

earthquake that struck Haiti Jan. 12. MCC, alongside Haitian partner organizations and churches, is on the ground distributing aid and sharing technical skills. Please make your checks payable to HMC and designate for MCC Haiti Earthquake. More information about MCC's response can be found at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org).

**Small group alert!** Does your small group have room for new members? Would you like to join an existing group, change to another group or form a new group? Members of the Pastorate would like to help you find an appropriate group. Please call Rita Oswald Christano or Charlotte Schmidt.

**A choir is forming** to sing on Easter. Rehearsals will be Mar. 18, 25 and 31. See Cindy if you are interested.

**You are invited to a meeting** sponsored by MCC East Coast on Sat., Mar. 27 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. here at HMC. Come hear Theo Sittler and Rachele Lyndaker Schlabach of the MCC Washington Office speak about their recent travels to Afghanistan and Iraq. There will be time for questions and discussion. Refreshments with Afghan and Iraqi flavors will be served.

**Since several people missed** Janessa's Jan. 30 discussion of Rhoda Janzen's "Mennonite in a Little Black Dress," Cathy Kerst has offered to hold another session at her house on Sat., Apr. 10, similarly at 10 a.m. for a brunch and discussion of the book. Anyone who already attended is certainly welcome to come again! Please let Cathy know if you are interested in coming.

**Annual Mulch Sale**, Saturdays March 20 and 27, beginning at 8 a.m. each day at University Park Church of the Brethren parking lot. Call 301-864-4328 or email [UPCOB2@verizon.net](mailto:UPCOB2@verizon.net) for info.

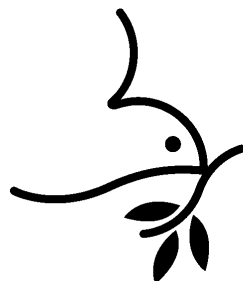
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**Church Staff Schedule:** The church office is closed on Mondays

*Cindy* will be in the church office Tuesday through Friday.

*Adam* will be in the office Tuesday and Wednesday. He will be out of town on retreat Thursday through Monday.

*Annabelle* will be in the office Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.



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9:30 – Sunday School      10:30 – Coffee Time      11:00 – Worship Service

**GATHERING FOR STUDY** — Classes meet at University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman, Hyattsville, Md.

**GATHERING FOR COFFEE** – Everyone is invited to meet in the fellowship hall for hot and cold drinks and a time of fellowship. Please make our visitors feel welcome.

### **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

#### **Holding On, Letting Go: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*HWB-Hymnal: A Worship Book    STS-Sing the Story    STJ-Sing the Journey*

Prelude

Mira Grieser

Gathering

Welcome

Annabeth Roeschley

Call to Worship

**L:** Let us return to Love.

In this act of our gathering here.

**P:** **Let us return to Love.**

**L:** In this Lenten season of longing and lengthening

**P:** **Let us return to Love.**

**L:** In our wondering and wandering

**P:** **Let us return to Love.**

**L:** In our surest moments of knowing the One who is Love,

And moments of knowing it least  
**All: *Let us return to Love.***

Hymn: HWB 12 – *Come, let us all unite to sing* Donald White

### Holding On

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Hymn: HWB 139 – *Far, far away from my loving father*  
(congregation on refrain) Men's Ensemble

### Hearing God's Word

Dramatic Scripture Presentation with the Children

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Junior High Youth

Sermon: *A Prodigal God*

Adam Tice

### Letting Go

Words of Confession:

(We are invited to practice a Lenten gesture of grasping tight our own fists during the words of confession. Then, in silence, we gradually release our grip until our hands are open and free to what the Spirit has for us.)

Hymn: STJ 23 – *Slowly turning, ever turning*

Silence (release fists).

Hymn: STS #63 – *God, fill me now*

(play once with piano, flute, then sing 1<sup>st</sup> verse)

### Responding

Sharing Together Our Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

The Work of the Church

Greeting our Guests

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offertory

## Prayer of Dedication

### Sending

Hymn: STS 58 – *O God, how we have wandered*

### Benediction

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#### TODAY

Greeter: Mark Nord

Ushers: Glen & Nancy Gehman

Nursery: Jim Rice, Konrad Swartz

Worship Arts: Sara Person

Children's Church: Lisa/Dan Daughtry-Weiss (no children's church)

#### NEXT WEEK

Kristin Sampson

Becca Walawender, Joy Olson

Becca Walawender, Hannah Swartz

Meimon Glick

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Last week's offering - \$5,180

Attendance –

Amount needed each week - \$4,043

Amount under budget - \$1,054

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#### Schedule for Iglesia Menonita Hispana:

Every Sunday at 1:30 – Rehearsals, Sunday School and Worship

Every Friday at 8:00 pm.

## CALENDAR

TODAY--Worship Committee meeting after the service

Sat 3/20 --8 a.m., FemTheo Bible study

--10 a.m., Pastorate meeting

Sun 3/21 --Cindy preaches

--6:30 p.m., Church Council meeting

Sat 3/27 --4:30-6:30 p.m., MCC East Coast meeting, here at HMC/  
see announcement

Sun 3/28 --Palm Sunday

Thu 4/1 --7 p.m., Maundy Thursday service/see insert

Fri 4/2 --8:30 p.m., Taize service of song and scripture at LeAnne  
Zook's house

Sun 4/4 --Easter Sunday

--9:30 a.m., Easter breakfast/bring food to share plus your  
plates

--11 a.m. Adam preaches/bring cut flowers for the  
processional to the cross

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Lenten offering this year** will go to the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Haiti Earthquake Relief Project. MCC is undertaking a multimillion-dollar, multiyear response to the