

Church Leadership and Planning Retreat: The Pastorate and Church Council are meeting on September 19 for a day of reflection on the past year and looking ahead to the coming year(s). Thanks for keeping HMC congregational leadership in your prayers.

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, director of admissions and communications coordinator at Eastern Mennonite University. 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 [redacted], Jeanette Stoltzfus [redacted], or Meryt McGindley [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 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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11:00—Worship Service

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

HWB – *Hymnal: A Worship Book* (blue)

STJ – *Sing The Journey* (green) STS – *Sing The Story* (purple)

Prelude

Tim Buckwalter

Praising

Call to Worship

Kristin Sampson

Hymn: STJ 18 – *Over my head*

Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting the Peace Lamp*

Kristin Sampson

Confessing

Confession

One: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Joseph and Mary; God of Donald Trump and Barack Obama; God of James Dobson and Martin Luther King, Jr., of Cesar Chavez and Anne Graham Lotz, you have dispersed your image uniquely in each of us, you love us uncategorically and we are humbled by your grace.

Many: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

One: We confess that we are guilty of categorizing others on the basis of their race, and that the result has been the intentional and unintentional oppression of your people.

Many: Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

(Amos 5:23-24)

One: We confess that too often we are naïve to privileges held since birth because of the color of our skin, naïve to our own implicit biases that demean and devalue those who are not white, not “light.”

Many: My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ...have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? (*James 2:1, 4*)

One: Give us eyes to see injustice, ears to hear intolerance, and the courage to act with wisdom.

Many: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. (*I John 4:7-8*)

All: Amen, Amen and Amen.

Hymn: STS 117 – *How can I say*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Becca Walawender

Scripture Reading:

Mark 7: 24-37

Message: ***Dear Dr. King***

Cynthia Lapp

Listening Prayer

Hymn: STS 120 – *Somebody prayed for 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

Tim Buckwalter

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: STJ 106 – *Just a closer walk with thee*

Benediction

*First excerpt from "Everybody Else" by Jabari S. Jones; Second excerpt from *How one white mother talked to her two black children about racism in America*, an interview with Paula Fitzgibbons, author of the blog post "What They Didn't Teach us in Adoption Classes about Raising Black children".

TODAY

Greeter: Herb Reed

Ushers: Brad Leissa, Dorothy Leissa

Nursery:

Worship Arts: Roxanne Ando

NEXT WEEK

Benjamin Graber

Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman

Wyatt Feeler, Jeanette Stoltzfus

Judy Nord

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$2,435 (Aug. 29 and 30 services)

Attendance – 96

Amount needed each week – \$5,752

Amount under budget – \$16,239

Scripture for next Sunday, September 13:

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

CALENDAR

Sun. 9/13—Back to School Sunday; Michelle Burkholder preaches; fellowship meal.

Sat. 9/19—Church Council/Pastorate Retreat, 9:00 a.m., Schumacher/Wiens house.

Sun. 9/20—Erica Lea preaches.

Sun. 9/27—Christian Parks preaches.

Fri. 10/16-Sun. 10/18—Church Retreat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Frank Graeff and Janelle Tupper who were married here yesterday. [REDACTED]

Back to School Celebration Potluck Fellowship Meal, September 13:

School has been starting over the past several weeks for the student's among us! The September potluck fellowship meal will be a celebration of heading back to school and will include a backpack fashion show and a blessing of the backpacks. School attenders of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to church on Sunday, Sept. 13. If you do not have a backpack and would like assistance in getting one, please let Michelle Burkholder know.

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. Small groups are encouraged to participate or individuals can be grouped together to form a group for a night. Signup sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby beginning Sunday, September 6, or email Lori Reeder to sign up. We are looking for more persons to help in the planning, so please contact Lori Reeder [REDACTED], Cheryl Fish-Parcham [REDACTED], or Mary Jo Schumacher [REDACTED] if you can help in this effort.

