

Maundy Thursday Service: On Thursday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m., all are invited to join in an evening to commemorate Jesus' last days. We will share a simple meal together, receive communion, and darken twelve candles as we read the passion story. There will also be opportunity to nail confessions to the cross. Please contact jshort@hyattsvillemennonite.org by March 22 so that we can prepare enough food and to let us know if you need childcare.

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].

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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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

Eric Stoltzfus

Praising

Call to Worship

David Conrad

Leader: God is a shelter for us.

**All: From the foe You keep us,
with glad songs of deliverance surround us.**

Leader: Many are the wicked's pains,

All: But kindness surrounds those who trust in the Lord

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord and exult, O you righteous

All: Sing gladly, all upright people.

Hymn: HWB 42 – *All people that on earth do dwell* Cynthia Lapp

Lighting the Peace Lamp David Conrad

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.**

Confessing

Confessing and Reconciling

Hymn: HWB 551 – *In the stillness of the evening*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Kathleen Zook, Anne Sedda Confer

Six Word Sermon

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Hymn: HWB 139 – *Far, far away from my loving father*

Six Word Stories

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All: Quick! Bring out the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Take the calf we've been fattening and butcher it. Let's eat and celebrate! This son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and now he's found!

All: But my child! You're with me always and everything I have is yours. But we have to celebrate and rejoice! This brother of yours was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and now he's found.

Hymn: HWB 531 – *Ah, what shame I have to bear*

More Six Word Stories

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 433 – *Go, my children*

Benediction

TODAY

Greeter: Herb Reed

Ushers: Yahtyng Sheu, LeAnne Zook

Nursery: Christina Hade Henriksson, Krysta Hawkley

Worship Arts: Roxanne Ando

NEXT WEEK

Mark Nord

Melanie Friesen, Kirsten Peterson

Dorothy Leissa, Jim Rice

Kristin Sampson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering – \$5,785

Attendance – 110

Amount needed each week – \$5,852

Amount under budget – \$10,180

Scripture for next Sunday, March 13:

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

CALENDAR

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Adult Education: Feb. 28-March 20 we will do a series on the four cardinal virtues: prudence, temperance, justice, fortitude.

March Fellowship Meal: The fellowship meal this month will be an Easter Brunch on March 27 instead of the regular second Sunday of the month.

