

On Good Friday (April 22) we hope to have simple worship services in several homes (hopefully at least one in Virginia, the District, and Maryland). A liturgy with readings and songs will be provided, and leaders will be available where needed. We are hoping for several households to volunteer to host these services. Hosts would be asked to provide elements for communion and sufficient space for a group of 10-12 people. Please contact Adam if you are interested in serving as a host: atice@hyattsvillemennonite.org

April and May Fellowship Meal Schedule:

There will be a departure from our usual 2nd Sunday Fellowship Meal schedule in April and May.

~April 24 - Easter Brunch-9:30-10:30 a.m. Please bring your Easter goodies to share.

~May 15 - The date has been changed due to Mother's Day

April 29 - May 1: HMC Rock'n Women's Retreat at Rolling Ridge – All women of the church are invited to Rolling Ridge, near Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, April 29-31 for a time of reflection, building, reconnection and fun. For more information and to register see Crissie Buckwalter (car pooling, etc).

Church List Serve: Join the HMC list serve to receive announcements and sharing each week. Send your request to 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 Tuesday through Friday

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

Cynthia Lapp, Pastor

Adam Tice, Associate Pastor

LeAnne Zook, Congregational Chair

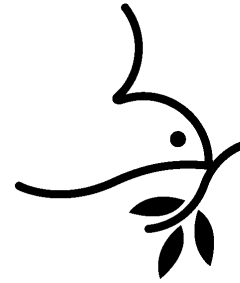
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9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Hour 11:00 – Worship Service

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

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

Becoming Human: called and shaped by Jesus

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Kelly Heatwole, Wendy Shenk-Evans,
Jen Hiebert, Cindy Lapp

We Gather

Call to Worship (see insert)

LeAnne Zook

Hymn: STS 99 — *The Lord's my shepherd*

Adam Tice

Time of Silence (A bell will sound to enter and exit our time of silence)

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Cathy Kerst

We Confess

Confessing

Hymn: HWB 153 — *O Christ, the Lamb of God*

We Hear God's Word

A Time for Children

Cheryl Shreiner

Scripture Reading: John 9:1-41 (p. 871-872)

Melanie Friesen, Judy Nord, Mark Nord

Sermon: *Seeing with the Heart*

Cindy Lapp

Hymn: STJ 54 — *Longing for Light*

We Respond

Responding to the Message

What is the darkness in your life and in your communities?

How is light piercing that darkness?

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

The Work of the Church

Greeting our Guests

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offertory Cecilia Lapp Stoltzfus, Cindy Lapp, Eric Stoltzfus

Prayer of Dedication

We Go In Peace

Hymn: HWB 371 — *Let there be light, Lord God*

Benediction (based on Ephesians 5:8-14)

TODAY

Greeter: Mary Jo Schumacher

Ushers: Glen & Nancy Gehman

Nursery: Lisa/Dan DW, Cheryl/Wendel, Corrie M

Worship Arts: Judy Nord

Children's Church: Karen Minatelli, Kathy Fritsch (not meeting)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering received - \$3,756

Offering needed each week - \$4,191

NEXT WEEK

Katrina Toews

Sara Person, Christy Miller Hesel

Jim Rice, Anthony Y, Hannah S

Amount above budget - \$3,617

Lent Offering - \$327

Attendance - 124

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

Wed 4/6 --7 p.m., Pastorate meeting

--7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal

Sun 4/10 --Lent 5, Adam preaches

--Congregational meeting following the worship service, see the March HYMN for details.

Sun 4/17 --Palm Sunday: a service of hymns and scripture

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

Thu 4/21 --7 p.m., Maundy Thursday service (see insert)

Fri 4/22 --Good Friday services (see announcement)

Sun 4/24 --9:30 a.m., Easter Brunch (Our April Fellowship Meal, see announcement), Sunday School classes will not meet

--11 a.m., Cindy preaches

Apr 29-May 1--Women's Retreat at Rolling Ridge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our special offering during Lent this year will go to A Wider Circle, a local non-profit that works to help children and families in the Washington, D.C.-area escape poverty. They provide donated furniture, dishware, bedding and other basic need items to families who are moving out of shelters or living in neglected neighborhoods. The organization also runs after-school programs in low-income schools and teaches health and wellness classes at shelters and public housing facilities. On April 3 and 10 we will be collecting personal care items to donate to A Wider Circle, including toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, tissues, wet wipes, toilet paper, antibiotic ointments, band aids and soap. For more information go to www.awidercircle.org

Choir rehearsals will be Wednesdays, April 6 and April 13, at 7:30 p.m. The choir will sing on Palm Sunday, April 17. Please let Adam know if you would like to sing: atice@hyattsvillemennonite.org