


the bulletin board in the lobby or email Lori Reeder: [REDACTED].

Church Retreat: The annual HMC Church Retreat is happening October 16-18 at Shepherd's Spring Retreat Center in Sharpsburg, MD. The speaker for the weekend will be Laura Lehman Amstutz, from Eastern Mennonite Seminary, with the theme of prayer and our five senses. Registration forms are available in the foyer and on the listserv email. If you have any questions or want to know more about the retreat, contact Phil Oswald Christano, Jeanette Stoltzfus, or Meryt McGindley.

Seekers Class Starts October 4: Interested in what it means to be a Mennonite Anabaptist? A Hyattsville-type Mennonite? Join the Seekers class that is forming to discuss our own spiritual journeys, Anabaptism, Christianity from a Mennonite perspective, and what it means to be a member at Hyattsville Mennonite Church. New attendees and current members welcome. Contact Cindy Lapp for more information: [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. Cindy will be out of the office. Michelle will be available Tuesday and Thursday. Jake will be in the office Tuesday 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 Jonathan Miller

Praising

Call to Worship	Cynthia Lapp
Hymn: HWB 155 – <i>O God, great womb</i>	Eric Stoltzfus
Lighting the Peace Lamp	Sandra Plett

Confessing

Confession: Psalm 1

One: Happiness comes to those who reject the path of violence, who refuse to associate with criminals or even to sit with people who belittle others.

High voices: Happiness comes to those who delight in the Law of YHWH and meditate on it day and night.

Low voices: They are like trees planted by flowing water - they bear fruit in every season, and their leaves never wither: everything they do will prosper.

One: But not wrongdoers! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. They don't have a taproot to anchor them when judgment comes, nor will corrupt individuals be given a place at the Gathering of the Just.

All: YHWH watches over the steps of those who do justice but those on a path of violence and injustice will find themselves irretrievably lost.

Silence

Words of Assurance

Hymn: STS 116 – *I saw a tree by the riverside*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children: Mark 9:30-37

Cynthia Lapp

Scripture Reading:

James 3:13-18

Kirstin Docken Showalter

Proverbs 31:10-31

Becky Hass

Message: ***Ain't I A Woman***

Erica Lea

Hymn: HWB 307 – *Will you let me be your servant*

Responding

Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Commissioning of MVSers

Praying Together

The Work of the Church

Greeting our Guests

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: STJ 34 – *Loving Spirit*

Benediction

CALENDAR

Sun. 9/27—Charles Kwelum, MCC Washington Office, preaches.

Sun. 10/4—Michelle Burkholder preaches, World Communion Sunday.

Sun. 10/4-Sun. 10/11—Warm Nights.

Sun. 10/11—Cynthia Lapp preaches; fellowship meal.

Fri. 10/16-Sun. 10/18—Church Retreat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: We are pleased to welcome Reverend Erica Lea who serves as an Associate Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. Before coming to Calvary, Erica worked with churches in Texas, Wyoming, and North Carolina, including Houston Mennonite Church.

Continuing Education for Pastor Cindy: On Sept. 20-26, Cindy will be participating in an MCC Learning Tour in eastern Pennsylvania called "Pipeline to Prison." For more info on the tour, visit: <http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/pipeline-prison-learning-tour>, or talk to Cindy. Michelle and members of the Pastorate will be available for pastoral care during the week.

New MVSers: Welcome to the Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) D.C. unit workers: Emily Bender (Washington, DC), Natalia Derstine (Harleysville, PA), Emily Harder (Hesston, Kansas), Sara Melgarejo (Bogota, Colombia [REDACTED]), and Anna van der Zwaag (Columbus, OH).

Adult Education: Starting September 20, join us for a series on the Doctrine of Discovery – the historical and theological idea that Christian explorers and colonists were allowed to displace native peoples who lived in the lands they "discovered." Through a video series, discussions, and guest speakers, we'll consider the history of this doctrine here and around the world, and what it means for the church today. For more information, see: <http://dofdmenno.org>.

International Day Of Peace: The Washington City Church of the Brethren (337 North Carolina Ave. SE, on Capitol Hill) invites you to a service for International Day of Prayer for Peace on Monday, September 21 at 7:00pm. We will gather in prayer and reflection on the continuing outbreak of violence in D.C. and across the country this past year. As rates of violence continue to increase across the District, we wish to call for a time of peace while standing in solidarity with members of our community who have been affected by it.

Warm Nights 2015: HMC will host Warm Nights October 4-11. Volunteers are needed each day to serve meals or to help with other tasks. This year we do not have to spend the night, however, breakfast will still need to be served by 5:30 a.m. Small groups are encouraged to participate or individuals can be grouped together to form a group for a night. Signup on the sheets posted on

TODAY

Greeter: Jake Short

Ushers: Sara Person, Kirsten Peterson

Nursery: Melanie Friesen, Krysta Hawkley

Worship Arts: Doris Bartel

NEXT WEEK

Mark Nord

Amy Whittington, LeAnne Zook

Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender

Sara Person

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$6,276

Amount needed each week – \$5,752

Attendance – 132

Amount under budget – \$14,636

Scripture for next Sunday, September 27:

Esther 7:1-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

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Requiem Choir: A choir is forming to sing for the annual HMC requiem service on Sunday, November 1. Rehearsals will be Thursday evenings starting October 1. Music included this year from South Africa, Appalachia and our own Janet Peachey. Contact Cynthia Lapp for more information: clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org. Youth and adults welcome.

Baby Shower, October 4: A baby shower will be held for Katrina Toews and Beuford Aeschliman, who are having a girl, following the worship service on October 4. This will be a potluck lunch at the home of Kristi Bahrenburg Janzen and Bernd Janzen. Katrina and Beuford have a registry, but prefer, in lieu of gifts, that contributions be made to Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) response to the Syria and Iraq crises.

Call For Photos: For Advent this year, HMC will be creating a banner that has photo images of roads and pathways. If you have any photos that you have taken of roads or paths in your neighborhood or around the world, or if you are inspired to take some new photos for the project, please submit them to [REDACTED] by October 15.

MVS House Needs: The MVS House is in need of a gently-used vacuum. If you have one to donate, please contact Kirstin at [REDACTED].

Kitchen Renovations: The Kitchen Renovation Committee has created plans for the renovation and is currently gathering bids from contractors. We would be interested in a couple more bids and so are looking for additional contractors to contact. If you have one to recommend, please get in touch with any of us - Mary Jo Schumacher, Kristi Bahrenburg Janzen, Jen Hiebert, and Su Flickinger. Thanks!

Traveling to Goshen this Fall? Former HMC attendees Dominique Burgunder-Johnson and Patrick Coonan recently moved from D.C. to Goshen, Indiana. Unfortunately, they were not able to fit several medium and small-sized plants in their car ride out for the move, and left them behind with their roommate in D.C. If you are traveling by car to Goshen sometime this fall (e.g. Homecoming weekend, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.), and would have space to bring one or more of the plants their way, please contact Dominique at [REDACTED]. Thanks!