

client to stay about a year and a half because the asylum process is so lengthy.

**Today is the last day** to contribute gift cards for CONCERN. The cards will go to teens in the Prince George's County area. CONCERN is a nonprofit child welfare agency.

**Christmas Eve offering** this year will go to Mennonite Central Committee as they provide assistance in Pakistan. The summer of 2010 brought disastrous floods to many parts of Pakistan. The people face enormous challenges as they struggle to rebuild their lives. MCC is working with Church World Service to provide shelter, food and relief kits to some of the 21 million people affected by the flooding. By some estimates, 100,000 babies were born in the last three months in the flood affected areas. The need is great. Thank you for your support.

**Charlotte and Mel** wish to express their profound gratitude to the congregation for the wonderful participation in their 50th anniversary event. The dishes everyone brought for the potluck brought back wonderful memories from enjoying Indonesian food 50 years ago. Our open house was well attended in spite of the nasty weather, and the interaction between our neighbors and our church friends was a great thing to experience. Thank you all for responding so well during a very busy time of the year!

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**Church List Serve:** Join the HMC list serve to receive announcements and sharing each week. Send your request to [hmcadmin@hyattsvillemennonite.org](mailto:hmcadmin@hyattsvillemennonite.org)

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

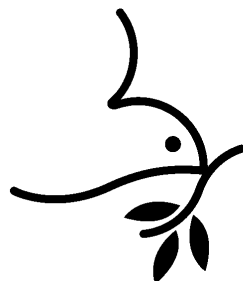
*Cindy* will be in the church office Tuesday through Friday.

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

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

**Please note:** Information for the Dec 26 bulletin is due in to the church by 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22..

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9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Hour 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** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

Prelude

Krysta Hawkley

Welcome

Annabeth Roeschley

Hymn: STS 7 – *Come, come Emmanuel*

Cindy Lapp

Call to Worship

**L:** Come, all who dwell in darkness,  
and find a place of comfort here.

**P:** **We come seeking, that we might find.**

**L:** Come, those who long to hear,  
and those who yearn for the quiet place.

**P:** **We come with open ears, restless spirits.**

**L:** Come, in the unexpected hour, with an unexpected people.

**P:** **We come with renewed awareness.**

L: Come, whether or not to give, whether or not to receive,  
but if only to pause, to breathe.

**All: *May our movement of breath be sacred,  
the sound of our silence holy.***

### Praising

Hymn: HWB 190 – *'Twas in the moon of wintertime*

Lighting the Advent Candle

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16 (p. 554)

Hymn: (in HWB pocket) – *An Unexpected hour*

Jr. Youth  
Penny Russell

### Confessing

Words for Meditation and Confession

Silent Confession

Hymn: HWB 233 – *Joyful is the dark*

### Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

New Testament Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 783)

Hymn: HWB 192 – *On this day earth shall ring*

Sermon: ***The Strong, Silent Type***

Penny Russell

Adam Tice

### Responding

Silence

Hymn: (see insert) – *The hands that first held Mary's child*

Sharing Together Our Joys and Concerns

Praying Together in Silence

The Work of the Church

Greeting our Guests

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

Prayer of Dedication

Children's Offering

Offertory

Morning Offering (Please bring your offerings to the front)

### Sending

Hymn: HWB 187 – *Let the heavens be glad*

Benediction

\*Beginning this Advent we are listing the pew Bible page numbers for each of the scripture readings for anyone interested in following along. Please note that readers frequently use different translations, so there are likely to be some differences.

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#### TODAY

Greeter: Lauren Good

Ushers: Marie Gomba & Christy Neff

Nursery: Angie Wiens, Hope Olson

Worship Arts: Doris Bartel

Children's Church: (not meeting)

#### NEXT WEEK

Judy Nord

Roxanne Ando, Keith Swartzendruber

Mark Nord, Cecilia Lapp Stoltzfus

Sara Person

(not meeting)

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering last week - \$5,683

Amount needed each week - \$4,191

Attendance last week - 152

Amount above budget - \$4,051

Advent Offering - \$484

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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., (except Christmas Eve week when they will meet on Thurs. Dec 23).

#### CALENDAR

Sun 12/19 --After worship: Worship Committee meeting

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

Fri 12/24 --**5:00 p.m.**, Christmas Eve Service

Sun 12/26 --11:00 a.m., Joint service with UPCOB, here at HMC –  
Sunday School classes not meeting

Sun 1/2 --Epiphany/Cindy preaches/No Sunday School

Mon 1/3 --Our turn to serve lunch at Community Café. Please see  
the sign up sheet on the bulletin board to indicate how you  
can help.

Sun 1/9 --Sunday School classes resume/Adam preaches

Sun 1/30 --Hospitality Night – watch for details

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Asylum Seekers Housing Network (ASHN)** will be the recipient of our Advent offering this year. Based in Baltimore, ASHN assists asylum seekers in transitioning to self-sufficiency by giving them the foundation to create new lives and to reunite and support their families. It costs ASHN \$435/month to support one client, or \$5,220 for one year. On average, ASHN can expect each