

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.

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 [REDACTED].



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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

Janet Peachey

Call to Worship: from Isaiah 7:10-17

LeAnne Zook

Leader: Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son!

People: Let us awake to joy!

Leader: He shall be called "God is with us,"

People: and will refuse evil and choose good.

Leader: God gives us a sign:

All: O, the mystery of God's dwelling in the child that is born!

Praising

Hymn: HWB 208 – *Love came down at Christmas*

Cindy Lapp

Confessing

Confession and Lighting Advent Wreath

Leader: The power of God is held

in the weakness of human flesh.

Let us pause to consider incarnation:

a child born and a son given.

Let us offer our skepticism and doubt,

the reality of our humanity.

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

The fourth Advent candle is the candle of joy

People: In this light, we celebrate forgiveness,

knowing that God dwells in the child that is born.

Silence



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 working from home.

Michelle will be available Tuesday and Friday.

Jake will be in the office Tuesday 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.

Hymn: STS 15 – *Hope is a candle* (verses 1-4)

Hearing the Word

Advent Theme Hymn: STS 10 – *Come! Walk in the light*

A Time for Children

Saundra Plett

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 1:18-25

Message: ***Come Unto Me***

Michelle Burkholder

An invitation for anointing will be offered at the end of the message.

Selections from Handel's *Messiah*:

Solo: "Comfort Ye"

Chorus: "And the Glory of the Lord"

Chorus: "For Unto Us a Child is Born"

Solo: "He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd"

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

Janet Peachey, Kimberly Schmidt

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: HWB 124 – *My soul cries out*

Benediction

Musicians:

Piano—Janet Peachey

Flute—Dwight Miyake

Soloists—Kimberly Schmidt, Eric Stoltzfus

TODAY

Greeter: Mary Jo Schumacher

Ushers: Glen Gehman, Sara Person

Nursery: Mark Nord, Jen Wollman

Worship Arts: Michelle Burkholder, Becky Hass

NEXT WEEK

Judy Nord

Marc Friesen, Michael Bender

Wendel Landes, Cheryl Shreiner

Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$9,975

Attendance – 162

Amount needed each week – \$4,977

Amount over budget – \$469.50

CALENDAR

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.

Sun 1/12—Catherine Maresca preaches.

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. Thank you for your prayers for people grieving and suffering in the storm's wake.

Christmas Eve Service Offering: This year's Christmas Eve offering will go to EPIC (Ecumenical Project for International Cooperation), a faith-based organization that conducts projects in Central and South American and in the United States to promote peace, sustainable development, soil conservation, environmental protection, education, health, and human rights. EPIC projects provide creative solutions to significant and urgent problems which engage both community members and grassroots organizations to bring about active and lasting change.

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

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

