and the HMC church family immediately following church on Sunday, March 2. No gifts are needed, but if you choose to give, multicultural books or donations to The Homeless Children's Playtime Project (http://www.playtimeproject.org/) are appreciated.

Camerata Singers Concert: The Bluffton University Camerata Singers group will perform a concert at HMC on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. as part of their spring break tour. Host families are needed. There will be 26 students and staff in need of hosts. Please contact Mary Jo Schumacher ASAP at:

to let her know how many you can host and if you can contribute to the meal that will be served before the concert.

Nursery: Childcare is provided for children ages newborn through three years old.



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.

Cindy will be available Tuesday through Thursday at noon. *Michelle* will be available Tuesday.

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

Cynthia Lapp, Pastor Michelle Burkholder, Associate Pastor Becca Walawender, Congregational Chair Sara Fretz-Goering, Pastorate Chair Jake Short, Administrative Assistant clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org rebeccawalawender@gmail.com sarafretzgoering@gmail.com jshort@hyattsvillemennonite.org

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)

Prelude Fidele Lumeya
Call to Worship Christina Warner

Leader: May our thoughts be filled with transformation,

People: May our words reflect the yearnings of our hearts. Leader: And may the spirit that binds within us as we gather

People: Hallow each and every passing moment we know here together.

Praising

Hymn: HWB 75 – *Holy, holy, holy* Eric Stoltzfus Lighting the Peace Lamp Richard Brown

Confessing

Confession

Leader: We give you all thanks and Praise, O God,

People: for we have learned of your justice, and you have never left us without witnesses to your Word.

Leader: In ancient days before you gave your people the land, you set before us a covenant, with heaven and earth as your witnesses,

People: calling us to embrace your ways and choose life over evil.

Leader: When we turned away from you, life began to perish,

but you sent your child, Jesus Christ, - your word become flesh -

People: to reconcile us to one another and to you,

so that the righteousness of your law might be fulfilled in us.

Leader: Though he was killed, you raised him to life, and now, in each generation

People: we work together to plant and water the seed of your Word which you cause to grow in us, so that, following your ways, life can be blessed. Silence

Leader: Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, *All: we offer you thanks and praise at all times*,

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Hymn: HWB 80 – O bless the Lord, my soul

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Jeanette Stoltzfus Matthew 5:21-37 Janelle Tupper Message: *Making A Choice* Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: STS 72 – We are often tossed and driv'n

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: STJ 78 – Sizohamba naye

Benediction

TODAY Greeter: Judy Nord NEXT WEEK
Peter Goering

Ushers: Richard Brown, LeAnne Zook

Roxanne Ando, Amy Whittington

Nursery: Krysta Hawkley, Jim Rice

Christina Hade Henriksson, Jakob Henriksson

LeAnne Zook

Worship Arts: Judy Nord Judy Nord

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$8,930 Attendance – 154

Amount needed each week – \$5,348 Amount over budget – \$1,936

CALENDAR

Fri. 2/21-23—Sr. Youth snow camp at Laurelville.

Sun. 2/23—HMC Greens lead worship.

Sun. 3/2—Melvin Schmidt preaches; child dedications.

Mon. 3/3—Community Café.

Tues. 3/4—Bluffton University Camerata Singers concert, 7:00 p.m.

Sun. 3/9—Communion; youth fundraiser fellowship meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education: Join us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings at UPCoB. Our series on "authority" continues. On Feb. 23, Nate Hosler from the Church of the Brethren Washington Office will talk about church and state authority. On March 2, Christina Warner will discuss of the authority of religious traditions. On March 9, Becky Kurtz will moderate a panel on family, parents, aging, and changing roles and authority. All are welcome.

Valentine Scripture Tree: To celebrate the heart of love in our community this Valentine's Day weekend we will be decorating a valentine scripture tree. Select a verse about love in the Bible, write it on the paper hearts available, and hang on the valentine tree.

Women Doing Theology Conference: Cynthia Lapp and Michelle Burkholder will be attending this conference in Leesburg, VA on Thursday through Saturday. If you need pastoral care during that time, please contact Sara Fretz-Goering.

Community Café: Please sign up for Community Café, which HMC is serving on Monday, March 3. Thanks!

Jr. High Youth Gathering: Jr. Youth are invited to have lunch at Christina & Jakob's house right behind HMC, and stay for a fun afternoon of games next Sunday, Feb. 23. Bring your appetite and favorite board games!

Happy Babies Party, Sunday, March 2: Hospitality is hosting a potluck meal celebration at the home of Bernd & Kristi Bahrenburg Janzen (6500 Queens Chapel Road, University Park, MD) to officially welcome Keziah and Ella into Kristin and Becca's family