

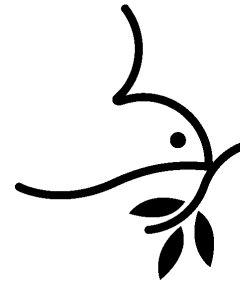
**The Service Adventure Unit** from Philippi, W.Va., is planning a trip to the D.C. area the weekend of May 4 and 5. They have lodging for Friday, May 4, but are seeking accommodations for Saturday, May 5. The unit consists of a leader couple (with two small children), three women and two men. If you can help provide hospitality, please contact the church office by Mar. 23.

**Annabelle's 30th:** On Sunday, Mar. 11, there was a celebration honoring Annabelle Kratz for her 30 years of service as administrative assistant at HMC. As a part of the celebration there was a memory book noting many of the ways that Annabelle has contributed to the life of our congregation and the broader Mennonite Church. Included in the book were pages to write memories or words of gratitude to her. The book is on the table in the foyer for those of you who were unable to be at the celebration or did not have a chance to write a note to her.

**I want to thank the congregation** for the lovely celebration last Sunday – the Fellowship Meal with bake sale goodies, the song written by Adam, the symbolic gifts and the blessing. How clever to follow an order of service for the program! A huge “thank you” goes to Mary Jo Schumacher for all the time and effort she put into organizing the celebration. Thanks also to each and everyone in the congregation for your part in making HMC a special place to work and worship. Blessings to each of you – Annabelle Kratz

**Book discussion:** City of Tranquil Light by Bo Caldwell is an easy read and honest account of Mennonite missionaries in China in the early 1900s. The novel is based on stories told by the author's maternal grandparents. Read more about it on Amazon.com where you may order the paperback or the Kindle edition. Please let Sara Fretz-Goering know if you would like to read and participate in the book gathering - probably to be held on a Saturday morning in late April.

**Attention HMC youth and college students:** Would you like funds to attend a work camp or other service project this summer? Volunteer work camps include Mennonite Disaster Service (full for



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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**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

Prelude

David Brenneman

#### **We Gather**

Welcome

Annabeth Roeschley

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22)

Leader: We gather in thanks for the Holy One's goodness!

**People: The One who is love endures forever.**

Leader: We, the estranged, the foreign, the foolish - -

**People: The One who is love brings us home.**

Leader: We marvel in wonder—we've been rescued by love.

**People: The One who is love is with us, forever.**

Hymn: STJ 1 – *We sing to you, O God*

Cindy Lapp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Alex Rwemera

#### **We Reflect and Confess**

Reflection: Sonnet by Vassar Miller – “How Far?”

## Silent Confession

What is keeping you from love?

What is keeping you from the One who is love?

Hymn: HWB 411 – *I bind my heart this tide*

## We Listen

A Time for Children

Hearing the Scripture

Numbers 21:4-9 (p. 122); John 3:14-21 (p. 864)

Sermon: *Space Matters*

Hymn: HWB 419 – *Lead on, O cloud of Presence*

Su Flickinger

Adam Tice

## We Bring

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

## We Go in Peace

Blessing for the Journey: STS 160

Right: Remember to find us.

Left: Remember our name.

All: Remember your promise to walk with us home.

Hymn: *We are walking in the light of God*

### TODAY

Greeter:

Ushers: Ruth Tillman, Luke Horner

Nursery: Krysta Hawkey, Lisa Daughtry-Weiss

Worship Arts: Judy N

Children's Church: Kathy & Joe Fritsch

### NEXT WEEK

Cheryl Fish Parcham

Amy Whittington, Keith Swartzendruber

Anthony Yoder, Hannah Sommers

Roxanne Ando

(not meeting)

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Last week's offering - \$3,790

Amount needed each week - \$3,947

Attendance - 162

Amount above budget - \$4,688

Lent offering for Academy of Hope - \$288

## CALENDAR

Sun 3/25 --Lent V, Cindy preaches

--begin new worship schedule and location, see announcement

Sun 4/1 -- Palm Sunday

Thu 4/5 --7 p.m., Love Feast, jointly with UPCOB

Sun 4/8 --Easter Sunday — joint service with UPCOB

--9:30 a.m., Easter Brunch

--10:50 a.m., Worship

## Looking Ahead:

Mar. 25-31: Our week to host Warm Nights, an emergency sheltering program in Prince George's County.

Apr. 27-29: Couples Retreat (see Cindy for details)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This year's Lenten offering** at Hyattsville will go to Academy of Hope, which provides basic education for adults in Washington, D.C. (<http://aohdc.org/>). A number of Hyattsville VSers and congregational members have or continue to volunteer or work at Academy of Hope.

**Prayer cards:** During Lent we are providing prayer cards for those who like to write down prayer requests instead of speaking them during the service. The cards (and a box to put them in) are on the table in the foyer. The pastors and pastorate members will receive these prayer requests and follow up if requested.

**Summer Hospitality** — HMC is privileged to welcome a Ministry Inquiry student this summer who will be working with Cindy. Justin Yoder, a junior at Goshen College, will need housing from June through August. His preference would be to stay with a family from the congregation. If you would have room to host Justin for the summer please be in touch with Cindy. [clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org](mailto:clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org)

this summer), Habitat for Humanity, Ufufua and any others you may find. Some volunteer work camps charge a fee to help with room and board, and some entail transportation costs. The service committee has a small budget (\$200) to help with these sorts of expenses. If you would like some or all of this assistance, please be in touch with Catherine Hiebert Kerst masala\_@hotmail.com.

**Warm Nights Update:** Here are the needs that remain:

**Serving nights: Tuesday (Mar. 27)** Individuals or small groups can sign up. **Lunches:** Need sign ups for all days. **Set up-Sunday:**( Mar. 25): 2 more sign ups. **Take Down Sunday:** (Apr. 1): 3 more sign up. Please contact the following with responses: Mary Jo Schumacher at trwmjs@comcast.net, Kyle Melin at kylepharmd@gmail.com or Richard Brown at rabboatman@yahoo.com

**Renovation Update** – Mar. 25 we start our new schedule at University Park Church of the Brethren: Sunday school for children and youth at 10:40 a.m., worship at 11:30 a.m.

**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.

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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 Tuesday through Friday.

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

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