


12 Scriptures Project: During Lent, we encourage you to look ahead to the scriptures for the coming week. The scriptures for Lent II, March 16 are: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17.

Adult Education March 16: Join us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings at UPCoB. HMC hosts homeless families in the Warm Nights program. Laila Riazi from Community Crisis Services will join us at adult education next Sunday to talk about challenges faced by people without homes, and to update us on services and needs in PG county. This is part of the adult education series on power and authority.

Warm Nights Week, March 30-April 6: Please sign up now for helping with Warm Nights. We need groups to sign up for the evening meal (and breakfast), preparing lunches, and set up and take down. The signup sheets are on the bulletin board.

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. <i>Cindy</i> will be available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. <i>Michelle</i> will be available Tuesday. <i>Jake</i> will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Cynthia Lapp, Pastor clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org Michelle Burkholder, Associate Pastor mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org Becca Walawender, Congregational Chair rebeccawalawender@gmail.com Sara Fretz-Goering, Pastorate Chair sarafretzgoering@gmail.com Jake Short, Administrative Assistant 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. _____ _____



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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

Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Praising

Hymn: HWB 517 – *Open my eyes, that I may see* Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting the Peace Lamp Corrie Mauldin & Kamweti Mutu

Farewell and Blessing

Hymn: STJ 76 – *The Lord bless you and keep you*

Confessing

Confession of Sin

Leader: I am the parent going to bed hungry so that my child can eat, the client at the food bank and not one of its volunteers; I hold my plate in my hands at the refugee center, and fight in front of the Red Cross truck that brings the grain and the rice.

People: The serpent says, “Turn this stone into bread.”

Think of all the people we could feed!

Leader: I am one of the underemployed, the unemployed, a worker denied a living wage, an immigrant denied status, a prisoner denied a fair trial.

People: The serpent says, “Let me give you all the power of the kingdom.” Think of all the injustices we could right!

Leader: I am one of those who have died too young, who died from violence on my street, in my city, in my school, in my marketplace, in my country, who died from fists and knives and guns and bombs and drones.

People: The serpent says, “You have dominion over death.”

Think of all the life we could protect!

Leader: We want to be wise, to have our eyes fully opened, to know all the secrets of the universe and of ourselves.

People: The serpent says, “There is nothing that will be unknown to you.” Think of all the good we could do for the world!

All: We fail to see the dark shadow. We do not recognize that our desire for abundance, power, and knowledge is a desire for ourselves, not for others. We are without understanding.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence

Hymn: STJ 21 – *Lamb of God*

Words of Assurance

Leader: The Lord is our hiding place;
God preserves us from trouble
and surround us with glad cries of deliverance.

**All: Steadfast love surrounds us;
for we trust in the Lord.**

We are the blessed whose transgressions have been forgiven.

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

LeAnne Zook

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Micah Tillman

Matthew 4:1-11

Gene Miller

Message: ***Encountering God***

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: *The Lord’s Prayer*

CFMS Children

Service of Communion

*All faith traditions are welcome at the table.
Please indicate if you would like nongluten bread.*

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

CFMS Children

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: STJ 77 – *The peace of the earth be with you*

Benediction and Blessing of the Meal

TODAY

Greeter: Mark Nord

Ushers: Melanie Friesen, Meryt McGindley

Nursery: Christy Miller Hesed, Kyle Miller Hesed

Worship Arts: Michelle Burkholder, Becky Hass

NEXT WEEK

Sara Fretz-Goering

Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman

Christy Miller Hesed, Kyle Miller Hesed

Meryt McGindley

TREASURER’S REPORT

Offering – \$3,996

Attendance – 138

Amount needed each week – \$5,348

Amount under budget – \$2,243

CALENDAR

Tues. 3/11—Worship Committee, 7:30 p.m., church house.

Thurs. 3/13—Adult Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., church house.

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome: Today we welcome students and families from Christian Family Montessori School (CFMS), who are here to celebrate First Communion with their friends and classmates. Welcome also to students from University of Maryland’s Lutheran Student Association, who are exploring different faith traditions.

Lent Visual Description: The theme for Lent this year is “Encountering God”. A series of banners will be displayed over the next few weeks that explore the encountering theme of each Sunday. The three colors at work in the banners will signify different things over time: yellow - may represent God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit; blue - may represent water, breath, or wind; and green, a color which is created when yellow and blue encounter each other, also symbolizes new life, blessings, and fertile land. In this week's banner, two separate and independent lines of color are drawn closer together in the moments of connection that are created through encounters with God (symbolized by the swirl of yellow).

