


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.

Christmas Eve Service Help: If you are interested in participating or helping with the Christmas Eve service in any way, big or small, please contact Michelle Burkholder or Jake Short.

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. <i>Cindy</i> will be available Tuesday. <i>Michelle</i> will be available on Tuesday. <i>Jake</i> will be in the office Tuesday 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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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 Mary Jo Schumacher

Praising

Hymn: HWB 94 – *Come, ye thankful people* Cynthia Lapp
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 65: 9-13
 Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession of Sin

One: Our Creator, you have made an intricate and diverse world,
 and set us to cultivate it reverently and responsibly:
**Many: Forgive us when we forget our connection
 with all of creation.**

One: Our Creator, you have made a world of abundance and intend for
 us to share so that all may have their “daily bread”.
**Many: Forgive us when we lose the sense of hospitality
 and community.**

One: Our Creator, you have sent us Jesus, the “Bread of Life”,
 to satisfy our spiritual hunger and thirst.
Many: Forgive us when we do not respond to his justice and mercy.

One: Every day and all day let us celebrate your goodness.
Many: Forgive us when we fail to turn to you in prayer.

One: Every day and all day let us shape our very lives
 by focusing our minds on what is beautiful and worthy of praise.
**Many: Forgive us when we forget that in You
 all things are possible.**

Silence
Assurance
Hymn: HWB 90 – *For the fruit of all creation*

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19
A Time for Children

Mary Jo Schumacher

Stories of Thanksgiving

Herb Reed, Greta Leissa

Hymn: HWB 389 – *Take my life and let it be*

Stories of Thanksgiving

Ruth Tillman, Monroe Parker

Hymn: STS 50 – *Woza nomthwalo wakho*

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

Bringing forward our gifts of money and food
Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: HWB 86 – *Now thank we all our God*
Benediction

CALENDAR

Sun. 11/23—Children's Church during worship; Scripture & Arts Café;
Congregational Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Sun. 11/30—Advent I; Cynthia Lapp preaches.
Sat. 12/6—Church cleanup day, 8:30 a.m.
Sun. 12/7—Advent II; Arienne Johnson preaches;
Children's Christmas pageant, 6:00 p.m.
Sun. 12/14—Advent III; Michelle Burkholder preaches; fellowship meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting TONIGHT: 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, both members' and attendees' 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: This evening at 6:00 p.m., prior to the 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].

Church Cleanup Day: Cleaning up the grounds around the church and the church house will happen Saturday, December 6, from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Coffee and donuts will be provided. For more information, contact Tim Wiens.

TODAY

Greeter: Peter Goering
Ushers: Roxanne Ando, LeAnne Zook
Nursery: Anne Confer, Marc Friesen
Worship Arts: David Conrad

NEXT WEEK

Sara Fretz-Goering
Richard Brown, Karen Minatelli
Becca Walawender, Kristin Sampson
Meryt McGindley

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$8,681
Amount needed each week – \$5,348

Attendance – 151
Amount under budget – \$1,483
