


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].

Hygge Small Group: HYGGE (pronounced hu-gya) is a Danish word that roughly translates to seeking coziness amidst dark wintriness. The Hygge group will NOT meet in December, but we will plan to have a gathering on January 8th, 2015. Anyone is welcome to attend - just one meeting or the others following in later winter months. We will have warm drinks, read poems (no analyzing), and enjoy a warm fire together. If you are interested or for more info, contact: sarafretzgoering@gmail.com.

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 on Tuesday and Friday. Jake will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.	
Cynthia Lapp, Pastor	(On sabbatical through March 1, 2015)
Michelle Burkholder, Associate Pastor	mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org
Jake Short, Administrative Assistant	jshort@hyattsvillemennonite.org
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Kirsten Peterson, Congregational Chair	kirstenmp@gmail.com
Karrie Peterson, Pastorate Chair	petersonkarrie@gmail.com
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)

Advent I: Oh that you would reveal your hope!

Prelude Fidele Lumeya

Call to Worship Jonathan Miller

Praising

Hymn: HWB 175 – *O Savior, rend the heavens* Eric Stoltzfus

Confessing

Confession

Leader: God of Advent, you come near to us, yet too often we seal our hearts with indifference to a suffering world.

People: Tear open our hearts, and make us more compassionate.

Leader: You approach us with bundles of mercy to kindle our hope, but we continue to build our lives with the bricks of bitterness.

People: Tear open our anger, so we might become more forgiving.

Leader: You draw near, longing to embrace us, but we fold our arms, closing ourselves off from those all around us.

People: Tear open our souls, so we might become children of Advent.

Leader: God, shaper of our lives:

People: have mercy;

Leader: Jesus, the Word that does not pass away:

People: fill us with your grace;

Leader: Holy Spirit, Giver of the Light of peace:

People: Shine through our lives.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Even now, God approaches us, mercy transcending anger, hope overcoming despair, life triumphing over death. This is good news, my friends; this is news of great joy for each of us.

People: Enriched in every grace, blessed with joy and hope, transformed by love, we will live as people of Advent. We give thanks to God. Amen.

Adapted from Isaiah 64:1-9 by Thom Shuman

Hymn: STJ 54 – *Longing for light*
Lighting the Advent Wreath

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Saundra Plett

Scripture Reading:

Mark 13:24-37

Peter Goering

Message: ***Keep Alert, Watch With Hope***

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: STS 112 – *My Lord, he is a-comin' soon*

Service of Communion

The Lord's Prayer

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

Blessing for Sabbatical

Michelle Burkholder

Sending

Hymn: STS 57 – *Go, my friends, in grace*

Benediction

TODAY

Greeter: Sara Fretz-Goering

Ushers: Karen Minatelli, Elina Minatelli

Nursery: Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender

Worship Arts: Meryt McGindley

NEXT WEEK

Mary Jo Schumacher

Keith Swartzendruber, Amy Whittington

Wyatt Feeler, Jeanette Stoltzfus

Roxanne Ando

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$3,485

Attendance – 145

Amount needed each week – \$5,348

Amount under budget – \$3,346

CALENDAR

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; wedding of

Fidele & Leah Lumeya during worship; fellowship meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Search for the Christ Child & Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 7: Join us next Sunday, 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. Afterwards will be the premiere of our 2015 Christmas Pageant Video: Breaking News! The video is 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.

December 7 Christmas Pageant: Please bring Christmas cookies and treats for a reception following the Christmas Pageant.

December 14 Fellowship Meal: 'Tis the Season! We will have a festive Christmas themed Fellowship Meal, so bring your favorite Christmas dishes and treats.

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.

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

Blessing for Sabbatical

Michelle:

On the seventh day God rested and celebrated all of creation. God surveyed all that God had made and said, “It is good.”

People:

Cindy, we work together in ministry here at Hyattsville Mennonite Church, and have much to celebrate. We celebrate your encouragement, direction, and leadership in our work together as God’s people in this place. Of this ministry together we say with confidence, “It is good.”

Michelle:

We send you on your Sabbatical journey confident that God will bless your every step, refresh your spirit, renew your mind, strengthen your body, and return you to us empowered for our continued service in Hyattsville and in the world.

People:

We will miss you, even as we faithfully carry out with joy and hope the ministry to which we are called. As you attend to your Sabbatical, please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you, that we support you in every way, and that we look forward to your return with joy.

Cindy:

I, too, look forward to that day when I will return and share in our work together. I will miss you as well, and I will pray for you whenever you come to mind. Thank you for creating this opportunity for a time of Sabbath rest, but also for preparation.

People:

Go, now, with our blessing, and with the blessing of God the Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Spirit who comforts in our struggles and breathes new energy into our daily lives. Amen.