

whatever purpose we feel called to (for us, for our community, for relief, to sell at an MCC sale, etc). All ages, skill levels, and gender identifications are welcome! Send an email to: [REDACTED].

**Film Premiere:** The “A la Familia Project” of the Human Rights Campaign Foundation and the Religion and Faith Program invites you to the premiere of *Before God: We are all Family*. The premiere will take place at the GALA Hispanic Theatre in Columbia Heights, Washington, D.C. on Oct. 1. *Before God* captures the lives of five families and their journeys across the rocky road of reconciling faith, sexuality, gender identity, ethnicity, and familia in the current social climate which insists these are un-reconcilable. The film and a panel discussion will follow a reception with the filmmaker and family members. For more information, contact Lisbeth Melendez Rivera, National A la Familia Coordinator, at: familia@hrc.org or 240-997-8550. You can also contact Michael Toumayan at michael.toumayan@hrc.org or 202-423-2855. Seating is limited. To RSVP for this event please go to <http://beforegod.eventbrite.com>.

**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.



Assistive Listening Devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Church Listserv:** To add or change your email address, please email Jake Short.  
**Facebook:** Check us out: Hyattsville Mennonite Church.

**Church Staff Schedule:** The church office is closed on Mondays.

*Cindy* will be available Tuesday and Wednesday.

*Michelle* will be available Tuesday and Friday.

*Jake* will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

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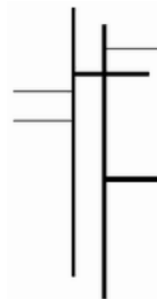
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# Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

HWB – *Hymnal: A Worship Book* (blue)

STJ – *Sing The Journey* (green)      STS – *Sing The Story* (purple)

Prelude

Jonathan Miller

Call to Worship

Becky Kurtz

Leader: We rejoice in hope,  
 seeing signs of God’s peace and justice.

**People: We are citizens of God’s kingdom.**

L: We extend hospitality to strangers,  
 inviting God’s peace and justice.

**P: We are citizens of God’s kingdom.**

L: We persevere in prayer,  
 longing for the fullness of God’s peace and justice.

**P: We are citizens of God’s kingdom.**

## Praising

Hymn: HWB 64 – *Asithi: Amen* (*Sing amen*)

Cindy Lapp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Jake Short

## Confessing

Confession: STJ 128

Silence

Hymn: STJ 54 – *Longing for light*

## Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Mark & Judy Nord

Scripture Reading:

Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

Matthew 5:43-48

Rebeca Ozuna Barge

Message: *Creative Peace*  
Hymn: STS 114 – *God has chosen me*

Michelle Burkholder

## CALENDAR

\Sun 9/29—Ricardo Esquivia preaches.  
Sun 10/6—Installation service for Michelle Burkholder.  
Fri 10/18-20—Church retreat; no worship service that Sunday.

### Responding

Responses to the Message  
Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Praying Together

Saying Thank You

Cindy Lapp

The Work of the Church  
Greeting our Guests  
Announcements

The Ministry of Giving  
Children's Offering  
Offertory  
Prayer of Dedication

### Sending

Hymn: HWB 407 – *We are people of God's peace*  
Benediction

L: We go, rejoicing in hope, seeing signs of God's peace and justice.

**P: We are citizens of God's kingdom.**

L: We go, extending hospitality to strangers,  
inviting God's peace and justice.

**P: We are citizens of God's kingdom.**

L: We go, persevering in prayer,  
longing for the fullness of God's peace and justice.

**P: We are citizens of God's kingdom.**

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#### TODAY

Greeter: Mary Jo Schumacher  
Ushers: Wyatt Feeler, Mark Nord  
Nursery: Melanie Friesen, Jim Rice  
Worship Arts: Sara Person  
Children's Church: (not meeting)

#### NEXT WEEK

Sara Fretz-Goering  
Richard Brown, Melanie Friesen  
Janessa Cobb, Becca Walawender  
Jake Short  
(not meeting)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$4,698  
Amount needed each week – \$4,977

Attendance – 104  
Amount under budget – \$11,214

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Retreat Registration:** The annual HMC retreat will happen Friday-Sunday, October 18-20. Plan to come and fellowship during a relaxing weekend away! Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer or electronically via Jake in the office.

**Associate Pastor Installation Service:** As part of our worship together on Oct. 6, we will install Michelle Burkholder as associate pastor. We will share communion during the service and a fellowship meal afterward. Please plan to attend this day of celebration!

**October 6 Fellowship Meal:** We will celebrate Michelle Burkholder's installation. The meal will feature Michelle's favorite foods. Please bring anything made with regular potatoes (mashed, tater tots, etc.) and smushy casseroles (creamy, mushy, get creative...). Let's come and celebrate! Note: this is the first Sunday of October, not the second, when we normally host fellowship meals.

**HMC Small Groups:** If you are currently in a small group at HMC, please discuss if your group wants to continue meeting together, or if there are individuals wishing to make changes. If individuals are interested in starting their own small groups, that is also encouraged, but Pastorate would appreciate being made aware of these groups. If there are individuals new to HMC who would like to become involved in a small group, Pastorate would like to help them make connections. Fall is typically the time of year for many groups to shuffle and make changes. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sara Fretz-Goering [REDACTED] or Mira Grieser [REDACTED].

**HMC Craft Group:** Would you like to learn how to knit, sew, quilt, crochet or gain skills in some other textile arts? Do you have any knowledge or skills in those areas that you would like to pass on? I'm interested in getting a group together to create blankets, comforters and quilts (or other sewn and stitched things!) for

