



Holy Week services at HMC

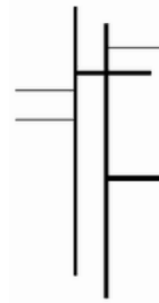


Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. – See bulletin insert.

Good Friday, April 3, 5:00-7:30 p.m. - Walk the Stations of the Cross inside and outside the church. Come and go as you please.

Easter Sunday, April 5 - Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall; please bring food to share. 11:00 a.m. worship service of Hallelujahs, (by Handel and others) and processional to the empty cross.

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. Cindy will be available Tuesday through Friday. Michelle will be available Tuesday and Thursday. Jake will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.	
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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.	



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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

Krysta Hawkley

Readers' Theatre

Hymn: HWB 43 – *Christ is our cornerstone* (v. 1-2) Cynthia Lapp

Praising

Call to Worship

Katrina Toews

Palm Processional

(please proceed down the center aisle and return via the side aisles)

Hymn: HWB 237 – *All glory, laud, and honor*

Cynthia Lapp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Micah Jost

Confessing

Call to Grace (based on Philippians 2:5-11)

Silence

Leader: YHWH is God and has shined a light on us.

All: YHWH is good, God's faithfulness lasts forever.

Hymn: HWB 285 – *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

Hearing the Word

Welcoming Children: STS 47 – *Let the children come to me*

A Time for Children

Cynthia Lapp

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Jim Rice

Message: ***The Coming Catenary***

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: HWB 247 – *Jesus, remember me*

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: STS 58 – *O God, how we have wandered*
Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Fellowship Meal-Easter Breakfast: April 5 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Bring your Easter goodies to share; there will be no Sunday School. Let Mary Jo Schumacher know if you could help set up decorations for Easter breakfast.

Easter Sunday Flowers: Please bring fresh cut flowers on Easter to bring forward during the processional to the cross. Bouquets of flowers used in the worship arts display will also be available for purchase after the service.

Congregational Vote On Covenant Renewal: On Sunday, April 12, there will be a congregational vote during the service to approve the renewed Covenant between Hyattsville Mennonite Church and Cindy Lapp. We will provide time for any public comment on the Covenant during the service prior to the vote. If you have any particular comment prior to April 12, please email comments to Kirsten Peterson, Congregational Chair, at [REDACTED]. If you will not be able to attend on April 12, you may vote absentee by emailing your vote to approve, not approve, or abstain, to Kirsten Peterson. The covenant will be sent out on the listserv or please contact Kirsten Peterson for a copy.

Photo Directory Wall: Pastorate is constructing a church photo board (in the basement near the lift) so that we can know one another better. Michael Bender will be available to take your picture for the photo board before and after Sunday services over the next few weeks. If you'd like to submit your own, you can email them to: [REDACTED] or provide printed photos.

Lent Visuals: The overarching theme for this Lent is "Upside Down & Inside Out". The worship arts display for Lent explores this theme by making use of one long piece of fabric 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 the knot and the shadows made on the walls.

The Mennonite Magazine Subscriptions: It's time to renew or sign up to receive a year's subscription of *The Mennonite* magazine. Annual subscription rate is \$37.00. Please let Jake know by April 3 if you want to subscribe.

New Members: We will welcome new members to the congregation on Pentecost, May 24. If you are interested in joining HMC or talking about membership, contact one of the pastors, Michelle Burkholder or Cindy Lapp.

The Steppes to the Stoops: A Showcase of Young Urban Artists: A garden exhibition and wine-appetizer reception featuring various artwork will be held Sunday, April 19, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at 5011 42nd Avenue, Hyattsville. Donations will go to Kauffman Museum at Bethel College, which tells the story of Mennonite groups coming to Kansas in the 1800s. Suggested donation is \$50 per person. Checks can be made to Kauffman Museum. To RSVP or for more information, please contact: [REDACTED].

TODAY

Greeter: Cheryl Fish-Parcham
Ushers: Dominique Burgunder-Johnson, Patrick Coonan
Nursery: Becca Walawender, Angie Wiens
Worship Arts: Melanie Friesen

NEXT WEEK

Mark Nord
Meryt McGindley, LeAnne Zook
Zsofia Toszegi, Christy Miller Hesed
Jake Short

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$3,182	Attendance – 146
Amount needed each week – \$5,752	Amount under budget – \$2,505

Scripture for next Sunday, April 5 (Easter):

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Isaiah 25:6-9;
John 20:1-18; Acts 10:34-43; I Corinthians 15:1-11

CALENDAR

Thurs. 4/2—Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 p.m. (see announcement)
Fri. 4/3—Good Friday observance, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (see announcement)
Sun. 4/5—Easter Sunday; Easter breakfast, 9:30 a.m. (see announcement)
Sun. 4/12—Church Council, 12:30 p.m.
Tues. 4/14—Worship Committee, 7:30 p.m.
Sun. 4/19—Gift Discernment Sunday.
Sat. 4/25—Church yard spring cleaning day, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Join us in the fellowship hall for a simple meal and a tenebrae service of remembering the night Jesus died. Communion and footwashing will be part of the service for those who would like to participate. You may choose to end the evening by nailing your confessions to the cross. Email jshort@hyattsvillemennonite.org by March 30 if you plan to attend so we can provide enough dinner.

Washing Feet

Turn your whole attention to the foot in front of you. Let the rest go - the lingering foot odor, the hairy legs, the fuzz balls, the ragged toenails, the foot fungi, the way your knees and ankles hurt from kneeling.

Turn your whole attention to the foot in front of you: the streets it has walked, babies it has rocked, shoes squeezed into, races run, pumps kicked off, broken toes...

Pick up the pitcher. Lift up the foot and pour the comforting, cleansing water onto the toes, the arch, the heel, the whole foot. Glance occasionally to see the body that is attached to the foot. See the whole person, look full in her face.

But concentrate on the foot. Love that foot and the body to which it is attached.

This is why my grandmother stomped out of church that Sunday in 1941 in the Shenandoah Valley. She shared the bowl and pitcher with her sister-in-Christ, an African American friend (though Grandma always said "colored.") The white men in charge said it was wrong, unbiblical, improper to share the basin and the holy kiss, whites and "coloreds" together. Grandma left that day, walking with her five-year-old daughter, my mother, and a baby in arms the five miles home. She vowed never to return on footwashing day if she could not share the basin and kiss with her sisters.

As a child I am not allowed in the Sunday School room on footwashing night. After baptism at age 14, I join the older women for the mystery of unhooked garter belts and lowered "hose." I sit as the old woman washes my young feet, not yet blistered or bunioned. Then it is my turn. I watch the others, taking my cues as to which foot and how long and where to place the towel. Kneeling at her feet, I summon strength and courage to pour water over her bumpy, crooked toes and rough heels. Then we stand to face each other and share the holy kiss. Her warm stale breath comes close to my face, her lips touch my cheek.

Now I am the older woman. No dress, no garter, just pants like the men. I sit in the chair as a thirty-something woman with low-cut jeans and short-cropped hair kneels at my feet. Her slow and careful attention invites me to relax into the hard folding chair. I stop watching my foot. She caresses my foot as no lover has ever done. I close my eyes to imagine, what? That "Jesus Lover of My Soul" is also Jesus Lover of my feet? Lover of my whole self?

What might it mean for me to bend low to wash the grizzled feet - of the one who is alone, afraid, abrasive, depressed, self-mutilating? Can I allow my foot to be touched by one who belittles women, beats children, bullies? How can that kiss be holy? On that first night, the kiss was a betrayal, the holiness sucked out of the room.

Turn your whole attention to the foot in front of you. Notice the incarnation right there, in your hand.

Appreciate that you have water to plenteously pour on the foot, to rinse off the dirt, the pain, the tiredness. Stroke the foot to let it know that it is not alone in this world; it has a hand that cares for it, a hand attached to a body.

One foot is not enough on this night. Pick up the soft towel, dry the first foot. Then give the second foot its turn at care and comfort. Here is the body of Christ, embodied in this basement hall of creaky knees, imperfect feet, blushing cheeks and awkward lips.

~ Cynthia Lapp, May 2014