


effort to fulfill it by the end of the year. If you don't know your outstanding pledge balance, please contact treasurer Kelly Heatwole at: [REDACTED]. Thank you for your joyful giving to HMC!

**End of the Year at HMC:** There is no Sunday School the next two Sundays, December 25 and January 1. We will also have a joint service with University Park Church of the Brethren (UPCoB) here at HMC on January 1.

**Queer Spirituality Retreat at Rolling Ridge:** It is happening Feb. 3-5, 2017. This is a weekend for LGBTQ+ folks to connect in community and in nature. Join us for rest and reflection, hiking and eating, and simply being together in sacred space. It will be led by Michelle Burkholder and Annabeth Roeschley.

**Anti-Harassment Training January 14:** Marty Langelan, author of *Back Off! How to Confront and Stop Sexual Harassment and Harassers*, will be offering an empowerment workshop at HMC as part of our Safe Congregations commitment. The workshop will go from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Michelle as soon as possible. Also, let Michelle know if you will need childcare during the workshop.

**Play Your Way Into The New Year!** An impromptu board gaming gathering is brewing for after church on Sunday, January 1. All invited to stay after church for a light lunch and games in the fellowship hall. Please let Michelle know if you want to join so we can make appropriate food prep arrangements. We hope participants will also take turns swapping in and out of childcare duties for the afternoon so everyone gets a chance to game and/or play!

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| 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.<br>Facebook: Hyattsville Mennonite Church.   |   |
| Church Staff Schedule: The church office is closed on Mondays.<br><br><i>Cindy</i> will be available Tuesday through Friday.<br><i>Michelle</i> will be available Tuesday and Thursday.<br><i>Jake</i> will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. |   |
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# Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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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 Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Dwight Miyake, Janelle Tupper

**Praising**

Call to Worship LeAnne Zook

Lighting the Advent Wreath Herb & Vera Reed,

Jesse, Susie, and Maggie Reed-McCullough

Hymn: HWB 208 – *Love came down at Christmas*

**Confessing**

Confession of Faith (Isaiah 7:10-17)

One: The Lord says: I will give you a sign;  
 I will make the sign as deep as Sheol or as high as heaven.

**Many: But we refuse to ask; we refuse to test God.**

One: Hear then O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary of God also?

The Lord will give you such a sign then.

**Many: Look, a girl is pregnant. She will give birth to a child and name him Immanuel. The child will eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.**

One: For by the time the child knows how to refuse the evil and how to choose the good, the despots will have fled the land

**All: The Lord will bring on us and on our people and on all those that come after us such days as we have never known.**

Words of Assurance (Matthew 1:18-25)

Hymn: HWB 211 – *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

**Hearing the Word**

A Time for Children

Sandra Plett

**Messiah**\* by Georg Friedrich Händel

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-4

**Chorus:** *And the glory of the Lord*

Reading: Haggai 2:6-7, Malachi 3:1-2

Reading: Malachi 3:3

Solo: *Behold, a virgin shall conceive*

Solo: *Oh thou that tellest good tidings to Zion*

Reading: Isaiah 60:2-3, Isaiah 9:2

**Chorus:** *For unto us a child is born*

Solo: *There were shepherds abiding in the fields*

Solo: *And lo, the angel of the Lord*

Solo: *And the angel said unto them*

Solo: *And suddenly there was with the angel*

**Chorus:** *Glory to God in the highest*

Solo: *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion*

Solo: *Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened*

Solo: *He shall feed his flock like a shepherd*

Reading: Matthew 11:3

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

**Chorus:** *Hallelujah (chorus)*

\*Piano: Janet Peachey

Soloists: Wendy Shenk-Evans, Cecilia Lapp Stoltzfus,

Joanne Gallardo, Kimberly Schmidt

Reader: Michelle Burkholder

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**TODAY**

Greeter: Mary Jo Schumacher

Ushers: Amy Whittington, Karen Minatelli

Nursery: Dorothy Leissa, Yahtyng Sheu

Worship Arts: Sara Person

**NEXT WEEK**

Jake Short

Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Offering Last Week – \$7,385

Attendance – 105

Weekly Goal – \$5,852

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**Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, December 25:**

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

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**CALENDAR**

Sat. 12/24—Christmas Eve service, 5:00 p.m.

Sun. 12/25—Christmas Day service; no Sunday School.

Sun. 1/1—Christmas I; joint service with UPCoB; no Sunday School.

Sun. 1/8—Epiphany; fellowship meal.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Advent Worship Arts:** During Advent, worship arts is experimenting with visual and auditory experiences to explore the theme “Wake, Watch, Wait”. Listen for the gongs, cymbals, and bells each week as we progress from a cacophony of sounds to a solitary bell on Christmas morning. Visually, there is a kaleidoscope of color wheels make their way across the front of the sanctuary and meeting in the central banner by Christmas Eve. We invite you to be awakened, watching and waiting for the shifting landscape of sounds and color as we anticipate the in-breaking of God's love in the world through Jesus.

**Advent Offering:** Congregations United for Compassion and Empowerment (CUCE) sponsors the Prince George's Plaza Day Center, located at University Christian Church. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-6:00 p.m., it provides space for guests to do laundry, take showers, get a hot meal, and receive job and housing counseling. If you want to donate socks, boxer shorts, or long underwear, place them unwrapped under the Christmas tree in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

**Christmas Eve Offering:** Our Christmas Eve offering will go to Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) ongoing relief efforts in Haiti.

**From the Treasurer:** Please note that there are only two Sundays, including today, remaining in 2016, the next/last of which is Christmas day. As of Dec. 15, we need to collect \$20,075.48 before the end of the year to reach our budgeted offering goal. Please check your pledge balance and make your best

