

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



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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

Mira Grieser

Call to Worship (from Psalm 104)

Jennifer Hiebert

**All: Bless the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, you are very great,
clothed in majesty and splendor, and enfolded in a robe of light.**

**Right: You make spring break out in the wadis, so that water
from them flows between the hills. The wild beasts all drink
from them, the wild donkeys quench their thirst; the birds of
the air nest on their banks and sing among the foliage.**

*Left: From your dwelling you water the hills; the earth is enriched
by your provision. The trees of the Lord flourish, the cedars of
Lebanon which God planted; birds build their nests in them, the
stork makes her home in their tops. High hills are the haunt of
the mountain goat, and crags a cover for the rock-badger.*

Leader: Countless are the things you have made, Lord; by your
wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**All: May the glory of the Lord stand for ever,
and may the Lord rejoice in his works!**

Praising

Hymn: STS 122 – *Let all creation dance*

Cynthia Lapp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Jake Short

Confessing

Confession

Leader: We offer you our thanks, Creator God, for this wondrous planet
that is our home. As part of a global community, we lift up our heartfelt
hopes for the health and sustainability for your Earth, and for all that
dwells within it. Yet we see the evidence of environmental problems
ranging from local to global. We are deeply concerned, and we long to
find paths to healing.

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 Friday.

Michelle will be available Tuesday and Friday.

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.

People: Move within us, O God, in a time of silence.

Call us to compassion at the state of the Earth.

Leader: We lift up, too, our grief and our confusion in the face of these difficult problems. We feel pain and loss at the extinction of species. We feel anguish at spreading health problems that spring from environmental causes. We are anxious about diminished resources and demolished habitats. We hear mixed messages, and feel divided loyalties. We want to do the right thing, but it can be hard to find truth, and hard to know what to do.

People: Move within us, O God, in a time of silence.

Receive our troubled emotions and our confused thoughts.

Leader: Gracious and loving God, God of the Exodus and Spirit of the prophets, God made flesh among us in Jesus our Christ, be with us. Do not allow us to turn away from the pain and confusion that surrounds us. Call us now, as you always have, to be engaged and relevant to this moment in history. Fill us with your deep forgiveness and lead us into life-giving hope. Grant us courage to face the challenges of this day.

People: Move within us, O God, in a time of silence.

Receive our commitment to faithfulness.

Leader: Spirit of God, by your grace and power, we are forgiven and made new. By your love, we find healing for our hurt, and we are called to bring healing to your creation. With hope and joy, we raise these prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: STJ 101 – *La ténèbre (Our darkness)*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Penny Russell

Scripture Reading:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Su Flickinger

Revelation 21:1-5

Christy Miller Hesed

Message: ***From Despair To Hope***

Gabriel Elsner

Hymn: bulletin insert – *What new endeavors will we dare*

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: STS 118 – *Keep your lamps trimmed*

Benediction

TODAY

Greeter: Peter Goering

Ushers: Roxanne Ando, Amy Whittington

Nursery: Jakob & Christina Hade Henriksson

Worship Arts: Judy Nord

NEXT WEEK

Rebeca Ozuna Barge

Wyatt Feeler, Boris Ozuna

Becky Kurtz, Jen Wollman

Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$4,532

Attendance – 132

Amount needed each week – \$5,348

Amount over budget – \$1,120

CALENDAR

Wed. 2/26—Pastorate, 7:00 p.m., church house.

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 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.

Community Café: There are still quite a few slots open on the signup sheet for Community Café, which HMC is serving on Monday, March 3. Please sign up for these **TODAY**, and remember to bring your items next Sunday, March 2. Thanks!

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

Camerata Singers Concert: Thank you to all who are hosting the students! We are still in need of some food items for the meal that will be served before the concert. Please contact Mary Jo Schumacher at: [REDACTED] if you can help with the meal.

OPTIONS FOR ACTION

Personal

- Commit to making a small shift in how you live your life by walking, riding bike, taking public transportation.
- Change how you get power – check out Interfaith Power and Light's Groundswell program at: <http://gwipl.org/cpphomes/>
- Mennonite Creation Care Network is developing a creation care curriculum and needs funds to make a Spanish translation of the curriculum, and to put in place web enhancements to make the curriculum accessible on the MCCN website. www.mccn.org

Advocacy

- The Keystone Pipeline: The decision whether to approve the pipeline is on President Obama's desk. There is still time to voice opinions about whether he should approve it. You can go to <http://350.org/campaigns/stop-keystone-xl/> for a link to easily express your views.
- Closer to home is the Cove Point plant in Maryland that is set to process and ship gas from fracking fields. There is opportunity to voice opinions on this. See <http://www.chesapeakeclimate.org/> for more info.

For Kids

- "Recycling Pirates" from Goodlife Theater (goodlifetheater.com) Puppet show - contact Penny Russell.

More Involvement

- We are planning on showing "Breaking Ice", a 2012 documentary film about the efforts of photographer James Balog and his Extreme Ice Survey to publicize the effects of climate change. We're looking at March 16th, after the worship service. More info will follow.
- If you want to be added to the email list of those from HMC interested in thinking about/working on these issues, let Jim Rice, Jen Hiebert, Gabe Elsner, or Su Flickinger know.

Resources

- Interfaith Power and Light: <http://gwipl.org/>
- Mennonite Creation Care Network: <http://mennocreationcare.org/>
- Chesapeake Climate Action Network: <http://www.chesapeakeclimate.org/>
- 350.org: <http://350.org>
- Green America: <http://www.greenamerica.org>
- Real Climate: <http://www.realclimate.org>