

**MVS D.C. Coordinator Job:** The Washington, D.C. Mennonite Voluntary Service Unit (MVS) is seeking a Local Program Coordinator (LPC) for the unit based in the Columbia Heights neighborhood. This is a part-time, contractual position with an average of 15 hours per week. Compensation will be commensurate with experience. Start date is ideally February 2014 with some flexibility. Preference is for a 2-year commitment. Please contact Kirsten Peterson for position description at: [REDACTED]



# Hyattsville Mennonite Church

A Christ-centered welcoming church committed to peace & justice.

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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

Matthew Steelberg, Konrad Swartz

Call to Worship: from Psalm 146:5-10

Jonathan Miller

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Israel,  
whose hope is in YHWH -

**Right: God who made heaven and earth,  
the sea and all that is in it.**

*Left: God, you keep faith forever:*

**Right: you secure justice for the oppressed;**

*Left: you give food to the hungry;*

**Right: you set captives free;**

*Left: you give sight to the blind;*

**Right: you raise up those who were bowed down;**

*Left: you love those who do justice.*

**Right: God protects strangers and sustains orphans  
and the bereaved –**

*Left: but thwarts the way of the corrupt.*

**All: YHWH will reign forever – your God, O Zion –  
through all generations. Alleluia**

Praising

Hymn: HWB 172 – *O come, O come, Immanuel*

Becky Kurtz

Confessing

Confession and Lighting Advent Wreath

Leader: In the coming of Jesus we see God's majesty:

life springs out of death, desperation yields to hope.

Let us pause to consider the redemptive power of God.



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 Friday.

*Michelle* will be available Tuesday and Friday.

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

Cynthia Lapp, Pastor

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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.

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Let us confess the desert places in our lives,  
the ways we have gone astray,  
and all that is broken in our world.  
The first Advent candle is the candle of hope.  
The second Advent candle is the candle of peace.  
The third Advent candle is the candle of love.

**People: In this light we celebrate forgiveness,  
knowing that God dwells with us and loves us.**

Silence

Hymn: STS 15 – *Hope is a candle* (verses 1-3)

### Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10 Larry Miller

Hymn: STJ 13 – *My soul is filled with joy*

Christmas Pageant: ***The Accidental Messiah*** Children & Youth

Written by: Heidi Schmidt, Mel Schmidt

Coordination & direction: Karen Haynes, Amy Whittington,

Amy Swartz, Kathy Fritsch,

Laura Baumgartner, Michelle Burkholder

Congregational hymns:

*O little town of Bethlehem* (verse 1)

*O come, all ye faithful* (verse 1)

*Silent night* (verse 1)

*We three kings* (verse 1)

Hymn: HWB 318 – *Joy to the world*

### Responding

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 174 – *Bless 'd be the God of Israel*

Benediction

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### TODAY

Greeter: Peter Goering

Ushers: Kelly Heatwole, Amy Whittington

Nursery: Krysta Hawkley, Jen Wollman

Worship Arts: Sara Person

### NEXT WEEK

Mary Jo Schumacher

Wyatt Feeler, Sara Person

Jodi Birkey, Jen Wollman

Michelle Burkholder, Becky Hass

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$4,952

Amount needed each week – \$4,977

Attendance – 126

Amount under budget – \$4,528.50

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### CALENDAR

Sun 12/22—Advent IV, Michelle Burkholder preaches.

Tues 12/24—Christmas Eve service, 6:00 p.m.

Sun 12/29—Cynthia Lapp preaches.

Sun 1/5—Epiphany, Cynthia Lapp and Michelle Burkholder preach.

Mon 1/6—Community Café.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Advent Offering: Help The People Of The Philippines:** HMC's Advent offering will go to Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) response to Typhoon Haiyan, providing funding for immediate needs and supporting partners in an initial assessment team and determining needs for long-term recovery. To donate otherwise, please go to [mcc.org/typhoon-response](http://mcc.org/typhoon-response). Thank you for your prayers for people grieving and suffering in the storm's wake.

**Community Café:** Please sign up ASAP for Community Café, which HMC is scheduled to serve on Monday, January 6, 2014.

**Cookies and Treats of the Season:** Please bring some to share on December 22 during the hour before worship.

**No Sunday School:** There will be no Sunday School for children and adults on Sundays December 22 and 29.

**Christmas Eve Service Offering:** The Christmas Eve offering will be for Ecumenical Project for International Cooperation (EPIC). You can read more about the organization in the HYMN newsletter.

**Save The Date:** Hospitality Night will be coming your way on Sunday, January 26. Please consider hosting or being a guest. It's a great way to get to know others better. More details will follow.

