

Society Richard King. Bring a holiday snack to share afterward.  
Please pass an invitation on to anyone who may be interested!

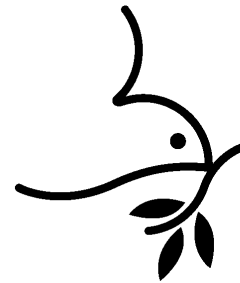
**Pageant rehearsals** begin today, Dec. 4, during the Sunday School hour. Please arrive early if possible — rehearsals will all be at HMC. Parents look for costumes of animals, shepherds, angels, wise ones, etc. Anyone having old animal costumes to donate, we will be happy to adopt! Classes Pre K/Kindergarten, Primary (1st & 2nd), Middlers and Jr. High will begin Dec. 4. Early Childhood class will rehearse Dec. 18. Please let Denise or Karen Haynes know if your children will participate. Thank you! Denise Brown, [denise76marie@yahoo.com](mailto:denise76marie@yahoo.com)

**This Advent season's offerings** at Hyattsville will go to Open Arms Housing (OAH), a local nonprofit organization dedicated to providing housing for women who have previously been overlooked by existing housing programs and services for the homeless. OAH provides a home, a place of rest and a chance for a new start for women who may have lived on the streets or in shelters for years. [www.openarmshousing.org](http://www.openarmshousing.org)

**Handy Volunteers Needed:** Do you have carpentry/construction skills, but don't know how you can use them to serve the church? Fear not! The MVS unit is in need of a handy person(s) to help with a project of evaluating and possibly replacing several door frames at the unit house. If you can help out, contact Keith at [mennovsdc@hotmail.com](mailto:mennovsdc@hotmail.com) or 202-253-0544.

**House for rent:** Friends of mine (Kristi B Janzen), diagonally across the street in University Park, need a renter for their nice home -- I think 3 bedrooms, with a finished basement. I believe the cost is very reasonable; it is available for at least 6 months, starting in Jan. I think it would be a fantastic deal for somebody. Interested parties can email ([kristibjanzen@gmail.com](mailto:kristibjanzen@gmail.com)).

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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. Pageant rehearsals will be at HMC.

**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**

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

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

Prelude

Phil Oswald Christano

#### **Praising**

Call to Worship

Earl Zimmerman

Poem: "In the Wilderness" by Joseph G. Donders

L: It is in that forest, in that jungle,  
That the word of God sounds through John,  
Saying that once justice and integrity are victorious,  
The whole of humankind will be saved,  
That Jesus the savior, is going to bring a total difference.  
But indicating also where we come in and what we should  
do:

All: straightening the paths we are walking now,  
Preparing a way for the Lord,  
Filling the valleys and potholes,  
Leveling the mountains and obstacles in us  
And in the lives we live . . .

Lighting the Peace Lamp

### Confessing

Confession of Sin

Reconciling God,  
You hold the brokenness of the world in a vast embrace,  
Restore us to your side,  
So we may offer healing and hope in our wilderness.  
That steadfast love and faithfulness will meet,  
And that righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Silence

Hymn: HWB 176 – *Comfort, comfort, O my people* Adam Tice

### Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Lauren Hall

Scripture Reading

II Peter 3:8-15 (p. 988-989)

Mark N.

Mark 1:1-8 (p. 812)

Sermon: *Prepare and Partake*

Cindy Lapp

Hymn: HWB 463 – *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

### Responding

Communion

(non-gluten options are available at both tables)

Hymn: STS 7 – *Come, come Emmanuel*

Hymn: STS 16 – *Peace before us*

Sharing our Responses 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 184 – *Hark! The glad sound*

Benediction

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TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Greeter: Christy Miller-Hesed	Herb Reed
Ushers: Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman	Richard Brown, Gina Campbell
Nursery: Mark N., David Deal	Mira Grieser, Konrad Swartz
Worship Arts: Judy N.	Roxanne Ando
Children's Church: Robin Fernkas, Rodges Ankrah	(not meeting)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Last week's offering - \$2,282	Attendance – 99
Amount needed each week - \$3,947	Amount above budget - \$4,356

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### Schedule for Iglesia Menonita Hispana:

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

### CALENDAR

Today --After worship service: Worship Committee meeting  
--7 p.m., Messiah Sing-Along, see announcement

Su 12/11 --Advent III, Tony Brun preaches  
--Our December fellowship meal. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert, and your table service.

Th 12/15 --7:30 p.m., Pastorate meeting

Su 12/18 --Advent IV, Children's Christmas Pageant  
--6:30 p.m., Church Council meeting

Sat 12/24 --5 p.m., Christmas Eve service

Su 12/25 --Christmas Day, Adam preaches

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Messiah Sing-Along, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.** Bring a score if you have one and join in the singing! This year will feature soloists Eric Stoltzfus, Laura Baumgartner and special guest Joanne Gallardo, as well as the traditional "all hands on deck" Bass section solos. (Basses arrive at 6:40 p.m. to prepare.) The sing will be preceded by a brief introduction by past president of the American Handel

**In January of 2012** a Fulbright scholar from CJP will need housing in the D.C. area while he completes his master's study with a practicum in D.C. Mohammed Ghanem is from Syria, Muslim, and married to Hela. They are looking for an apartment for Jan.-March that they can afford — something like \$800 per month. Hela is a very good housekeeper so they would care for their space very well. Anyone with leads or possible space to rent should contact the church office.

**Job Opportunity:** A group of parents in the Brookland neighborhood of D.C. (that includes Scott Yoder and Kathleen Zook) is seeking an enthusiastic, caring, organized and qualified individual to serve as lead teacher in a cooperative playschool. Parents will assist teacher in classroom setting on a rotating basis, but teacher will be responsible for daily activity planning. Class size will be 8-10 children, ranging in age from 18 months to 3 years. Playschool will meet two times weekly for three hours in the morning. Compensation is \$18/hour. Ideal candidate will have significant experience with young children. If interested, or if you know of anyone who might be, please contact Kathleen at [kathleen.zook@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.zook@gmail.com)

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**Church List Serve:** Join the HMC list serve to receive announcements and sharing each week. To join, send an email from the account you wish to receive message at with "Subscribe" in the subject line to [list@hyattsvillemennonite.org](mailto:list@hyattsvillemennonite.org). To remove yourself from the list, send an email from the subscribed email address with the word "Unsubscribe" to [list@hyattsvillemennonite.org](mailto:list@hyattsvillemennonite.org). If you change email addresses, you must remove the old one and add the new one.

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

*Cindy* will be in the office Tuesday through Friday

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

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

Cynthia Lapp, Pastor

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