid endless war:** While commemorating the birth of the Prince of Peace, you are invited to express your opposition to the militarized drone command center at the Horsham (Pa.) Air Guard Station—part of the expanding international network of drone warfare operations. On **Saturday, December 28**, Lancaster County participants in this “witness amid endless war” will leave the Akron Mennonite Church parking lot at 10 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. RSVP: H.A. Penner, penner@dejazzd.com, 717/859-3529.

**The Great Winter Warm-Up!: MCC is turning 100 in 2020!!!** Help contribute to the goal of collecting 6,500 comforters across the U.S. and Canada for distribution to people in need around the world. MCC East Coast has set a goal of 5,000 comforters in January. Two local locations on **January 18**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Garden Spot Village or 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Materials Resources Center (organized by our own Ruth Hershey!).

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

**Leadership Team Chair:** Wade Esbenshade

**Leadership Team:** Steven Lantz, Lois Zimmerman

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*A nursery is available for children ages 3 and younger.*

# New Holland Mennonite Church

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



## “Worth the wait”

### Focus statement:

What am I waiting for?

When I call out to God,

God hears me and restores my soul.

I am a child of God,  
called to belong

and to be redeemed by grace.

## Gathering

Preservice Ruth Carrasco  
Call to Worship Bryan Hower

Leader: Oh God, my God, I cry out to you.

**People: Asking, will I be saved to your goodness,  
forgiven of the brokenness I have made,  
certain that I am called to you?**

Leader: Will I follow the child you sent to lead me?  
Will I no longer be afraid, but be restored?

**All: God, what am I waiting for?**

Prayer

## Praising God

*O come, O come, Immanuel (WB 172)* Ray Hurst

Advent Candle Lighting

*Hark! The herald angels sing (WB 201)*

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Recorded

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Conversation with Children Jen Morales

*(Ages 3 and under dismissed to nursery)*

*Creator of the stars of night (WB 177)*

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

*Please add your artwork to the easel in the back of the sanctuary)*

Sermon: "Joseph" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

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

## Responding

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer Brenda Martin Hurst

## Sending

*For God so loved us (WB 167)*

Benediction

**Coffee/Close:** Judy Nguyen; **Greeters:** Sue & Tim Martin

**Usher:** Evelyn Bailey, **Sound:** Judy Nguyen

**Nursery:** Mekdes Anshebo & Karina Morales

## NEXT SUNDAY: December 29

**Greeters:** Brenda Martin Hurst & Jim Bailey

**Pianist:** Ruth Carrasco; **Usher:** Anna Mae Weaver

**Worship Leader/Prayer:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

**Praise Team:** Dawn Kaczor, Seth Lantz, Steven Lantz

**Sound:** Judy Nguyen; **Children's Time:** Jen Morales

**Close:** Jim Bailey

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**December 15:** 47 • **Church Offering:** \$7,123

## Upcoming Events

*(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)*

- Dec 29** Christmas Brunch and Worship  
**Dec 30** MCC Warehouse workday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
**Dec 31** Senior Youth All-nighter  
**Jan 5** Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower (no fellowship meal)  
**Jan 11** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., Squireside Café  
**Jan 12** Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower  
**Jan 17** Women's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Yoder's Restaurant  
**Jan 19** Sermon: Bekah Bowland, Bridge of Hope  
Expanded Fellowship Meal  
**Jan 25** Fun and Fondue, 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
**Jan 26** Sunday School: Visioning  
Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower

## Church News

**Workday at MCC Materials Resource Center:** Monday, **December 30.** 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Service opportunities for all ages. Sign up in lobby. Pizza ordered for lunch: \$5 per person.

**"Fun and Fondue" Game Night for all ages:** Sunday, **January 25,** 5-8 p.m. Come for a relaxing evening of playing table games. While you're playing, you can enjoy a variety of fondues. Fondues are provided but each family unit is asked to bring an item(s) to be dipped. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday morning, January 9. Bring your favorite table game!