

Director Tim Jansen as Scrooge. They can email Bill Leary at: [REDACTED] to make a reservation. Thanks!

**Nutcracker Tickets Available:** Kimberly Schmidt has two tickets available to the Joffrey Ballet's Nutcracker. The price was \$55 per ticket. She would like to get \$20 per ticket. The seats are in the first row of the first balcony tier. If interested, please call her cell phone, [REDACTED].

**Apply for 2016 Everence College Scholarships:** If your family uses Everence faith-based services, you are eligible to apply for college scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year. Submit your application by Feb. 29, 2016. Learn more at [everence.com/scholarships](http://everence.com/scholarships) or contact Teresa Boshart Yoder for a copy of the application: [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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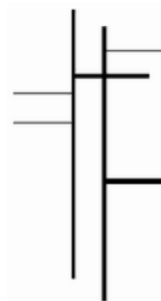
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**Prayer Cards:** If you want to share a prayer request in writing rather than verbally during the service, please use the space below, tear out this box, and place it in the prayer card box on the table in the foyer. Members of the Pastorate hold your joys, concerns, and sharings in prayer, both those shared verbally during the service and in writing.

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# Hyattsville Mennonite Church

A Christ-centered welcoming church committed to peace & justice.

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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

### Praising

Call to Worship

Jonathan Miller, LeAnne Zook

Leader 1: We live in troubled times, waiting for God's burst of light in our dark world.

**People: Lift up your eyes! God's justice is on the way!**

Leader 2: *Liberating God, sustain us and help us to walk in your ways.*

**People: Free us from the chains of prejudice and the shackles of sin.**

Leader 1: This is the moment to wake from sleep.

Leader 2: *Be ready, Jesus is coming to set us free.*

**All: Let us worship God, whose mercy promises us new life through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Hymn: HWB 178 – *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* Eric Stoltzfus

### Confessing

Confession

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Daniel & Claire Noel-Miller

Sarene, Eli

Hymn: STJ 109 – *There is more love somewhere*

### Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Sandra Plett

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Gene Miller

Luke 21:25-36

Message: *Freedom Bound: The Path Of Justice* Cynthia Lapp  
Hymn: *Woke up this morning*

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 546 – *Guide my feet*  
Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Visuals for Advent 2015:** The theme for Advent this year is “Freedom Bound.” Visually we are exploring this theme through images of various pathways. Freedom means different things to each person, likewise, the journey towards freedom takes on many forms. We never know what the pathway of that journey will be like or what might be encountered. You are invited to step into a visual journey of pathways this Advent season, both in the sanctuary and around the building. Each week more paths will be added to the display at the front of the church to continue to broaden and challenge our ideas about pathways to God's freedom. “Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.” - Psalm 25:4

**Advent Offering:** This year's Advent offering will go to “Reunion DC,” an interfaith community in Washington intent on “dismantling mass incarceration through relationship and commitment,” and whose goal is 0% recidivism. As their website notes, “the most significant indicators of successful re-entry from incarceration are available to us immediately: Relationship. Community. Friendship. Healing. Reconciliation. Matters of the heart and spirit.” Reunion believes there is a better way to address crime, justice, and brokenness than the present system. These new possibilities are only available as we learn together to be communities of redemption and love. You can read more about the organization and its activities at: <https://sites.google.com/site/reunionwwcw/>.

**Church Cleanup Day This Saturday:** Come help the Trustees in beautifying the church grounds this coming Saturday, December 5, starting at 8:30 a.m. Please bring any tools that may be helpful. Coffee and donuts will be available.

**Youth Christmas Party This Saturday:** All Junior and Senior Youth are invited to a Christmas Party Extravaganza this Saturday, Dec. 5 from 12-3ish at the church house. Come join in the fun as we share lunch, decorate Christmas cookies, play festive games, and more. Please RSVP to Michelle by Dec. 1.

**Messiah Sing:** On December 13 during the morning worship, the congregation is invited to join in singing some choruses from Handel's *Messiah*. If you want to practice, take a look at "O thou that tellest," "For unto us a child," "Glory to God," and "Hallelujah." Please plan to bring scores if you have them.

**Christmas Eve:** A women's choir will sing for the Christmas Eve service, Thursday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to join in singing selections from Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" contact Cindy [REDACTED] for rehearsal schedule and music.

**Christmas Carol Tickets:** Thank You to everyone at Hyattsville Mennonite for all the wonderful support you show CCSI (Warm Nights). I'd like to offer anyone in your congregation \$10 tickets to see *A Christmas Carol* at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church December 10-19 starring CCSI Executive

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TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Greeter: Sara Fretz-Goering	Mark Nord
Ushers: Richard Brown, Melanie Friesen	Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman
Nursery: Meadow Platt, Tim Platt	Christina Hade Henriksson, Jakob Henriksson
Worship Arts: Michelle Burkholder	Roxanne Ando

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Offering – \$5,668	Attendance – 152
Amount needed each week – \$5,752	Amount under budget – \$4,974

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**Scripture for next Sunday, December 6:**

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

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**CALENDAR**

Sat. 12/5—Church cleanup day, 8:30 a.m.; Youth Christmas party, noon.  
Sun. 12/6—Advent II; Michelle Burkholder preaches.  
Sun. 12/13—Advent III; Messiah sing during worship; fellowship meal.  
Sun. 12/20—Advent IV; Cynthia Lapp preaches.  
Mon. 12/21—Longest Night service, 6:30 p.m.  
Thurs. 12/24—Christmas Eve service, 5:00 p.m.

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