

**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.

**Peace, Pies, & Prophets:** The Ted & Co. show “I’d Like To Buy An Enemy” is coming to D.C.! There is free admission to the performance, which will also include a live pie auction, with proceeds from the auction and a freewill offering going to Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT). The show will be Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Washington City Church of the Brethren, 337 North Carolina Ave. SE (near Eastern Market and Capitol South metro stops). The event is sponsored by Pax Christi Metro DC-Baltimore Council.

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.	
<b>Church Staff Schedule:</b> The church office is closed on Mondays.  <i>Cindy</i> will be available Tuesday through Friday. <i>Michelle</i> will be available Tuesday and Friday. <i>Jake</i> will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.	
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<b>Prayer Cards:</b> 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  
 Readers’ Theatre

**Praising**

Call to Worship Ruth Kitchin Tillman  
 Hymn: HWB 517 – *Open my eyes, that I may see* Cynthia Lapp  
 Blessing Upon Return from Sabbatical  
 Lighting the Peace Lamp Christian Yoder

**Call to Grace**

Call to Grace  
 One: The Lord does not despise or detest suffering.  
 God’s face is not hidden from us.  
**Many: No. God listens when we cry out for help.**

Silence  
 Hymn: STS 48 – *Come unto me*

**Hearing the Word**

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

Scripture Reading:  
 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Keith Swartzendruber  
 Mark 8:31-38

Message: ***Doing The Two-Step*** Donna Mast  
 Hymn: HWB 545 – *Be thou my vision*

## 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 592 – *Love divine, all loves excelling*  
Benediction

### Blessing Upon Return from 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 sent you on your Sabbatical journey confident that God would 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 have missed you, even as we have faithfully carried out with joy and hope the ministry to which we are called. As you have attended to your sabbatical, our thoughts and prayers have been with you, we are grateful that you have had this time away for rest, renewal and growth. As you now return to us we look forward to continuing our work of ministry together.**

Michelle: Cindy, as we welcome you back to active ministry in our midst, may this time of Sabbath rest serve as a source of empowering energy for you in the coming days. We joyfully welcome you back, with our blessing, and with the blessings of God the Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Spirit who comforts in our struggles and breathes new energy into our daily lives.

**All: Amen.**

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## TODAY

Greeter: Claire Noel-Miller  
Ushers: Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman  
Nursery: Alice Bender, Liza Heavener  
Worship Arts: Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender

## NEXT WEEK

Judy Nord  
Kelly Heatwole, Nelson Steelberg  
Christy & Kyle Miller Hesed  
Michelle Burkholder, Becky Hass

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$3,142

Attendance – 98

Amount needed each week – \$5,752

Amount under budget – \$6,627

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## CALENDAR

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

Sun. 3/10—Worship Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Sun. 3/15—Lent IV; Cynthia Lapp preaches.

Sun. 3/22—Lent V; Herb Reed preaches.

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### Scripture for next Sunday, March 8 (Lent III):

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Future Planning—Final Meeting Today:** Many thanks to those of you who have already participated in the last two discussion groups. Your input has been insightful and helpful. Today will be the last of the discussion groups. If you have not yet come to one of the groups, please do so today! We are interested in hearing from as many people as possible, whether you've been attending for only a little bit or have been around a long time. 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. – Kirsten Peterson, Ben Graber, Christian Yoder, Su Flickinger

**Welcome:** We extend a special welcome to our guest preacher this morning, Donna Mast, conference minister for Allegheny Mennonite Conference. We are glad to have her worshipping with us and helping welcome back Cindy today.

**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.

**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.

