

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. The complete 2014 financial reports will be included in the next annual report published in October, but if anyone wants a copy of those in advance of that report, please contact Kelly Heatwole at [REDACTED].

Dance Opportunity: Richard & Denise Brown's daughter, Rachel Anderson, is organizing a benefit event in April for the victims of human trafficking. The proceeds of a two hour ballroom dance class will go to World Vision and Hope For Justice and their programs for healing and education. If you have any interest in this event, please contact Rachel at: [REDACTED].

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	(On sabbatical through March 1, 2015)
Michelle Burkholder, Associate Pastor	mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org
Jake Short, Administrative Assistant	jshort@hyattsvillemennonite.org
Kelly Heatwole, Treasurer	kelly.j.heatwole@gmail.com
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)

Prelude

Jonathan Miller

Praising

Call to Worship

Richard Brown

Hymn: HWB 46 – *I sing the mighty power of God*

Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Richard Brown

Confessing

Confession

Hymn: STJ 79 – *As I went down to the river*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Amy Swartz

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 1:11-17

Mark Nord

Luke 6:17-26

Judy Nord

Message: *What Is A Christian?*

Bob Brown

Hymn: STJ 61 – *How can we be silent*

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 418 – *Move in our midst*
Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome: We are glad to have Bob Brown, pastor at Stahl Mennonite Church, preach this morning. Stahl Mennonite is our sister congregation in Allegheny Mennonite Conference, and we are doing a pulpit exchange as part of getting to know each other better. Cynthia Lapp will preach at Stahl after she has returned from her sabbatical.

Fellowship Meal: Spread the love! All are welcome at the fellowship meal following the worship service.

Creation Care Sunday School Series: Join us for a 4-week, environmentally themed adult education series led by the HMC Greens. The series will begin on February 1 and run through the month.

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

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. At the last gathering, poems by such popular poets as Mary Oliver and Billy Collins were read, as well as some unfamiliar poets. Drinks provided. Please RSVP to [REDACTED].

Do Police Stops Define Race in America? Political Scientist Charles R. Epp says they do. Epp will present findings from his recently published book, *Pulled Over: How Police Stops Define Race and Citizenship*, at the Hyattsville Busboys & Poets, Tuesday, February 17. Dinner on your own will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m., followed by Dr. Epp's presentation with Q&A time after from 7:00-9:00 pm. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Kimberly Schmidt, Earl Zimmerman, or Keith Swartzendruber.

Marian Franz Research Help: Liz Wittrig, a Goshen College senior, is working on her senior thesis concerning the peace witness of Marian Franz and the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund. Liz will be visiting D.C. February 21-24 and plans to be at HMC for worship on February 22. If you have any personal connections to Marian Franz and/or her work that may be of help, she would appreciate meeting with you. She can be contacted at: [REDACTED]. Thanks for your help!

From The Treasurer: Wondering how we "did" in 2014? I'm pleased to report that we ended the year 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

TODAY

Greeter: Peter Goering
Ushers: Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Amy Whittington
Nursery: Anne Confer, Christy Miller Hesed
Worship Arts: Jake Short

NEXT WEEK

Mary Jo Schumacher
Marc Friesen, Kelly Heatwole
Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender
Doris Bartel

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$4,989 Attendance – 170
Amount needed each week – \$5,752 Amount under budget – \$2,582

CALENDAR

Sun. 2/15—Gene Miller preaches; Children's Church during worship.
Sun. 2/22—Lent I; Michelle Burkholder preaches.
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.

Future Planning Continues: Many thanks to those of you who completed the survey! We received over 70 responses and feel like we have a good basis for moving on to the discussion part of this process. We are going to hold three discussion times over the next few weeks and strongly encourage as many of you as possible to be a part of the thinking through how HMC should be moving forward. In order to try to mix people up a bit and spread out the number of people, 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 you can't, 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 directly 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. If anyone needs child care for that time, please let one of us know at least a few days ahead of time and we will find someone to do that.

The agenda for these discussions will revolve around the same three topics that were in the survey - growth, how we use our space, and how we think about involvement in the church. We will start out with a summary of what came up in the survey and then have a discussion about the topics.

Please feel free to get in touch with any of us if you have questions or ideas to share. – Kirsten Peterson, Ben Graber, Christian Yoder, Su Flickinger