

new procedures. Bring your ideas and observations for how we can make everyone feel welcome at HMC. Coffee will be provided.

HMC Women's Retreat: It's happening May 17-19 at Rolling Ridge Retreat Center. This year's theme will be on Perspectives of Happiness - internal and external sources. All women are invited to attend for relaxation, contemplation, and fun. Registration forms are available online here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9NKF85V>.

Summer Housing: I am a former MVS Volunteer (Harlingen 2010-2011). I am currently a law student and I will be working in DC this summer at Human Rights First. I have been having a difficult time finding housing for the summer. I would be able to pay rent for the time I plan on being there (mid-May to early August).

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.

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9:30—Sunday School 11:00—Worship Service

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

HWB – *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

STJ – *Sing The Journey* STS – *Sing The Story*

Prelude

Luciano Lima, Eric Olson

Call to Worship

David Conrad

L: Lord, I ask you in the name of your son Jesus Christ,
for all of the displaced in Colombia and in the whole world.

P: God, before you we come to pray.

L: That you, Lord, would give them strength, so they can move
forward with their families and that in spite of all the darkness,
that they would never forget you.

P: God, before you we come to pray.

L: I pray that they would realize that you are always with them
and will never abandon them, that you are the light,
which always guides and protects.

P: God, before you we come to pray.

L: Lord, I pray that people who are displaced would one day
forget their worries and be strengthened in you.

P: God, before you we come to pray.

All: Lord, we pray that your holy will be done.

Praising

Hymn: HWB 229 – *Tú has venido a la orilla*

Cindy Lapp

Confessing

Confession (in unison)

Help us O Lord,

So that our words, our actions, and our lives might reflect your love.

That your Holy Spirit might accompany us to find the path of peace.

That we might love one another as sisters and brothers.

*That we might fully trust in your constant accompaniment and presence.
 Help us O Lord,
 So that we might see your mercy and hear your voice.
 Heal the wounded hearts and restore affected lives.
 With your help O Lord, we will walk in your peace and love.*

Amen
 Lighting the Peace Lamp Tony Brun, Eric Olson
 Hymn: HWB 412 – *We shall walk through the valley*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children “*Brothers & Sisters Around the World*” Lauren Good

Scripture Reading:
 Psalm 34:1-14 Jesse Epp-Fransen
 Sermon: ***Now is the Time for Peace in Colombia*** Boris Ozuna
 Hymn: STJ 69 – *Cuando el pobre*

Responding

Responses to the Message
 Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 Prayers of the Church

The Work of the Church
 Greeting our Guests
 Announcements

The Ministry of Giving
 Children’s Offering
 Offertory Luciano Lima, Daniel Daughtry-Weiss
 Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: *Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos*
Caminamos en la Luz de Dios
We are Marching in the Light of God

Benediction

TODAY

Greeter: Cheryl Fish-Parcham
 Ushers: Luke Horner, Michael Bender
 Nursery: Corrie Mauldin, Kamweti Mutu
 Worship Arts: Roxanne Ando

NEXT WEEK

Peter Goering
 Nelson Steelberg, Keith Swartzendruber
 Christina Hade Henriksson, Jakob Henriksson
 Doris Bartel

TREASURER’S REPORT

Offering – \$4,699 Attendance – 124
 Amount needed each week – \$4,977 Amount below budget – \$1,810

CALENDAR

Sun 5/5—Shirli Hughes leads worship; Safe Congregations training.
 Sun 5/12—Mother’s Day; Jubilee Disability Awareness Sunday;
 congregational conversation on building use, 9:30 a.m.
 Sun 5/19—Pentecost, new member Sunday; fellowship meal;
 congregational conversation on building use following meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Cards: If you would like to share a prayer request in writing rather than verbally during the service, please find cards and the prayer card box on the literature table in the foyer. Members of the Pastorate hold your joys, concerns, and sharings in prayer, both those shared verbally during the service and in writing.

Safe Congregation Training: Calling on all HMC adults, especially those volunteering with children and youth: We are offering the first Safe Congregation Training on Sunday May 5, from 1-3 p.m. It will be a fun and informative training led by Dr. Kim Leisey, Director of the Chesapeake and Potomac KIDPOWER Center, who has been teaching safety training to people of all ages for 18 years. Adults will learn guidance that can help even young children develop basic skills that can help them stay safe, act wisely and believe in themselves. The training will be held in the fellowship hall after the service, and a simple lunch will be provided. Childcare is available. Please RSVP with Jake Short.

Community Café: We still need plenty of people to sign up to supply various needs for Community Café, which HMC serves a week from tomorrow. For more information, contact Jake Short.

Worship Next Sunday: Our May 5 worship will be lead by musician Shirli Hughes. Shirli will lead a choir of HMC members and friends, as well as preach and teach on the African American gospel tradition.

Envision the Space: Now that we are back in the church building on Sundays, do we have any plans for the space the other days of the week? There are two opportunities to dream and imagine the possibilities: May 12 at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and muffins, and May 19 after the fellowship meal at 1:30 p.m., both in the fellowship hall. Please plan to attend one or both of these conversations.

Usher/Greeter Training: If you are currently an usher or greeter, or have interest in being one please attend the usher/greeter training, May 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the entrance area. With a new building come some

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