



WELCOME TO
**NEW COVENANT MENNONITE
 FELLOWSHIP**

New Holland, Pennsylvania

*That we may know him and the power of His resurrection.
 Philippians 3:10*

THE LORD'S DAY – DECEMBER 9, 2012

Morning Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Invocation
 Family Altar Time and Pastoral Prayer
 Praise, Worship and Offering for
 Church Ministries and Missions
 Message by Luke Martin

LAST SUNDAY:

Attendance: 310
 Offering: \$5,514.72 (Church Ministries and Missions)
 \$1,222.25 (Mission Faith Giving)

NEXT SUNDAY:

Chair Set up/Tear Down: Drama Team/set up. Congregation/tear down.
 Offering: Church Ministries and Missions
 Host Family: Jason and Connie Lapp

CDS OF THE MESSAGE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER.

MINISTRY

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Choir and drama practice following the morning service. Please eat your packed lunch in the gym. No kitchen facilities are available today.

Posters are in the foyer announcing the Christmas musical, *Ten Thousand Hallelujahs*. Please take them along and have them posted at local businesses.

If you would like a 2013 church calendar, sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Cost is \$14.

The youth group needs additional readers for the Read-a-Thon on December 26-28. Any person of any age can participate who feels comfortable reading aloud.

We will not be having family altar time next Sunday due to the Christmas program. If you would like to have something announced during the worship service, please contact Dave Myer.

Dec. 13 Choir and drama practice 7 p.m.

Dec. 14 and 16 Christmas program, *Ten Thousand Hallelujahs*, 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 14, and 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 16. Invite friends and family to attend.

Choir, drama team, tech and sound should plan to be at the church around 6:30 p.m. on Friday night.

Dec. 23 A Christmas breakfast will be served from 9-9:30 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Please sign up if you plan to join us for breakfast. Sign up sheet is in the hallway. Small group to help serve and clean up: Jim Horst's.

XPERIENCE

Dec. 11 7:30 p.m., Meeting Room
 Topic: "Learning to Walk by Faith."

All young adults who are post high school age are invited to attend!

**PRAYER
 REQUESTS
 FOR
 12/4/12**

- Pray for the Christmas program that it will give a clear message of the Gospel.
- Pray that the Lancaster Youth Intervention Center group can attend the Friday night program and that God will open their hearts to His message of hope.
- Jeffrey Z. as he ministers in the Carolina prisons.
- Pray that our congregation will reflect God's love this Christmas season.
- Next Sunday's Service:
 - Christmas program
 - Nevin Forry, chorister



A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Friends,

It's God's Agenda, Not Mine.

By Matt Overholt

Most afternoons at Perry Correctional, we go into lock-up for a couple of hours. This particular afternoon my destination was C dorm, planning on talking to a friend and encouraging him in his walk with Jesus. As I walked inside, an officer met me in the hall and told me it was not a good time to be there for unknown reasons and to come back later. Disappointed, I turned around and left trying to decide my next agenda.

There are four lock-up units at Perry and I had some birthday cards that needed to be delivered to an inmate who I thought was in B dorm. No problems while checking into B dorm, I walked to the cell and the inmate was no longer there and had been released to the yard. I'm standing there thinking "strike two." As I turned around to leave there was a guy standing at his door looking across the hall with the saddest, most hopeless eyes. As I started a conversation with him, I found out he was at the bottom. His family had turned against him and he had tried to take his own life. I shared with him how God has used different circumstances to bring me to his door that day and how he loves him so much. With tears in his eyes, Marion gave his life to Jesus and God gave him a love for His Word. When I checked in with Marion a week later, he was so excited because for the first time the Bible made perfect sense to him and he could not get enough of God's love letter to him.

Coincidence? No Way. I didn't just happen to come to his door that day. It was God's perfect agenda. The next time your plans don't work out; get excited, God may have you on a mission.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry and your part in making it possible for these men and women to have people mentor and encourage them to live a different life.

Dale Mast, Finance Director
Carolina Chaplaincy Program

YOUTH CORNER

- Dec. 12** Small group, 7:30 p.m. Snack: Tyler E.
- Dec. 16** Girl's gingerbread house making party at Krista's. Plan to leave right after church so we have enough time!
- Dec. 16** Youth Church, 7:30 p.m. Snack: Janita R., Mike S., Preston W.
- Dec. 19** Christmas Banquet. Today is the last day to sign up. Bring \$10 for supper. Rather than doing a gift exchange this year, we're planning to bless others by giving animals through World Vision. (You can look at the catalog on the bulletin board.) Each person should bring a minimum of \$5.