


following: Serving signup (Includes one person for overnight stay) Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday nights. Lunches-need signups for every day. Set up and Take down-need signups for each of these slots.

**Scripture Spotting:** In March we encourage people to photograph things that allude to scripture and send them to Michelle Burkholder.

**Adult Education March 16:** Join us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings at UPCoB. On March 23, Tim Wiens will talk about the changing role of personal authority for people with developmental disabilities.

**Housing Needed:** Jackson Bush, a junior at Goshen College, has an internship with a DC-area economics firm this summer and is looking for housing from about June 1 through early to mid-August. Contact: [REDACTED] (He is in Peru on Goshen's Study Service term until April 7 and can be reached through Perry Bush: [REDACTED]).

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 is closed on Mondays.  Cindy will be available Tuesday through Friday. Michelle will be available Tuesday and Friday. Jake will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.	
Cynthia Lapp, Pastor	clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org
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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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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

Keith Swartzendruber

One: We look to the hills and to the mountain tops;

**People: where does our help come from?**

One: We look to the sun, the moon, and the stars above;

**People: where does our help come from?**

One: We look to the God of Abraham, maker of heaven and earth;

**People: Our help comes from the Lord!**

Praising

Hymn: HWB 169 – *I to the hills will lift my eyes*

Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Laila Riazi

Confessing

Confession

One: We think that who we are makes us heir to God's kingdom:

**Left: the family we are born into,**

*Right: the name game we play.*

One: We think what we have done makes us citizens of God's nation:

**Left: which school we went to,**

*Right: what agency we volunteered with*

One: We think what we look like will make us worth of God's blessing:

**Left: the marks we do (or don't) put on our bodies**

*Right: the clothes we wear.*

One: We think that what we believe will save us from death:

**Left: the laws we follow to the letter,**

*Right: the certitudes we're confident we know because we've verified them.*

**All: We want who we are, where we come from, what we have done, what we believe to be enough. Like Nicodemus, we do not understand how to be reborn. We speak only about what we know, testify only to what we can prove. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Silence

Song: aria from *Cantata 21* by J.S. Bach\*

Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Janet Peachey, Kimberly Schmidt

Assurance

One: Let go of who you are, let go of where you come from, let go of what you have done, let go of what you believe. Receive new birth; open your hands to God's gift of a transformed life.

**All: For the gift of Jesus Christ is the gift of rebirth as a child of God, an heir to the heavenly kingdom, and is ours through faith and not our works.**

Hymn: HWB 506 – *I sought the Lord*

### Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

LeAnne Zook

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 12:1-4a

Marlin Friesen

John 3:1-17

Message: ***Encountering and Re-encountering God*** Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: HWB 228 – *Our Father who art in heaven*

### 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

Prayer of Dedication

### Sending

Hymn: HWB 433 – *Go, my children*

Benediction

\*Translation: Aria from Cantata 21 by JS Bach -  
*Sighing, crying, sorrow, need, Anxious yearning, fear and death*      *Gnaw at this my anguished heart, I am filled with grieving, hurt.*

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### TODAY

Greeter: Sara Fretz-Goering

Ushers: Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman

Nursery: Christy Miller Hesed, Kyle Miller Hesed

Worship Arts: Meryt McGindley

### NEXT WEEK

Mary Jo Schumacher

Christine Friesen, Amy Whittington

Janessa Cobb, Krysta Hawkley

Doris Bartel

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$12,125

Attendance – 206

Amount needed each week – \$5,348

Amount over budget – \$4,534

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### CALENDAR

Sun. 3/16—Cynthia Lapp preaches; Church Council, 12:30 p.m.

Sun. 3/23—Michelle Burkholder preaches; open house for church rental house, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Wed. 3/26—Pastorate, church house, 7:00 p.m.

Sun. 3/30-4/6—Warm Nights week (see announcement).

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lent Offering:** This year's Lenten offering will go to support Community Crisis Services, Inc. (CCSI), the organization which oversees the Warm Nights Program that HMC participates in. CCSI also serves as the intake point for reports of child and adult abuse and neglect in PG County, and both provides crisis hotlines for those needing it (protective services, youth, the homeless, and for suicide prevention), and training for anyone wishing to serve in this capacity.

**Lent II Visual Description:** This week in our banner's visual exploration of Encountering God, the blue line becomes a skyline and the green line becomes an open swath of land available to be filled with God's swirling promise of a nation of blessing and the rebirth that happens when we encounter God's grace.

**12 Scriptures Project:** During Lent, we encourage you to look at the scriptures for the coming week. The scriptures for Lent III, March 23 are: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42. For additional reading, check out: <http://lent.ruthillman.com>.

**Warm Nights Week, March 30-April 6:** We are in need of the

