http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/ 2010/04/02/AR2010040201330.html) to discuss this book and his thesis of how each of the gospels coheres around a particular theme relevant to the audience of its time, as well as for us today. See http://www.alexanderjshaia.com for more about this spiritual director/educator/psychologist and his work. We are excited to have this opportunity to hear from him, and hope many of you will be able to join us for this session; we begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Church of the Brethren basement.

DVD - Join us in watching a DVD that celebrates the 200 year history of the Mennonite Church in Amsterdam. We will see this with a member of that congregation, Anke, interpreting for us. After church in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, May 16.

House/pet sitter needed: We are looking for someone(s) to stay in our house and care for our pets and plants while we are away June 12-25. This would be ideal for someone who wants a vacation from group house living or for a family in town in vacation. The only things we require is that you stay in the house overnight and be kind to the pets. We can pay \$20/day. Please contact us at 202-723-3413 or at ericolson58@msn.com. The Olsons.

MAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL. Our May Fellowship Meal will be held on Sunday, May 23 instead of the traditional second Sunday because of Mother's Day. The youth will be hosting their annual fundraiser luncheon at the May Fellowship Meal. We look forward to this annual fun event!

Church Staff Schedule: The church office is closed on Mondays *Cindy* will be attending AMC pastors seminar Mon-Tues. in the church office Weds 1-5PM. In Chicago for Open Letter and Pink Menno meetings Thurs-Sat Adam will be in the office Tuesday through Friday. Annabelle will be out of the office for the next two weeks, returning Tue. May 25.

Note: Please give all information for the May 23 bulletins to David Conrad at DPConArch@verizon.net. Deadline for info: Wed. eve.



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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

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

Prelude Call to Worship

Nate Hajdu

Praising

Hymn: HWB 6 – Here in this place Lighting the Peace Lamp

Krista Francis, Steve Brent

Confessing

Confession — see insert Hymn: HWB 145 - There's a wideness

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children **Scripture Readings** Leviticus 25: 8-17 Matthew 22: 34-40

Laura Goss **Chrsissy Smaal Carolyn Seegers**

Sermon: *A Home for Justin* Hymn: STS 117 – *How can I say?*

Responding

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayers of the Church

The Work of the Church Greeting our Guests Announcements

The Ministry of Giving Children's Offering Offertory Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: HWB 425 – *Come, Come ye Saints* Benediction

TODAY

NEXT WEEK

Greeter: F Ushers: Rita & Phil Oswald Christano F Nursery: Nelson Steelberg, Hannah Swartz F Worship Arts: Sara Person J Children's Church: David Deal, Lorie Preheim

Peter Goering Eric Olson, Kelly Heatwole Becca Walawender, Cecilia L Stoltzfus Judy Nord

TREASURER'S REPORT

Last week's offering - \$6,821,Attendance - 94Amount needed each week - \$4,043Amount under budget - \$988

Schedule for Iglesia Menonita Hispana:

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

CALENDAR

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

Sun 5/23--New member Sunday/May Fellowship Meal – Youth Group Fundraiser – see announcement

June 20 -- 9:30 a.m., meet with Lawrence Brenneman from Allegheny Conference

June 27, July 18, Aug. 1 -- 9:30 a.m., congregational meetings with breakfast (please plan to attend **one** of these gatherings)

Sun 5/30--Memorial Day Weekend/Sunday School classes will <u>not</u> meet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: The Open Door Campaign will be wrapping up on

May 23. We currently have about \$300,000 in commitments, so we still need your help! Please make sure to turn in your commitment card through the Sunday offering or to Kirsten Peterson. If you have questions about the campaign or about your contribution, please feel free to contact Kirsten Peterson. The fundraising committee will be making follow-up calls during the week of May 17 to those who have not yet turned in a commitment card. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and dedication to the building project!

The covenant between the congregation and Associate Pastor Adam Tice expires November 2010. The Church Council recommends that Adam continue as half-time associate pastor for another three years. Congregational members will be given an opportunity to affirm that decision today, May 16. Please be prepared to vote during the service. If you have any questions please see Tim Wiens, congregational chair, or Cindy Lapp, pastor.

The pastorate recommends the following people for congregational membership: Hannah Swartz and Erica Kraybill by baptism, and Crissie and Tim Buckwalter by transfer of membership. We will celebrate with them on May 23.

Gift discernment forms were due to Kaye Brubaker last Sunday. But, we have extended your opportunity to affirm the gifts of others in the congregation and offer your own. If you do not have a copy, please go to the website and print one out, complete it and bring to church on Sunday.

Adult Ed. note: Today, May 16, a fortunate connection brings us Alexander Shaia, author of *The Hidden Power of the Gospels* (recently reviewed in the Washington Post:

Confessing: A Prayer For Each Other

- Leader: Let us pray for all God's people: For people who are blind or cannot see well, and for people who can see but do not see those in need;
- Response: Lord, in your mercy make us see you and each other.
- Leader: For people who are slow and cannot move well, and for people who are fast but will not slow down to help others;
- Response: Lord, in your mercy help us move in step with you.
- Leader: For people who cannot hear, and for people who can hear but block out cries of pain;
- Response: Lord, in your mercy make us hear you and each other.
- Leader: For people who learn slowly, and for people who learn quickly but who close their minds;
- Response: Lord, in your mercy help us search and learn from you.
- Leader: For people who are sick and cannot get better, and for people who are well but do not thank you for health;
- Response: Lord, in your mercy help us serve you while we can.
- Leader: For all the people in your creation, that we may cherish each other and learn to live in peace;
- Response: Lord, in your mercy teach us love and give us peace.

All: Amen.

Written by Rev. Kate Chipps Adapted by Ginny Thornburgh From *That All May Worship: An Interfaith Welcome to People with Disabilities*, National Organization on Disability, 1997, p. 14.