

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*.

Service Adventure: Service Adventure unit leaders, ages 24 and up, provide spiritual guidance for the 17-to-20-year-old participants in Service Adventure. Leadership responsibilities take the equivalent of a half-time job, allowing for part-time service or work in the community. Responsibilities include providing structure and direction to all aspects of unit life, and guiding and supporting participants on their spiritual and personal journeys. Leaders live in or near a household of three to five Service Adventure participants. Terms are two years in length and may be extended.

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

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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

Call to Worship

Christina Warner

Leader: Lord, open our lips

People: and our mouths will proclaim your praise,

All: you are good to those who wait for you, to all who seek you!

Praising

Hymns: HWB 114 – *In thee is gladness*

Becky Kurtz

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Jeanette Stoltzfus

Confessing

Confession from Psalm 36

Leader: Your Love, LORD, reaches to heaven,

your truth to the skies. Your justice is like God's mountain,

your judgments like the deep.

Silence

L: To mortals and beasts you give protection.

O LORD, how precious is your love.

***All: My God, the children of the earth find refuge
in the shelter of your wings.***

L: They feast on the riches of your house;

they drink from the stream of your delight.

All: In you is the source of life and in your light we see light.

Silence

Hymn: HWB 606 – *Oh, have you not heard*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading:

John 20:19-31

Sermon: ***Peace be with You***

Silence

Hymn: STJ 46 – *O breathe on me, O breath of God*

Meryt McGindley

Cindy Lapp

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

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: HWB 278 – *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

Benediction

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: On Sunday May 5, from 1-3 p.m., we will offer the first HMC Safe Congregation training to adults in the church who routinely volunteer with children and youth (Sunday school teachers, youth sponsors, nursery workers, etc.) The training will take place in the fellowship hall. The training is an interactive skill-building session which gives adults information and skills to help children to stay safe, act wisely, and believe in themselves. A simple lunch will be provided. Follow-up training for children and youth will be offered in the fall.

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

Adult Education Series: A new series titled "Living Creative Peace" begins today, April 7, for adult Sunday School. M.J. Park from Little Friends for Peace will be speaking.

HMC Online: As we get ready to premiere our new website soon and our Facebook presence steadily grows, we want to be mindful of everyone's privacy. If you do not wish to have your photo and/or name on our website or Facebook, please let Jake Short know.

Gun Violence Prayer Vigil: We would like to invite you to join Sojourners and PICO for the Gun Violence Prayer Vigil this Thursday, April 11, for a Gun Violence Prayer Vigil on the National Mall (between 13th and 14th Streets) from 11:00 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Janelle Tupper: jtupper@sojo.net.

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

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Greeter: Marlin Friesen	Lauren Good
Ushers: Ruth Kitchin Tillman, Keith Swartzendruber	Richard Brown, Melanie Friesen
Nursery: Krysta Hawkey, Angie Wiens	Wendel Landes, Cheryl Shreiner
Worship Arts: Michelle Burkholder, Becky Hass	Sara Person
TREASURER'S REPORT	
Offering – \$2,834	Attendance – 181
Amount needed each week – \$4,977	Amount below budget – \$1,506

CALENDAR

Sun 4/7—Cindy preaches.

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

Sun 4/21—Cindy preaches.

Sun 4/28—Colombian sister church group leads worship.

