

**Adult Education:** Feb. 28-March 20 we will do a series on the four cardinal virtues: prudence, temperance, justice, fortitude. On March 6 Janelle Tupper will lead a discussion on temperance.

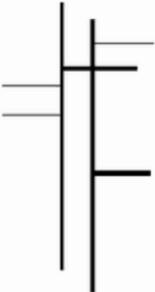
**T-Shirt Memorial:** Last summer, HMC and UPCoB hosted the T-Shirt Memorial to the Lost, remembering those who died in gun violence in the DC area. This year, you are invited to come to the church house on Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. to write names of those killed by gun violence in the DMV in 2015. These shirts will be displayed at HMC June 5-19.

**Service Project Photo Collection:** The HMC Service Committee would like to create a collection of photos representing each service project, special offering, and ongoing project support undertaken by the church in 2016. If you are in a leadership position for such a project, please plan on passing a few photos on to Sandra Plett. The committee will create a display at the end of the year to help remind us all what God has enabled us to do.

**Call for Visuals:** This year on Good Friday we will once again offer a self-guided stations of the cross experience featuring visual images and written reflections for contemplation. If you are interested in contributing a visual image, please contact Michelle: [REDACTED].

**Photo Wall:** Pastorate maintains a church photo wall so that we can know one another better. If your picture is absent or needs updating, please see Michael Bender to have a picture taken. Alternatively, you can provide a print photo or send a digital photo to Michael at [REDACTED].

<b>Nursery:</b> Childcare is provided for children ages newborn through three years old.	
 <b>Assistive Listening Devices</b> are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.	
<b>Church Listserv:</b> To add or change your email address, please email Jake Short. <b>Facebook:</b> Hyattsville Mennonite Church.	
<b>Church Staff Schedule:</b> 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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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 Sadie Sherman

### Praising

Call to Worship Joanne Gallardo

Leader: You, God, are our God,

*All: Earnestly we seek you.*

Leader: Because you are our help,

*All: We sing in the shadow of your wings.*

Leader: Today we come thirsty for many things,

*All: Thirsty for love, for healing, for restoration.*

Leader: Be unto us a well of living water,

*All: And from your Presence, we will receive life.*

Hymn: HWB 75 – *Heilig, heilig, heilig* Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting the Peace Lamp LeAnne Zook

### Confessing

Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn: HWB 495 – *O let all who thirst*

### Hearing the Word

A Time for Children Brett Sherman, Beuford Aeschliman,  
Kirstin Docken Showalter

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 55:1-9

Krysta Hawkley

Luke 13:1-9

Message: *Fruitless Fig*

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: HWB 614 – *In the bulb there is a flower*

## 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

Benediction  
Reciting of theme scripture: John 1:1-5

*In the beginning*

*there was the Word;  
the Word was in God's presence,  
and the Word was God.*

*The Word was present to God  
from the beginning.*

*Through the Word*

*all things came into being,  
and apart from the Word  
nothing came into being  
that has come into being.*

*In the Word was life,*

*and that life was humanity's light -  
a Light that shines in the darkness,  
a Light that the darkness has never overtaken.*

Hymn: HWB 575 – *Precious Lord, take my hand*

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### TODAY

Greeter: Sara Fretz-Goering  
Ushers: Wyatt Feeler, Peter Goering  
Nursery: Angie Wiens, Nancy Sharpe  
Worship Arts: Judy Nord

### NEXT WEEK

Judy Nord  
Yahtyng Sheu, LeAnne Zook  
Christina Hade Henriksson, Krysta Hawkey  
Roxanne Ando

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$3,735

Amount needed each week – \$5,852

Attendance – 113

Amount under budget – \$10,113

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### Scripture for next Sunday, March 6:

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; II Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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## CALENDAR

Sun. 3/6—Lent IV; Bible poetry.

Mon. 3/7—Community Café.

Sun. 3/13—Lent V; Cynthia Lapp preaches.

Sun. 3/20—Palm Sunday; Sarah Augustine from the  
Suriname Indigenous Health Fund preaches.

Thurs. 3/24—Maundy Thursday meal and service, 7:00 p.m.

Sun. 3/27—Easter; Michelle Burkholder preaches;  
Easter breakfast, 9:30 a.m.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Community Café Signups Still Needed:** HMC is scheduled to serve Community Café on Monday, March 7. There are still a lot of empty slots to fill. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Jake Short ASAP. Thanks!

**Lenten Offering:** This season's Lenten offering, will go to Gender and Empowerment programs at CARE. These programs support education, training, and capacity building of poor women and girls, focused on improved self-esteem, negotiation, and financial literacy skills, reproductive health information. They also work with men and boys to foster equitable relationships with peers and their family members.

**Lent Visuals:** The visuals for the Lenten season were inspired by images found in the lectionary scriptures and explore the theme "Living Ink: Word Made Flesh". We begin with a stark white banner that has a single stroke of black as we invite God, the Living Word, to write on our hearts as a co-author of our stories as a community and as individuals. Watch each week as the banner changes with the addition of line, color, shape and text, culminating with the addition of palms on Palm Sunday.

