If anyone needs child care for that time, please let one of us know ahead of time. More information can be found on the bulletin insert. – Kirsten Peterson, Ben Graber, Christian Yoder, Su Flickinger

From The Treasurer: I'm pleased to report that we ended 2014 in the black! Our church offerings totaled \$271,662, which was less than one-half percent short of our goal. The sale of the second house netted \$240,624.59. Our total expenses were also less than one-half percent over what we had budgeted, which coupled with additional income from the second congregation and the other house left us with a sizeable net income. We were able to transfer \$4305 to Capital Reserves, which had been depleted to complete the recent church renovations. The various leadership committees are still deciding how to allocate the proceeds from the house sale, so we are planning to put those proceeds in short-term investments until those decisions are made. If you want a copy of the financial reports before the October annual report, please contact Kelly Heatwole:

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, Thursday, and Friday. *Jake* will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Cynthia Lapp, Pastor Michelle Burkholder, Associate Pastor Jake Short, Administrative Assistant Kelly Heatwole, Treasurer Kirsten Peterson, Congregational Chair Karrie Peterson, Pastorate Chair (On sabbatical through March 1, 2015) mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org jshort@hyattsvillemennonite.org kelly.j.heatwole@gmail.com kirstenmp@gmail.com 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.



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

Bluegrass Band

Readers' Theatre

Praising

Call to Worship Katrina Toews
Hymn: HWB 327 – Great is thy faithfulness Daniel Daughtry-Weiss
Lighting the Peace Lamp Kristi Bahrenburg Janzen

Call to Grace

Call to Grace

Katrina Toews

Leader: If it were up to us, God, we'd do it differently.

Congregation: Everyone knows that the way to make a promise stick is to require each party to do some of the heavy lifting.

Leader: Yet with Noah, you put your bow in the clouds, offering all of creation something for nothing.

Congregation: That kind of promise is hard for us to accept because it takes away our control.

Silence

Leader: Stick with us patiently,

Congregation: and grow in us the depth of trust our effort can't produce.

Hymn: HWB 409 – What does the Lord require

Hearing the Word

Welcoming Children: STS 47 – *Let the children come to me*A Time for Children
Michelle Burkholder

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 9:8-17 Beuford Aeschliman

Mark 1:9-15

Message: Wonders and Wilderness Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: HWB 411 - I bind my heart this tide

Service of Communion Jonathan Miller, piano

Responding

Responses to the Message Sharing of Joys and Concerns Praving Together

The Work of the Church Greeting our Guests Announcements

The Ministry of Giving Children's Offering Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Bluegrass Band

Sending

Hymn: HWB 614 – *In the bulb there is a flower*

Benediction

Postlude Jonathan Miller

NEXT WEEK TODAY

Greeter: Sara Fretz-Goering Ushers: Roxanne Ando, Sara Person

Nursery: Jeanette Stoltzfus, Wyatt Feeler

Worship Arts: Judy Nord

Claire Noel-Miller

Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman Alice Bender, Liza Heavener

Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering - \$3.355 Attendance – 88

Amount needed each week – \$5.752 Amount under budget – \$4,017

CALENDAR

Tues. 2/24—Pastorate, 7:15 p.m. at the church house.

Sun. 3/1—Lent II; Donna Mast, AMC Conference Minister, preaches.

Sun. 3/8—Lent III; Michelle Burkholder preaches; fellowship meal.

Scripture for next Sunday, March 1 (Lent II):

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalms 22:23-31; Mark 8:31-38; Romans 4:13-25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Café: HMC is scheduled to serve Community Café on Monday, March 2. Please sign up today! The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer, or you can contact Jake Short to help out. Thanks!

Lenten Sunday School Series: Join us in a series of Lenten reflections on the idea of the "seven deadly sins," our culture, and us. For seven weeks, we will be diving in to a discussion of how these concepts (greed, wrath, envy, sloth, gluttony, lust, and pride) play out in society and in our lives.

Lent Visuals: The overarching theme for this Lenten season is "Upside Down & Inside Out". The worship arts display for Lent visually explores this theme by making use of one long piece of fabric that is draped over the two side banner holders and knotted in the middle. As it joins the white cloth to make a knot in the middle section, the fabric itself takes a journey that is upside down and inside out. We invite you to ponder the path of that knot and the shadows the draped fabric makes on the walls.

Hygge Gathering: "Hygge" in Danish means to seek coziness and warmth amidst the dark cold of winter". We will do that again at our next Hygge gathering on Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and share a poem while sitting around a cozy fire. No stress, but bring any poem or two to read to the group. Drinks provided. Please RSVP to:

Lost and Found: A steel travel mug with a drawing of a parrot on the side has gone missing from the church - if you have seen it or accidentally taken it home with you, please return it to Stephanie Lipe Lansing.

March 8 Fellowship Meal: Since it will be close to St. Patrick's Day, please bring foods that are Irish, the color green, or foods that bring good luck. It will be our lucky day because the Youth will be the servers. This will not be a fundraiser, so everyone please bring plenty of food to share.

Future Planning Continues Today: We will hold three discussion times starting today and encourage as many of you as possible to be a part of the thinking through how HMC should be moving forward. In order to mix people up, we have split up the groups by the first letter of your last name. If you can make it on the day of your letter, that would be best. If not, please do come one of the other times. We very much want to hear everyone's voice. The dates are:

- Sunday, February 15: Last name A through F
- Sunday, February 22: Last name G through N
- Sunday, March 1: Last name O through Z

We will be meeting after church in the basement. We are offering a light lunch and are planning on no more than one hour - so we will be talking while eating.