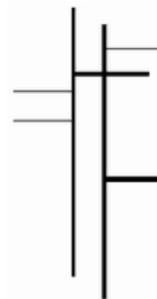


“**Cinderella**” **On Stage:** For those of you who enjoy fun music and British humor, please come out to see the British Players' farcical version of Cinderella at Kensington Town Hall, Dec. 6-22. Great for kids, but lots of bad jokes for the adults, too.

- Evenings: Fridays, Dec. 6, 13, and 20 at 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays, Dec. 7, 14, and 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- Matinees: Saturdays, Dec. 14 and 21, and Sundays, Dec. 8, 15, and 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Note that there is NO Saturday matinee the first weekend. For more information, contact Karen Minatelli [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

Mira Grieser and Sadie Sherman

Call to Worship: from Isaiah 11:1-10

Jonathan Miller

Leader: Come and welcome one another in the name of Christ!

People: Let us awake to peace!

Leader: Live in harmony and join your voices in song.

People: Yes—let us with one voice glorify God.

Leader: In Christ, we see the confirmation of God’s promise.

All: O, the mystery of God’s dwelling in our relationships!

Praising

Hymn: HWB 21 – *All praise to our redeeming Lord*

Cindy Lapp

Confessing

Confession and Lighting Advent Wreath

Leader: The coming of Christ brings peace.

Let us pause to remember the God
who brings harmony from dissonance
and speaks life into our dead places.

Let us confess the violence our fractured relationships.

The first Advent candle is the candle of hope.

The second Advent candle is the candle of peace.

**People: In this light we receive forgiveness,
knowing that God dwells in our relationships.**

Silence

Hymn: STS 15 – *Hope is a candle* (verses 1-2)



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 is on maternity leave.

Jake will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, 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.

Hearing the Word

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

A Time for Children

Sandra Plett

Scripture Reading:

Romans 15:4-13

Andrew Gerber

Message: ***The Mysterious Blessing of Life***

Boris Ozuna

Hymn: HWB 184 – *Hark! the glad sound*

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

Advent Offering Description

Krista Zimmerman

Children's Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: HWB 178 – *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Benediction and blessing of the fellowship meal

CALENDAR

Sun 12/15—Advent III, Christmas pageant.

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

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

Mon 1/6—Community Café.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Messiah Sing-Along Tonight: Happening tonight at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a score if you have one, and treats of the season to share afterward. All are welcome to participate or simply come and listen.

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.

Maternity Leave: Michelle Burkholder is on maternity leave through at least Dec. 15. All inquiries, etc. should be directed to Cynthia Lapp or a member of the Pastorate.

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

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].

CASA de Maryland: Casa de Maryland's Prince George's Workers Center (in Langley Park), just a few minutes from College Park, has honest, reliable workers to do any job you need done this season: hanging lights, cleaning, painting, and more! Make your life easier and help support another's livelihood by calling CASA and talking to Amy Caruso (of New Leaf Church): 240-491-5784.

TODAY

Greeter: Rebeca Ozuna Barge

Ushers: Richard Brown, Meryt McGindley

Nursery: Scott Yoder, Kathleen Zook

Worship Arts: Meryt McGindley

NEXT WEEK

Peter Goering

Kelly Heatwole, Amy Whittington

Krysta Hawkey, Jenn Wollman

Sara Person

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$4,049

Amount needed each week – \$4,977

Attendance – 109

Amount under budget – \$4,503.50
