

together. Youth and adults of all ages are welcome. Get it on your calendar now, think on it, and contact Cindy for more information:

Connecting Families Retreat: The Connecting Families East Weekend retreat is coming up May 20-22, 2016 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. Connecting Families is a refreshing time of fellowship and encouragement for LGBTQ persons and their families and supporters. The theme will be "Cultivating Hope: Tools for Holy Inclusion." This year, we are pleased to welcome Stephanie Krehbiel as our presenter; her dissertation is entitled "Pacifist Battlegrounds: Violence, Community, and the Struggle for LGBTQ Justice in the Mennonite Church USA". Matthew Hunsburger will coordinate times of singing together. Kelli Holsopple will offer an Experiential Theatre workshop. The weekend is a safe, relaxing time to share our common thoughts regarding sexual minority issues as they affect our families, our friends, our churches, and ourselves. First-time participants receive a 50% discount off retreat rates. Registration forms/brochures are available in the foyer and on the email listserv.

Race For Affordable Housing: MANNA 5K Race for affordable housing Saturday April 23, 2016 Rock Creek Park. Join the Manna Family as we fight for affordable homeownership in our local communities. Come to Rock Creek Park on April 23 and run or walk to show your support. Register for the race at www.mannadc.org/manna5k.

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 Thursday. 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 Phil Oswald Christano

Praising

Call to Worship Wyatt Feeler
Hymn: HWB 81 – *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing* Eric Stoltzfus
Lighting the Peace Lamp Wyatt Feeler

Confessing

Confession (Psalm 30)

Leader: We praise you O God, because you raised us up and kept our enemies from gloating over us. We cried to you for help, our God, and you healed us. You brought us back from the realm of the dead; You spared us from going down into the Pit.

**People: Sing, you who love God! Praise God's holy name!
God's anger is fleeting, but God's favor endures forever.
There may be tears during the night, but joy comes in the morning.**

Leader: When we presumed we were secure, we boasted, "We will never be defeated!" When we stood in your favor, we stood as firm as a mountain. But then you hid yourself from us, and we were filled with terror.

**People: So we called you, God. We pleaded for your help:
"What good will come from our destruction,
From our going to the grave? Does dust praise you, God?
Can the dead proclaim your unfailing goodness?
Hear us God and be merciful. Help us!"**

Silence

Leader: Then you changed our despair into a dance – you stripped us of our death shrouds and clothed us with joy.
**All: That's why our hearts sing to you, that's why we can't keep silent-
You are our God and we will thank you forever!**

Hymn: STJ 15 – *Santo (Holy)*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children (Acts 9) Michelle Burkholder

Scripture Reading:

John 21:1-19 Beuford Aeschliman

Message: *Encountering Christ* Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: HWB 277 – *I know that my Redeemer lives*

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 407 – *We are people of God’s peace*
Benediction

CALENDAR

Sun. 4/10—Cynthia Lapp preaches; joint fellowship meal with CIO.
Tues. 4/12—Worship Committee, 7:30 p.m.
Wed. 4/13—Pastorate, 7:15 p.m.
Sun. 4/17—Michelle Burkholder preaches;
gift discernment fair, 10:00 a.m.; no Sunday School.
Sun. 4/24—Disability Awareness Sunday.
Sat. 4/30—Church cleanup day, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Mon. 5/2—Community Café.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Meal Today: All are welcome at the fellowship meal following the worship service. It will be a joint meal with Centro Internacional de Oración (CIO), the Spanish-speaking congregation that meets at HMC on Sunday afternoons and Friday evenings.

Lent Offering: We raised \$2,279 for CARE’s gender empowerment programs during Lent. Thanks to all who gave generously.

Adult Education: On April 10 we began a series on some of the many facets of mass incarceration. Frank Graeff will speak on for-profit prisons on April 24. Note: there is no Sunday School on April 17.

Gift Discernment Fair: Join us on Sunday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m. The Pastorate, HMC committees, and various outreach groups will have information on how you can get involved, share your gifts, and enrich yourself while helping others. Coffee, juice and light breakfast will be available. (There is NO Sunday School on April 17 as UPCoB is on retreat that weekend.). Gift discernment forms are available in the foyer or on the listserv email.

Community Café: HMC is scheduled to serve at Community Café again on Monday, May 2. Please check the signup sheet on the bulletin board to see what you can help with, or contact Jake Short for more information. Thanks!

Out of the Office: Cynthia Lapp will be gone to Goshen, Indiana from Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 17. If you need a ride to Goshen that weekend, contact Cindy.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Hannah Swartz and Nathan Scarborough, who were married at HMC yesterday, April 9. They will continue living in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Retreat, May 13-15: Cynthia Lapp will lead a silent(ish) retreat at Rolling Ridge. No previous experience with silence needed; we will explore and learn

TODAY

Greeter: Cheryl Fish-Parcham
Ushers: Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman
Nursery: Krysta Hawkley, Nancy Sharpe
Worship Arts: Sara Person

NEXT WEEK

Peter Goering
Karen Minatelli, Elina Minatelli
Alice Bender, Yahtyng Sheu
Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender

TREASURER’S REPORT

Offering – \$6,963
Amount needed each week – \$5,852
Attendance – 112
Amount under budget – \$9,428

Scripture for next Sunday, April 17:

I Corinthians 12:4-11, Exodus 31:1-11, Matthew 9:35-38

