

Thursday, Dec. 15, from 6:30-11:30 p.m. Bring your party pickins to 3808 4<sup>th</sup> St., NW and help say “good bye” to Jenny Dillon. RSVP to Jenny at [jdforpsj@gmail.com](mailto:jdforpsj@gmail.com).

**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.

**In January of 2012** a Fulbright scholar from CJP will need housing in the DC area while he completes his Master's study with a practicum in DC. Mohammed Ghanem is from Syria, Muslim, and married to Hela. They are looking for an apartment for the Jan-March months which 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.

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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.

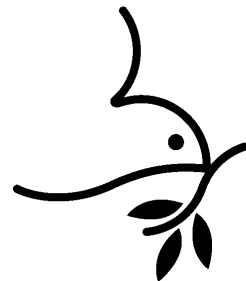
**Church Staff Schedule:** The church office is closed on Monday.

*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.

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*A Christ-centered welcoming church with commitments to peace and justice*

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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 are 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**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

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

Prelude Krysta Hawkley

**Praising**

Call to Worship Mary Jo Schumacher

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 36:7-9

L: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

P: *All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

L: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**All: *For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.***

Hymn: HWB 182 – *Oh, how shall I receive thee*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Tim Wiens

Hymn: STS 15 – *Hope is a candle*

### Confessing

#### Confession of Sin

L: The nights have drawn in – long summer evenings are but a memory; winter is upon us – and darkness surrounds us.

All: *We wait in darkness, Lord, for the coming of your light.*

L: Our world is shadowed in darkness: of oppression, of pessimism, of helplessness.

All: *We wait in hope, Lord, for the coming of your light.*

L: Souls are overwhelmed by gloom and darkness-- depression and hopelessness: saturated in despair.

All: *We wait with them in their darkness, trusting in your promise that yours is a light that no darkness can overcome.*

L: Lord, you are our light, calling us to look beyond the darkness to the promise of Christ's Coming.

#### Silence

Hymn: (insert) – *Upon this path*

### Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Cheryl Shreiner

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11 (p. 603-604)

Kirsten Peterson

John 1:6-9 (p. 862)

Sermon: ***In Your Light We See the Light***

Tony Brun  
(translation: Jenny Dillon)

Hymn: STJ 54 – *Longing for light*

### Responding

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 172 – *O come, O come, Immanuel (v. 1-3)*

Benediction and Blessing of the Meal

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TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Greeter: Herb Reed	Larry Miller
Ushers: Richard Brown, Becca Walawender	Amy Whittington, Cecilia Lapp Stoltzfus
Nursery: Mira Grieser, Konrad Swartz	Cheryl S/Wendel L, Corrie Mauldin
Worship Arts: Kristin Sampson	Roxanne Ando

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Last week's offering - \$5,777

Attendance – 144

Amount needed each week - \$3,947

Amount above budget - \$6,187

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### Schedule for Iglesia Menonita Hispana:

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

Every Friday at 8:00 p.m.

### CALENDAR

Today --Following the worship service: our December fellowship meal. Everyone is invited to join us.

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

Sa 12/17--3-10 p.m., Church reserved

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

**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)

**Everyone is invited** to a "I'm Goin' Back to Indiana" party on