

Prayer of Blessing

People: Go in peace. Go in love. Go in the Spirit of Christ.

Leader: Know that your ministry with us has served the cause of Christ in this community.

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Leader: May your deepening commitment to God become your starting point as you return to familiar territory but face some unknowns.

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Leader: Always remember that even though we will be separated in space, our common love will bind us together in spirit.

All: God of ancient sojourners, you are also the God of modern travelers. As you traveled with Abraham and Sarah, as you traveled with Jesus and the disciples, go now with Adam, Maria and Ezra. Keep them joyfully faithful to you, in worship and service, and in the new relationships before them. May our friendships endure, and may we ever be one in Christ’s name. Amen.

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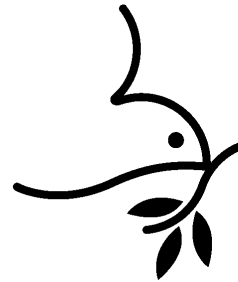
Church List Serve: Please note new instructions -- Join the HMC list serve to receive announcements and sharing each week. To join, send an email from the account you wish to receive your messages with “Subscribe list” (no quotes) in the body of the email to STServ@hyattsvillemennonite.org. To remove yourself from the list, send an email from the subscribed email address with “Unsubscribe list” in the body of the email to STServ@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.

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

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

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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

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

Prelude

Jonathan Miller

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 133 and I John 1-2) Cynthia Lapp

L: See how good and pleasant it is for God’s people to live together as one!

P: **What we have seen and heard we declare so that we may all be one, as we are one with God and the Only begotten, Jesus Christ.**

L: This is our joy: God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.

P: **If we live in the light as God is in the light, we are one with each other.**

All: *How good and pleasant it is for God’s people to live together as one!*

Praising

Hymn: STJ 54 – *Longing for light*

Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Mira Grieser & Brett Sherman

Confessing

Confession of Faith

Hymn: (see insert) – *God sparks the human soul*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

Hymn: (see insert) – *Fill us with your breath*

Sermon: ***A Parting Blessing***

Cynthia Lapp

Maria Tice

Adam Tice

Responding

Farewell to Adam, Maria and Ezra

Giving Gifts

Litany of Release and Farewell

Prayer of Blessing (see back of bulletin)

STJ 76 – The Lord bless you and keep you

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

Hymn: HWB 118 – *Praise God from whom*

Benediction and Blessing of the Meal

CALENDAR

Today --Fellowship meal follows the worship service – everyone is invited to join us.

Wed 4/18 --7:30 p.m., Worship committee meets at the church house

Sun 4/22--Cindy preaches

Sun 4/29--Gift Discernment Sunday

Sat 5/5 --6:30 p.m., Game Night – see announcement

Sun 5/6 --Baby shower, after church – see announcement

Looking Ahead:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Game Night — Whether your game is Scrabble, Dutch Blitz, Candyland, Settlers, Twister or Rook there is room for you. We will join with UPCOB for fun over the game table. Plan now to bring your table games and snacks for Cinco de Mayo game night. Sat., May 5, 6:30 p.m. at UPCOB. Contact Jeanette Stoltzfus for more details. jeanette.stoltzfus@gmail.com

Baby Shower — May 6 (after church). Please join the HMC community for a baby shower for Christy and Kyle Miller Hesed at the home of Bernd and Kristi. **Please bring a dish to share. Their baby registry is** <http://www.eregistry.com/Events/MillerHesedBabyRegistry>

TODAY

Greeter: Peter Goering

Ushers: Nelson Steelberg

Nursery: Christine Friesen, Penny

Worship Arts: Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender

NEXT WEEK

Becca Walawender

Kristin Sampson, LeAnne Zook

Lisa/Dan Daughtry-Weiss, Charlotte S

Stephen Wilcox

TREASURER'S REPORT

Last week's offering - \$5,529

Amount needed each week - \$3,947

Attendance - 210

Amount above budget - \$6,135

Lent offering for Academy of Hope - \$700
