

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)

Christmas I: Your beauty is revealed!

Prelude

Mira Grieser

Praising

Call to Worship (Psalm 148)

Hymn: HWB 51 – *Let the whole creation cry*

Hymn: HWB 201 – *Hark! the herald angels sing*

LeAnne Zook

Donald White

Confessing

Confession of Faith

One: We have longed for hope

Many: And we have held hope in our arms

One: We have longed for peace

Many: And we have held peace in our arms

One: We have longed for joy

Many: And we have held joy in our arms

One: We have longed for love

Many: And we have held love in our arms

One: You, the Lord, have drawn near to us.

Through the ages you have been unveiling your kingdom.

Many: All has been shown to us in the beauty of the Lord

The child has been born, the mystery revealed.

All: The kingdom is here among us as the Spirit has been made flesh.

We embrace you and now we are called Children of God.

Hymn: HWB 215 – *What Child is this*

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.

Michelle will be available Tuesday and Friday.

Jake will be in the office Tuesday and Friday.

Cynthia Lapp, Pastor	<i>(On sabbatical through March 1, 2015)</i>
Michelle Burkholder, Associate Pastor	mburkholder@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.

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Sandra Plett

Scripture Reading:

Luke 2:22-40

Galatians 4:4-7

Message: *Heirs To The Spirit, Heirs To Freedom*

Jake Short

Hymn: HWB 213 – *Let all together praise our God*

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 197 – *Angels we have heard on high*

Benediction

CALENDAR

Sun. 1/4—Epiphany; 12 Scripture Project celebration service;
Michelle Burkholder preaches.

Mon. 1/5—Community Café.

Sun. 1/11—Micah Tillman preaches.

Sun. 1/18—Daryl Byler of EMU's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding preaches and will present in adult Sunday School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Café: HMC will serve at Community Café on Monday, January 5, 2015. Please remember to sign up in the midst of all the holiday busyness. There are still a LOT of empty slots. Thank you!

Poinsettias: There are still poinsettias available from the Christmas Eve service to purchase. They are \$10 each. Please make your payment to Jake Short. Exact change is preferred. Thanks!

Save The Date for Hospitality Night: This event is coming your way Sunday, January 25, 2015. Back by popular demand, this fun filled evening of food and fellowship is just the lift you need for the post-holiday blues. Mark your calendars and plan now on hosting or being a guest. Complete the form found in your bulletin OR fill out the survey monkey that will be coming your way the first week in January.

Greeters & Ushers at HMC: If you are interested in being a greeter and/or usher at HMC on Sunday mornings, please contact Jake Short for more information.

Hygge Group: Anyone is welcome to come seek a bit of "coziness amidst the dark of winter." Please bring a favorite poem to read to the group around a cozy fire. Hot cider and tea will be provided. January 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Contact Sara Fretz-Goering if you are interested.

Book Group: If you have read (or want to read) the book *All My Puny Sorrows* by Miriam Toews, please join us for a discussion on March 1, 2015 during the Sunday School hour in the church house. Contact Eva Beidler or Sara Fretz-Goering for more information.

TODAY

Greeter: Peter Goering

Ushers: Roxanne Ando, Marc Friesen

Nursery: Anne Confer, Zsafia Toszegi

Worship Arts: Becca Walawender, Kristin Sampson

NEXT WEEK

Sara Fretz-Goering

Nelson Steelberg, Amy Whittington

Alice Bender, Janessa Cobb

Judy Nord

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$5,382

Amount needed each week – \$5,348

Attendance – 165

Amount under budget – \$4,304
