course of the season. As such, the advent banner was inspired by the quilt, Rueda de la Fortuna by Gail Garber and Donna Barnitz (2008). The image is fantastic, but the quilters' own description is what drew us to the design. Life is not constant. It ebbs and flows like a pendulum over the course of our lives; some years are more memorable than others. Rueda, or "wheel," embodies the fluidity that has shaped who I have become. Overall, the brilliant colors reflect my wonder of the world that surrounds me, and the quilt highlights the most positive aspects of my life. I hope that you also find inspiration in your "wheel of fortune." The project was certainly a team effort. Becca and her mother, Mary Lee Walawender, were a great help in cutting the pieces. Doris, Judy and Roxanne used the pieces in unexpected and beautiful ways each week. And Becca, Judy and Mark were invaluable in mounting and hanging the quilt pieces. I hope it added to the worship experience this season. -Kristin Sampson

The directory for the 2011-2012 church year is available on the foyer table. Please help yourself to a copy or, if you would prefer an electronic version, send your request to akratz@hyattsville mennonite.org. (The electronic version will be not available until mid-January.)

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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. To remove yourself from the list, send an email from the subscribed email address with the word "Unsubscribe" to 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 Tuesday through Friday.

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

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10:30-Coffee Hour

11:00-Worship Service

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

Prelude
Call to Worship

Jonathan Miller Mark N.

# Praising

Hymn: HWB 50 – Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah

Cindy Lapp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

Hymn: HWB 6 – Here in this place

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Judy N.

Scripture Reading
Isajah 61:10-62:3 (r

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (p. 604)

Simon Conrad

Luke 2:22-40 (p. 833) Galatians 4:4-7 (p. 947)

Mark N.

Sermon: Ring out the old - ring in the new

Verna Zook

## Responding

Hymn: HWB 299 – *New earth, heavens new* 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 222 – *How brightly beams the morning* 

Benediction

TODAY NEXT WEEK
Greeter: Cheryl Fish-Parcham Katrina Toews

Ushers: LeAnne Zook
Nursery: Kathleen Zook, Krysta Hawkley
Worship Arts: Meimon Glick

Kathla Toews
Laurie Melin, Ruth Tillman
Rita and Phil Oswald Christano
Christy Neff and Marie Gomba

TREASURER'S REPORT

Last week's offering - \$3,040 Attendance 12/24 – 128; 12/25-65 Amount needed each week - \$3,947 Amount above budget - \$4,926 Advent offering - \$122 Christmas Eve offering - \$1,359.75

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**

Sun 1/8 --Epiphany/Cindy preaches/Sunday School resumes Sun 1/15 --Cesar Garcia preaches/Jan. Fellowship Meal (see announcement)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to Verna Zook, mother of LeAnne and Kathleen Zook. Verna is a member of East Union Mennonite Church in Kalona, Iowa.

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.

Coming in January 2012: The service committee and the adult education committee are teaming up to raise support for Jean de Dieu and his Congo project. On Sunday, Jan. 8, Jean will be here to present an update of his project during the Sunday School hour and then on Tuesday, Jan. 10, there will be a fundraiser for the project at Franklin's Restaurant. Anyone who eats at the restaurant, orders carryout food or buys from the little variety store and states that they are supporting the Congo village project will help make a contribution.

January Fellowship Meal — Jan. 15: The date of the January fellowship meal has been changed to Jan. 15. Cesar Garcia, Colombian pastor and Mennonite World Conference Mission Commission secretary, will be at HMC on that Sunday, so we would like to reschedule to share our fellowship meal with him.

Martin Luther King service — This year the Capital Area Anabaptists have been invited to join with The Servant Leaders Fellowship of East Washington for its annual MLK service on Jan. 15 at 3 p.m. at The East Washington Heights Baptist Church (Alabama Ave. and Branch Ave., SE). See Cindy for more information and to carpool.

**Renovation update**: After 20 years of dreaming and several years of planning, HMC will be renovated for accessibility starting in March. This means a big move for all of us to University Park Church of the Brethren for 6-8 months during construction. Watch your email box and the bulletin in the coming months for updates and ways you can help with the move.

In keeping with the advent theme of expecting the unexpected, I hoped to create an advent banner that could evolve over the