

**Search for the Christ Child & Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 7:** Mark off the evening of December 7 at 6:00 p.m. for a special Christmas event at HMC. The evening will start with "Search for the Christ Child" an interactive experience where folks will be invited to go on a treasure hunt seeking out the baby Jesus. Following the search will be the premiere of our 2015 Christmas Pageant Video: *Breaking News!* The video is being produced by and stars the kids and youth of the congregation. People of all ages are encouraged to attend this evening of entertainment and enlightenment as we celebrate the season together.



# Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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 Jonathan Miller

Call to Worship Tim Wiens

### Praising

Hymn: HWB 328 – *O God, our help in ages past* Kelly Heatwole

Lighting the Peace Lamp Wendy Jolley-Kabi

### Confessing

Confession

Hymn: STJ 47 – *Oh, Lord have mercy*

### Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Mark & Judy Nord

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 13:1-7

Nancy Gehman

Matthew 25:14-30

Message: *The Good Stuff*

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: HWB 545 – *Be thou my vision*

### Responding

Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

The Work of the Church

Greeting our Guests

Announcements

**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 on 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.

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The Ministry of Giving  
Children's Offering  
Offertory  
Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: HWB 546 – *Guide my feet*  
Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fellowship Meal Today:** All are invited to join us for our monthly potluck fellowship meal after worship today.

**Stepping Out: A Thanksgiving Celebration of Affirmation History:** Center Faith, a part of the DC Center for the LGBT Community, invites you to “Stepping Out: A Thanksgiving Celebration of Affirmation History”, an interfaith celebration taking place **TODAY** from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) Street, S.W. (near Waterfront Metro Station). Through song and word, we will hear brief stories of the beginnings of the oldest welcoming congregations in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia (including Hyattsville Mennonite, which Jake Short will represent), stories from the newest welcoming congregations, and those in between.

**Vacation:** Cynthia Lapp will be gone November 14-17. For pastoral care, contact Michelle Burkholder or a member of the Pastorate.

**Congregational Meeting, November 23:** Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 23. The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m., immediately following the Youth Café (which we hope everyone will also attend). A number of important issues will be addressed at this meeting, including an update from the Reconciliation Committee about the recommendations that were made to Allegheny Conference leadership, visioning for the future of HMC, and the proposed budget for 2015. The bulk of the meeting will revolve around the budget and approving the FY15 budget. While only members are permitted to vote on the budget, but both members' and attenders' feedback and opinions are critical to the budget process, so attendance by everyone is highly valued and encouraged. Childcare is provided during the meeting; RSVP to Karen Haynes if you will need childcare.

**Scripture & Arts Café:** On November 23 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the evening congregational meeting, there will be a Scripture & Arts Café. As part of the 12 Scripture Project, you are invited to prepare a piece of art, poem, scene, or song that relates to scripture in some small way to share at this open-mic style coffee house. Refreshments will be available with all donations going towards youth group convention travels in 2015. Get your creative juices flowing and let Michelle Burkholder know if you have any questions!

**HMC Small Groups:** Small groups are an integral part of the life of the church. They can provide a space to grow, change, learn, evolve, and connect with God and each other. Small groups can form around a specific discussion topic or activity or can be a gathering of folks interested in connecting with each other in a deeper way. If you are interested in joining or starting a small group, please contact Annabeth Roeschley [REDACTED] or Mira Grieser [REDACTED].

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Greeter: Katrina Toews	Peter Goering
Ushers: Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman	Roxanne Ando, LeAnne Zook
Nursery: Christy Miller Heses, Kyle Miller Heses	Crissie Buckwalter, Marc Friesen
Worship Arts: Jake Short	David Conrad
TREASURER'S REPORT	
Offering – \$7,867	Attendance – 132
Amount needed each week – \$5,348	Amount under budget – \$4,816

## CALENDAR

Tues. 11/18—Pastorate, 7:15 p.m.  
Thurs. 11/20—Trustees, 7:00 p.m.  
Sun. 11/23—Children's Church during worship; Scripture & Arts Café;  
Congregational Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Sun. 11/30—Cynthia Lapp preaches.

