

**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].

**Housing Needed:** Sociable community-focused 25 year old MCC alum and current community organizer seeks housing in DC! Please contact Jessica Sarriot [REDACTED] if you know of an opening in a community house downtown (rent <800\$) or of a 2 bedroom apartment (rent <2300) within 5 miles of Dupont. I love to run, dance, cook and read so communities that have space for those things are a plus! Thanks!



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 will be closed on Monday and Wednesday.

*Cindy* will be available Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

*Michelle* will be available Friday.

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

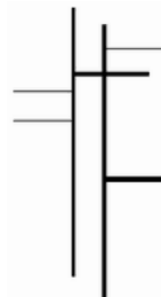
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**Prayer Cards:** If you want to share a prayer request in writing rather than verbally during the service, please use the space below, tear out this box, and place it in the prayer card box on the table in the foyer. Members of the Pastorate hold your joys, concerns, and sharings in prayer, both those shared verbally during the service and in writing.

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# 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 Cecilia Lapp Stoltzfus  
 Hymn: HWB 197 – *Angels we have heard on high* Eric Stoltzfus

Call to Worship LeAnne Zook

Leader: Come before the one made perfect in suffering

**People: Let us awake to the birth of our Savior**

Leader: the one who calls us sister and brother

**People: the one who helps in times of testing.**

Leader: The pioneer of our salvation goes before us;

**All: O, the mystery of God's dwelling in our distress!**

## Praising

Hymns: HWB 198 – *Let our gladness have no end*

STS 26 – *Helpless and hungry*/HWB 215 – *What Child is this*

## Confessing

Confession and Reflecting on the Light of the Advent wreath

Leader: In both the exuberance of Christ's birth  
 and the human sorrow that accompanied it,  
 let us pause to consider God's presence  
 in both joy and grief.

Let us confess the violence we have seen and perpetuated,  
 that God may overcome it with grace.

In our distress,  
 the Advent wreath reminds us of God's steadfast love.

**People: In this light, we celebrate reconciliation.**

**In his love and empathy, Jesus redeems us.**

Silence

Hymn: STS 15 – *Hope is a candle*

### Hearing the Word

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

A Time for Children Saundra Plett

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 63:7-9

Matthew 2:13-23

Message: ***Immanuel In Distress*** Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: HWB 200 – *Where is this stupendous Stranger?*

### 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

Benediction

Hymn: HWB 191 – *O little town of Bethlehem*

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#### TODAY

Greeter: Judy Nord

Ushers: Lauren Good, Mark Nord

Nursery: Wendel Landes, Cheryl Shreiner

Worship Arts: Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender Judy Nord

#### NEXT WEEK

Herb Reed

Melanie Friesen, Jodi Birkey

Liza Heavener, Jen Wollman

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$3,007.50

Amount needed each week – \$4,977

Christmas Eve Offering – \$2,237

Attendance – 143

Amount under budget – \$1,500

Christmas Eve Attendance – 166

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#### CALENDAR

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

Mon 1/6—Community Café.

Sun 1/12—Catherine Maresca preaches.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Community Café:** Please sign up ASAP for Community Café, which HMC is scheduled to serve on Monday, January 6, 2014. There are still a lot of empty slots, especially with servers. Please let Jake Short know ASAP how you can help. Thanks!

**Poinsettias:** The poinsettias are available for purchase. They are \$10.00 each, and payment can be made to Jake Short.

**Adult Education:** Join us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings at UPCoB. Coming in January is a series on "Authority and the Bible." Micah Tillman will lead a Bible study on Jan. 5, 19, and 26. On Jan. 12, Catherine Maresca, director of the Center for Children and Theology, will look at the Bible and authority as we teach and learn with children. Come join the discussions.

**12 Scriptures Project:** Hyattsville will begin its own version of Mennonite Church USA's "12 Scriptures Project" in 2014. To learn more about the project, check out the article in the December HYMN newsletter or talk to Michelle Burkholder.

**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.

