

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).

**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 Rachelle 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.

**Adam, María and Ezra** will be moving into a new home in a few weeks. We could use some extra hands to load and unload the rental truck on April 10. Please let Adam ([atice@hyattsvillemennonite.org](mailto:atice@hyattsvillemennonite.org)) know if you can help and when you would be available. Lunch (and dinner if necessary!) will be provided.

**All are Welcome** to an Experience of "Race Healing." Milagros Phillips leads a wonderful two-day training, guiding people into facing the continuing racism that is present today, and to become empowered in dealing with the difficulties that surround this challenge. She takes a "personal healing approach." Seminar dates: Apr. 16-17. Location: The Potter's House, 1658 Columbia Rd, NW. Contact Milagros at [wholenessindiversity@hotmail.com](mailto:wholenessindiversity@hotmail.com) or Dawn Longenecker for more info.

**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, at 10 a.m. for a brunch and discussion of the book. Anyone who already attended is welcome to come again! Cathy's house is at 11313 Baroque Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Please let Cathy know at: [masala\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:masala_@hotmail.com), if you are interested in coming.

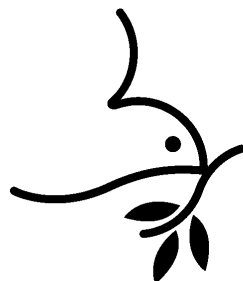
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**Church Staff Schedule:** The church office is closed on Mondays

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

*Adam* will be in the office Tuesday through Friday.

*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: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

Prelude: St. James Infirmary

Jazz Band

#### Gathering

Welcome

Annabeth Roeschley

Hymn: HWB 568 – *As spring the winter doth succeed*

Eric Stoltzfus

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 126)

**L:** When YHWY restored us

**P:** **We thought we were dreaming!**

**L:** We returned from captivity

**P:** **We laughed aloud and shouted for joy.**

**L:** Those around us saw the difference and said,

**P:** **“Their God has done great things for them.”**

L: Yes! YHWY has done great things for us,  
 And we are filled with joy.  
 Now—set free in us what is captive, YHWY!  
 Make our hearts like streams in the driest desert,  
 Then those who now sow in tears  
 will reap with shouts of joy;  
 Those who go out weeping as they carry  
 their seed for sowing will come back with shouts of joy  
 as they carry their harvest home.

**P: For this is what we long.**

**Holding On**

Lighting the Peace Lamp Kaye Brubaker  
 Hymn: HWB 372 – *O healing river*

**Hearing God's Word**

A Time for Children Senior High Youth  
 Mary's Monologue Erica Kraybill  
 Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 Tim Wiens  
 Sermon: *The Gift of Mary* Cindy Lapp

**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: STS 9 – *As the pauper waits for plenty*

Silence (release fists).

Hymn of Assurance: STS #63 – *God, fill me now*  
 (flute and piano, 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: STJ 51 – *As tranquil streams*

**Benediction**

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Greeter: Kristin Sampson	Judy Nord
Ushers: Becca Walawender, Joy Olson	Roxanne Ando, Su Flickinger
Nursery: Becca Walawender, Hannah Swartz	Krysta Hawkey, Cecilia L Stoltzfus
Worship Arts: Meimon Glick	Sara Person
Children's Church: (not meeting)	David Deal, Lorie Preheim

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Last week's offering - \$4,443	Attendance – 114
Amount needed each week - \$4,043	Amount under budget - \$654

**Schedule for Iglesia Menonita Hispana:**

Every Sunday at 1:30 – Rehearsals, Sunday School and Worship  
 Every Friday at 8:00 p.m.

**CALENDAR**

TODAY--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 --7:00 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 (No Sunday School classes)  
 --9:30 a.m., Easter breakfast/bring food to share and 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. Please make

