

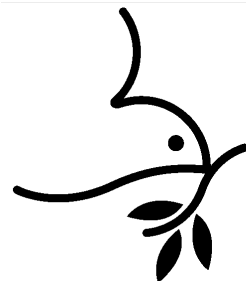
worship service. We are sad to say goodbye, but want to send them off with our warmest love and best wishes. There will be a place for you to share money gifts with them if you would like to contribute in that way. Please bring a dessert and salad or main dish to share.

On behalf of MCC and the East Coast, we would like to thank the Hyattsville church for your gift of \$2,173.09 for the East Africa drought. This kind of solidarity and collective prayer for those who suffer goes a long way. I am also thinking of you in the midst of your building project. I hope that all goes well and does not bifurcate too much from your primary mission as a church. Blessings to you! –Curtis Book, peace & justice coordinator, East Coast

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 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.

EMU alum looking for a room to rent for 6 months, starting mid-April. See his Linked In profile for more info. <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/jud-shearer/10/507/593>



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10:40-Sunday School

11:30-Worship Service

All services are held at University Park Church of the Brethren
4413 Tuckerman, Hyattsville, Md.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Prelude

Tim Buckwalter

We Gather

Welcome

Annabeth Roeschley

Call to Worship

Hymn: HWB 1 – *What is this place*

Adam Tice

We Reflect and Confess

Confession of Faith: “Rainbow,” Siddur Sha’ar Zahav, p. 87

(Our confession of faith comes from the Sha’ar Zahav community, who shares a synagogue with First Mennonite Church in San Francisco.)

Silent Reflection

The meditation bells will bring us in and out of the silence.

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Crissie Buckwalter

Hymn: HWB 354 – *Fount of love, our Savior God*

We Listen

A Time for Children

Becca Walawender

Hearing the Scripture

Psalm 51:1-12 (p. 452); John 12:20-33 (p. 875)

Sermon: **Choose Death?**

Cindy Lapp

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

We Bring

Sharing our Responses, Joys and Concerns

Prayer: “Convocation,” Siddur Sha’ar Zahav, p. 89

We have gathered as a congregation on this Sabbath to worship in the tradition of our people. May we draw strength from this community of prayer and inspiration from our communion with God.

In the quiet of this house of worship, let us look at our lives, O God, in your light.

There are blessings which we count: the joy of living, the pride of achievement, the fulfillment of hope.

There are also sorrows which darken our hearts. There are problems in our lives and in the world which make us fearful.

As we share in the prayers of this congregation, may we feel the sense of each other’s presence. May we be grateful for all our blessings. May we have the strength to bear misfortune, the will to acknowledge imperfection and the conviction to strive for a better world. Amen.

The Work of the Church

Greeting our Guests

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

Children’s Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

We Go in Peace

Sending Hymn: STS 100 – *O blessed spring*

Blessing for the Journey

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Greeter: Cheryl Fish Parcham	Mark N
Ushers: Amy Whittington, Keith Swartzendruber	Roxanne Ando, Kelly Heatwole

Nursery: Anthony Yoder, Hannah Sommers

Worship Arts: Roxanne Ando

Rita & Phil Oswald Christano

Doris Bartel

TREASURER’S REPORT

Last week’s offering - \$3,953

Attendance - 112

Amount needed each week - \$3,947

Amount above budget - \$4,694

Lent offering for Academy of Hope - \$280

CALENDAR

Today --6:30 p.m., church council meeting

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

Sun 4/1 -- Palm Sunday

Thu 4/5 --7:00 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:

April 27-29: Couples Retreat. Space is available for 2 more couples. 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.

Hospitality Happenings:

Apr/ 8- Fellowship Meal — Easter Brunch 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Please bring Easter goodies to share. This will be a joint gathering with UPCOB members.

Apr. 15 — Farewell meal for Adam and Maria following the

On Monday, Mar. 26, people of faith will be gathering in front of the Supreme Court building for a prayerful witness on health care at 11 a.m. "With attentive concern for those who are most vulnerable, prayers will be offered for those who benefit most from health care reform." The event is sponsored by Faithful Reform in Health Care, and Mennonite Central Committee is a member. For more information and a list of other activities, see www.faithfulreform.org/storage/frhc/ACA_Supreme_Court/aca-supreme%20court.pdf. The Supreme Court justices will be hearing oral arguments about the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act Monday through Wednesday mornings. Mennonite Central Committee is one of the signers to a brief in support of the law.

Attention High School Seniors: Want to take some time off from school to focus on service and learning? Service Adventure gives you the opportunity to live in community with other young adults and a unit leader or couple while you learn more about what it means to serve God and each other. Visit Service.MennoniteMission.net for more information or an application.

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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