Save the Date: Our annual hospitality night is coming on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013. Stay tuned for more details.

Construction Update: We are in the final weeks of our renovation and will soon be moving back into the HMC building. Updates will be available via the email listsery, the website and Facebook.

Volleyball Opportunity: If you are interested in playing volleyball this winter on a church league, please get in touch with Su Flickinger (sufl@cetea.net or 301-277-9196). The games are on Saturday evenings and will run from mid-January to probably late March. Vast experience isn't needed, though a willingness to have fun and hang out with really cool people is.

During our time at the UPCOB location, the bulletin board and shelf space at the back of the sanctuary on the left side will be for our use.

Church List Serve: Join the HMC list serve to receive announcements and sharing each week. To join, send an email with "Subscribe list" (no quotes) in the body of the email to STServ@hyattsvillemennonite.org. To remove yourself from the list, send an email 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 will be closed on Monday. *Cindy* will be available Wednesday through Friday. *Jake* will be in the office Wednesday and Friday.

Cynthia Lapp, Pastor Becca Walawender, Congregational Chair Crissie Buckwalter, Pastorate Chair Jake Short, Administrative Assistant clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org rebeccawalawender@gmail.com cjsb54@gmail.com jshort@hyattsvillemennonite.org



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11:00–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 STS-Sing The Story

Prelude Mira Grieser

Call to Worship: Psalm 148 Kaye Brubaker, Jake Short

Hymn: STS 24 – *Alleluia* Cindy Lapp

Affirmation of Faith:

All: We believe that this One put a human face on God's love and longing: the One who was born as a human baby, exiled from his land, had no known address, worked with his hands, hung out with the ignored and reviled, laid down his life, and, on receiving it back, shared it with everyone.

Hymns: STS 26 – Helpless and hungry HWB 215 – What Child is this

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading:

Colossians 3:12-17

Tim Beall

Hymn: HWB 210 – Good Christian friends, rejoice

Scripture Reading:

Luke 2:21-40

Singing the Christmas Story:

HWB 192 – On this day earth shall ring

STS 21 – *Sing we the virgin Mary*

HWB 463 – Let all mortal flesh keep silence

HWB 194 – Away in a manger

STS 25 – A stable lamp is lighted

Responding

Sharing 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

Benediction

All: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, let us put on clothes of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. And may Christ's peace rule in our hearts, so that whatever we do, in word or deed, we will do in Christ's name.

Hymn: HWB 197 – Angels we have heard on high

TODAY NEXT WEEK

Greeter: Mary Jo Schumacher Lauren Good

Ushers: Nelson Steelberg, Keith Swartzendruber
Nursery: Penny Russell, Angie Wiens

Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman
Mira Grieser, Brett Sherman

Worship Arts: Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender Judy Nord

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering - \$3,931 Attendance – 101

Amount needed each week - \$3,947 Amount above budget - \$6,187

CALENDAR

Sun 1/6—Epiphany, Michelle Burkholder preaches

Mon 1/7—Community Café

Sun 1/13—Cindy Lapp preaches

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Cards: If you would like to share a prayer request in writing rather than verbally during the service, please find cards by the bulletin board in the back of the church. Members of the Pastorate hold your joys, concerns and sharings in prayer, both those shared verbally during the service and in writing.

Advent & Christmas Offering: In light of the recent effects of Hurricane Sandy, this year's special Advent offering will be collected to support Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS). MDS is a volunteer network of Anabaptist churches that responds to disasters in Canada and the United States. Our donation will help respond to disasters such as Hurricane Sandy, which are likely to become more frequent with our changing environment.

Church Directory: It has finally been published; see Jake Short for a physical copy. Electronic copies will be available soon.

Community Café: HMC is serving again in January. Please remember to sign up in the midst of the holiday busyness. Thanks!

Return dishes to their homes: There are numerous dishes left at UPCOB after the Dec. 16 fellowship meal. Please take yours' home.