

## Want To Get More Involved In HMC?

• **Church Retreat:** Several people are needed to help with the logistics of our retreat at Shepherd's Spring in October. There is a planning committee for the retreat but they could use a few folks to help coordinate a few things during the retreat weekend. Please speak to Phil Oswald-Cristano about how you could help.

• The Service Committee provides support to outreach needs in our community - for Community Café (soup kitchen), for our annual help with Warm Nights (space for homeless), or in other short term needs projects. We are looking for interested people to help serve on this committee. Please speak to Cindy or Michelle if interested.

**Warm Nights:** Mark your calendars for October 26-November 2. Please note Warm Nights is scheduled for much earlier this year, so start thinking now about how you can be involved. More details will follow.

<b>Nursery:</b> Childcare is provided for children ages newborn through three years old.
 <b>Assistive Listening Devices</b> are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
<b>Church Listserv:</b> To add or change your email address, please email Jake Short. <b>Facebook:</b> Hyattsville Mennonite Church.
<b>Church Staff Schedule:</b> The church office is closed on Mondays.  <i>Cindy</i> will be available Tuesday through Friday. <i>Michelle</i> will be available on Tuesday and Friday. <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
<b>Prayer Cards:</b> 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.  _____  _____



# Hyattsville Mennonite Church

A Christ-centered welcoming church committed to peace & justice.

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11:00—Worship Service

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

HWB – *Hymnal: A Worship Book* (blue)

STJ – *Sing The Journey* (green)    STS – *Sing The Story* (purple)

Prelude

Jonathan Miller

Call to Worship

Daniel Daughtry-Weiss

### Praising

Hymn: STJ 32 – *If you believe and I believe*

Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Janelle Tupper, Frank Graeff

### Confessing

Confessing Our Faith

Leader: How long do we hope?

*Left: Do we hope even when things are quickly turning for the worst?*

**Right: Do we hope until the last heartbeat?**

Leader: Is there some reasonable time to hope, and beyond which hope

becomes insanity? Or wishful thinking? Do we hope every birthday, making wishes that have yet to come true? Do we hope in the face of closed door after slammed door? Do we keep knocking? Jesus said knock and the door will be opened, was he wrong? Or does hope wait until the door opens?

*Left: How do we hope? Do we hope with abandon?*

**Right: Do we risk it all? Do we play it safe, but still believe?**

*Left: Do we build the ark and wait for the flood?*

**Right: Do we prepare for the worst but hope for the best?**

Leader: How do we hope? How do we who are sick, hope for healing?

How do we who are heartbroken try to love again? How do we who are poor hope for sustenance? How do we who are peacemakers hope for love in this war-torn world? How do we who are bitter and resentful forgive?

Do we give up when it looks like we've lost?

*Adapted from a blog by Stacey Schwenker*

Silence

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

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hope by definition is to believe when there is no seeing, no obvious outcome. We hope when it's excruciatingly hard to do so. We hope when we do not deserve it. We hope when others do not deserve it. We go on hoping with tears down our faces and fear in our eyes because hope has won. Hope endures. Hope abides.

Hymn: STJ 109 – *There is more love somewhere*

### Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Luciano Lima

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 15:21-28

Drew & Dana Strait

Message: ***Doggin' Jesus***

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: HWB 575 – *Precious Lord, take my hand*

### 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: HWB 582 – *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Benediction

Matthew Khotso Kabi

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#### TODAY

Greeter: Peter Goering

Ushers: Keith Swartzendruber, LeAnne Zook

Nursery: Janessa Cobb, Jim Rice

Worship Arts: Jake Short

#### NEXT WEEK

Katrina Toews

Dominique Burgunder-Johnson, Patrick Coonan

Jakob & Christina Hade Henriksson

Meryt McGindley

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$2,176

Amount needed each week – \$5,348

Attendance – 139

Amount under budget – \$13,945

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## CALENDAR

Sun. 8/24—12 Scripture Project conversation during the message.

Sat. 9/13—Church Council/Pastorate retreat at Fretz-Goering house.

Fri. 10/17-10/19—Church Retreat.

Sun. 10/26-11/2—Warm Nights week.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Help By Phone:** Help By Phone, a local organization supported by HMC, has a list of food needed for their food pantries for summer. The complete list is available on the bulletin board and there is a container for food items on the literature table. Please bring your items to church by August 31.

**Tablecloth Cleaning Schedule:** The fellowship meal tablecloth cleaning schedule for 2014-2015 is being drawn up. Those on the cleaning schedule this past year will be assigned again unless you would like your name removed. If you are willing to have your name added to the list or would like your name removed, please contact Mary Jo Schumacher [REDACTED].

**12 Scripture Game Night:** Come the evening of Saturday, August 23 for a Bible-themed game night in the church fellowship hall. Be not afraid of the state of your Bible knowledge—come for a fun and enlightening encounter with scripture. An assortment of games and activities will be available for all.

**Meet Shine!, The New Sunday School Curriculum:** Teachers, parents, and anyone else who is interested in learning about *Shine!*, the new Sunday School curriculum, are welcome to join us in the church basement next Sunday, August 24 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for an informal time of watching videos and perusing the materials. Teachers may pick up their curriculum at this time too.

**Meeting With MCUSA Leaders:** On Friday, Sept. 5 at 7:00 p.m., Ervin Stutzman and Elizabeth Soto Albrecht have planned a time for people to discuss, ask questions, and express themselves about issues in the church regarding LGBTQ concerns and recent Executive Board decisions. This will be held at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster, 328 W Orange St., Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603. Cynthia Lapp plans to attend. If you would like to go along, please contact her.

**Rug Sale Assistance Needed:** Ten Thousand Villages in Alexandria needs assistance in unloading and loading the rugs for the rug sale. This is an opportunity to see/appreciate/run your hands over/peruse for buying the rugs that will be on display. The sale is happening Sept. 11-14. Help is needed unloading on Wednesday, Sept. 10 starting at 5:30 p.m. for a couple of hours and loading on Sunday, Sept. 14 starting at 6:00 p.m. again for a couple of hours. If you are interested, please contact Su Flickinger [REDACTED].

