

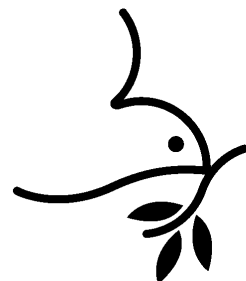
little variety store and states that they are supporting the Congo village project will help make a contribution.

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

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

Service Committee Opportunities:

--Ten volunteers needed, adults or youth — HMC is scheduled to help sort and bag food at the Capitol Area Food Bank in NE D.C. on Saturday, Jan. 14 from 1-4 p.m. The food is distributed to area residents in need. Adults and youth are both welcome — youth volunteers must be over age 12 and have a form signed by their parents. Youth can receive community service credits for this. If you are interested, please respond to Cathy Kerst at: masala_@hotmail.com (continued on insert)



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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

Prelude	Ensemble
Call to Worship (Isaiah 60:1-6)	Christina Warner

Praising	
Hymn: STS 30 – <i>Arise, your light is come!</i>	Adam Tice
Lighting the Peace Lamp	Rita Oswald Christano

Confessing	
Confession (<i>Tread Softly</i> , W.B. Yeats)	
Silence	
Hymn: HWB 215 – <i>What Child is this</i>	

Hearing the Word	
A Time for Children	Kaye Brubaker
Scripture Reading	Mary Jo Schumacher
Matthew 2:1-12 (p.783-784)	

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (p.464)
Sermon: ***Home by Another Way***
Hymn: HWB 221 – *Hail the bless'd morn*

Cindy Lapp

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 216 – *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*
Benediction

Blessed be the ones
who dance
in the corridors of death,
who sing
in the hallways of terror,
who laugh
in the prisons of fear,
who shout
across the silencing walls,
who love
beyond the borders of hatred,
who live
to welcome home freedom,
who die
never turning their heads,
who return
as the rising hope.

Ensemble: Eric Stoltzfus, Kaye Brubaker, David Conrad, Cheryl Fish-Parcham

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Greeter: Marie Gomba	Peter Goering
Ushers: Laurie Melin, Ruth Tillman	Christy Miller Hesed
Nursery: Rita and Phil Oswald Christano	Naren K and Reina Neufeldt
Worship Arts: Christy Neff and Marie Gomba	Doris Bartel

TREASURER'S REPORT

Last week's offering - \$3,040	Attendance - 85
Amount needed each week - \$3,947	Amount above budget - \$4,926
Advent offering - \$122	

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 1/11-- 7:30 p.m., Worship committee meeting
Thu 1/12 --7:30 p.m., Pastorate meeting
Sun 1/15 --Cesar Garcia, general secretary of Mennonite World
Conference preaches (see announcement)
--Jan. fellowship meal – bring a main dish, salad or
dessert and your table settings.
Sun 1/22 --Curtis Book, MCC U.S. Peace & Justice, will preach
--6:30 p.m., Church council meeting
Thu 1/26 --4-8 p.m., Church reserved for Rolling Ridge Board mtg.
Sun 1/29 --Cindy preaches
--Evening: Hospitality night (see insert)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Advent season's offerings at Hyattsville went 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.

The service committee and the adult education committee are teaming up to raise support for Jean de Dieu and his Congo project. Jean is here to present an update of his project during the Sunday School hour today 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

--**Habitat for Humanity's Pride Build** has openings for a few volunteers to work on Saturday, Jan. 28, at their Montgomery building site. Pride Build embraces diversity by bringing together the LGBT community and friends to rehabilitate a distressed home in the local area for a low-income family. If you are interested, please let Cathy Kerst know at masala_@hotmail.com and she can put you in touch with project organizers.

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.

Mennonites in the Arts — Feb. 3-5 is the Mennonite Arts weekend sponsored by Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship. Katrina Toews is one of the presenters this year. A number of folks from HMC will be driving out to attend the event. Let Cindy Lapp know if you are interested in attending. Early registration ends Jan. 15. For more info see mennoniteartsweekend.org

Renovation Update: We submitted our building permit application on Dec. 15. Five contractors are prepared to bid by Feb. 2 on the job of renovating Hyattsville Mennonite Church. The currently projected date to break ground is Mar. 15, subject of course to permitting. Check this space for updates and ways you can help prepare to pack for the move to University Park Church of the Brethren where we will worship during construction.

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@hyattsvillemennonite.org. (The electronic version will be not available until mid-January.)

SERMON NOTES

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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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