"the food has been really good this week", so we know our efforts were appreciated. Please remember our guests as they face uncertainty with the Warm Nights program ending for this season.

**Volunteers Needed:** If you are interested in the International Guest House's mission of extending Christian hospitality to travelers, here's your chance to learn by lending a hand without having to make a long-term commitment. The Guest House is a bit short-handed for April and is looking for people to help out from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on various days throughout the month. Lunch will be provided. If you can help, please contact Annabelle Kratz at 301-596-9057 or at dakratz@juno.com.

Anabaptist Peace Center Event: "A Community Forum on Gun Violence", sponsored by Anabaptist Peace Center and EMU WCSC, will happen on Wednesday, May 22 at Busboys and Poets in Hyattsville. The event will be held in the Howard Zinn Room, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with dinner on your own; at 7:00 p.m. the program begins. Join us to hear from three experts about why gun violence continues to plague our community and what we can do about it. Speakers include:

- Rev. Graylan Hagler, Senior Pastor, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Washington, DC, and long time activist and leader for racial, social, and economic justice.
- Col. Douglas Holland, Chief of Police, Hyattsville.
- James Atwood, Chair, Heeding God's Call of Greater Washington and author of *America and Its Guns: A Theological Exposé*.

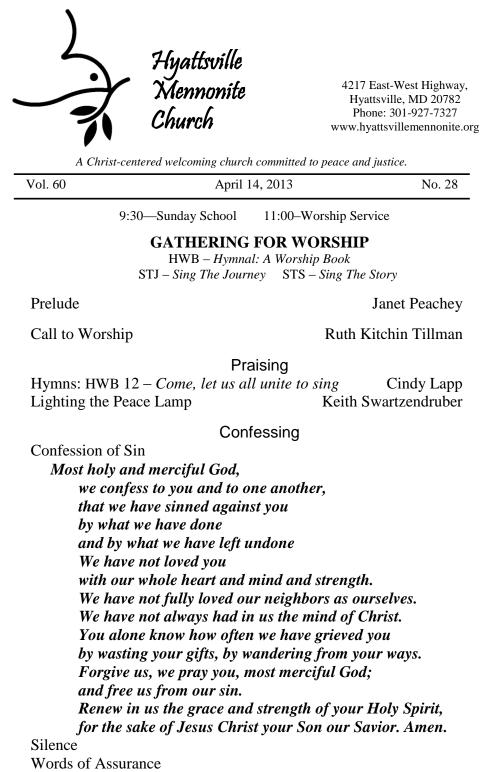
Church Listserv & Social Media: If you would like to be added or need to change

your email address, please email the church office. We also have a new Facebook organization page, so "like" us to keep up with all the latest news and interactions.

Church Staff Schedule: The church office will be closed on Monday.

*Cindy* will be available Tuesday through Friday. *Jake* will be in the office Tuesday, 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



Hymn: STJ 23 – Slowly turning, ever turning

Hearing the Word		ANNOUNCEMENTS	
A Time for Children	Marc Friesen	<b>Prayer Cards:</b> If you would like to share a prayer request in writing	
Scripture Reading:		rather than verbally during the service, please find cards and the prayer	
John 17:20-26	Micah Tillman	card box on the literature table in the foyer. Members of the Pastorate	
Acts 9:10-20		hold your joys, concerns, and sharings in prayer, both those shared	
Sermon:	Lorne Peachey	verbally during the service and in writing.	
Silence		Fellowship Meal: All are invited to stay for the fellowship meal in the	
Hymn: STJ 109 – There is more love somewhere		basement fellowship hall after worship today.	
Resp	onding		
Responses to the Message		<b>Gift Discernment:</b> Each year those attending HMC are given the opportunity to offer their gifts for the work of the church and broader community. What gifts do you have to offer? Who do you think will serve us well in various leadership roles? Gift discernment forms are available in the foyer or will go out on the email listserv. When you've finished your form, email it to Jim Rice (jrice57@gmail.com) or place it in the box in the foyer by Sunday, April 21. The Pastorate will	
Sharing of Joys and Concerns			
Prayers of the Church			
Hymn: STJ 59 – Confitemini Domino			
The Work of the Church Greeting our Guests Announcements			
			prayerfully consider all input and offer a slate of recommendations to
The Ministry of Giving			
Children's Offering		<b>Safe Congregation Training:</b> We invite any HMC adult to participate in a 2-hour interactive training session on safety from bullying and	
Offertory			
Prayer of Dedication		abuse, on Sunday, May 5 from 1-3 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The	
Sending		training is designed for adults to build basic safety skills that can help children stay safe, act wisely, and believe in themselves. We especially	
Hymn: HWB 420 – Heart with loving heart united			
Benediction		encourage those who volunteer to work with children at HMC, whether	
		as Sunday school teachers, youth sponsors, or nursery volunteers, to	
TODAY	NEXT WEEK	- attend. Even if you have done training like this in the past, we	
Greeter: Lauren Good	Mark Nord	encourage you to come to learn about how we can jointly work together	
Ushers: Roxanne Ando, Melanie Friesen	Richard Brown, Amy Whittington Crissie Buckwalter, Janessa Cobb	at HMC to make our community safer. A light lunch will be served and	
Nursery: Wendel Landes, Cheryl ShreinerCrissie Buckwalter, Janessa CobbWorship Arts: Sara PersonKristin Sampson, Becca Walawender		child care is available. Please RSVP with Jake Short.	

**TREASURER'S REPORT** 

**CALENDAR** 

Sun 4/14—Allegheny Conference moderator Lorne Peachey preaches;

Sun 4/28—Colombian sister church group leads worship; Boris Ozuna

Attendance - 120

Amount below budget - \$271

Offering - \$6,212

Amount needed each week - \$4,977

Sun 4/21—Cindy preaches.

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fellowship meal.

Gospel Choir: A gospel choir is forming to sing under the direction of Shirli Hughes on May 5 in the worship service. Shirli is a gifted musician who will lead our service that morning including a choir of HMC folks. Practice will be Thursdays April 25 and May 2. See Cindy for more information: clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org.

Warm Nights: Thank you to all who participated in Warm Nights this week and made our guests feel welcome. There were many hands who helped from start to finish with the set up, preparing and serving dinner, overnight stays, lunches, and take down. Several guests commented that