range of assistance to survivors of torture seeking asylum in the U.S. Currently, we are trying to identify a place for a young woman and two elementary-aged children. Please contact Sr. Denise Curry at denise@tassc.org or 202-529-2991, if you might be interested in helping out with this current need or future requests that we receive.

Empowering Afghan Women: Join Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) and the Anabaptist Peace Center to hear from organizations working to empower women in Afghanistan. Speakers include: Suraya Sadeed, founder and executive director of Help the Afghan Children, and Helen Loftin, VP of economic opportunities for MEDA. The event will happen Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Howard Zinn Room of the Hyattsville Busboys and Poets; the room opens for dinner on your own at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Earl Zimmerman: earl.zimmerman@gmail.com, or Melissa Stoner: mstoner@meda.org.



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: Hyattsville Mennonite Church.

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

Cindy will be available Tuesday through Thursday. Michelle will be available Tuesday and Friday. Jake will be in the office Tuesday and Wednesday.

Cynthia Lapp, Pastor Michelle Burkholder. Associate Pastor Becca Walawender, Congregational Chair Sara Fretz-Goering, Pastorate Chair Jake Short, Administrative Assistant

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Prayer Cards: If you want to share a prayer request in writing rather than verbally during the service, please use the space below, tear out this box, and place it in the prayer card box on the 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.



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)

Janet Peachey Prelude

Call to Worship Katrina Toews

Praising

Hymn: HWB 46 – I sing the mighty power of God Becky Kurtz Lighting the Peace Lamp Mark & Judy Nord

Confessing

Confession

Hymn: HWB 580 – My life flows on

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Katrina Toews

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Luke 17: 11-19

Message: Living Gratitude

Kimberly Schmidt Nancy Good Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: HWB 71 – *Joyful*, *joyful*, we adore thee

Responding

Responses to the Message Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Praying Together**

The Work of the Church **Greeting our Guests** Announcements

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

Sending

Hymn: HWB 372 – *O Healing River* Benediction and Meal Blessing

TODAY

NEXT WEEK

Greeter: Marlin Friesen

Ushers: Becky Hass, Keith Swartzendruber

Nursery: Becca Walawender, Angie Wiens

Worship Arts: Michelle Burkholder Children's Church: (not meeting)

Church Retreat (see announcement below)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$6,044 Attendance – 189

Amount needed each week – \$4,977 Amount under budget – \$7,313

CALENDAR

Thurs 10/17—Pastorate, 7:00 p.m.

Fri 10/18-Sun 10/20—Church retreat; no worship service that Sunday.

Sun 10/27—Cynthia Lapp preaches.

Sun 11/3—Requiem.

Sun 11/10—Fellowship meal; congregational meeting after meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 20 Worship: There is no worship at HMC next Sunday, Oct. 20 due to the annual church retreat. If you are not attending retreat, you are invited to worship with University Park Church of the Brethren at 10:50 a.m. There will also be no Sunday School.

October 28 Baby Shower: Michelle Burkholder and Becky Hass are expecting a baby boy in November. In anticipation of that joyful event, we will be holding a baby shower at the home of Kristi Bahrenburg Janzen and Bernd Janzen. They have registries at Target and Babies-R-Us. More details will follow.

Seekers Class: A class is forming of newish (and oldish) folks in the congregation. It is an opportunity to reflect on our own spiritual journeys as well Anabaptist thought and practice, and HMC history. We will meet during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, at UPCOB starting November 10. For more info contact Cindy Lapp.

Community Café: After a long hiatus, HMC is scheduled to serve the first Monday in November (the 4th). Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer ASAP.

Church Directory: Please check your information in the church directory and let Jake in the office know of any changes to be made, or if you want to be added to the directory.

Ten Thousand Villages Sale: Do your holiday shopping for your friends, family, and yourself while supporting the diverse artisan cultures of Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. HMC hosts a local Ten Thousand Villages sale at the church from Friday, Nov. 1 (4-9 p.m.) through Saturday, Nov. 2 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Come explore the unique handmade gifts, jewelry, home decor, art and sculpture, textiles and personal accessories made by disadvantaged artisans in 38 countries. Your purchase of these fair trade items will help create a sustainable market and build long term relationships in places where skills artisans struggle for stable income. Additionally, there will be a bake sale; proceeds of the bake sale will help fund HMC-supported community programs. If you have a special request or order, contact leanne.zook@gmail.com for more information.

Housing Needed: TASSC (Torture, Abolition, Survivor Support Coalition) International is a non-profit organization providing a wide