

**Joint Worship Service Next Sunday:** There is no Sunday School next Sunday, January 1. We will also have a joint service with University Park Church of the Brethren (UPCoB) here at HMC.

**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!

**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:** "Take Action! Do Something that Works!" by Marty Langelan, will be held at HMC on Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Come join us for an entire toolkit of effective, everyday nonviolent techniques you can use to reduce bigotry, harassment, and violence. This workshop is incredibly empowering and interactive. To register, email Michelle Burkholder: [REDACTED]. Marty Langelan, past president of the D.C. Rape Crisis Center, is an expert on everyday nonviolence, harassment, and community-based intervention. She is a martial artist, a long-time civil rights activist, and the author of *Back Off: How to Confront and Stop Sexual Harassment and Harassers*.

<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.  <i>Cindy</i> will be on vacation this week. <i>Michelle</i> will be available Tuesday and Thursday. <i>Jake</i> 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

Zsófia Tószegi, Peter Sabath

**Gathering**

Call to Worship (Psalm 96)

LeAnne Zook

One: Sing to the LORD a new song. Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Many: Sing to the LORD, bless the Name. Bring tidings every day of the Lord's rescue. Recount among the nations the glory, among all the peoples the wonders.**

One: For great is the LORD and most praised, awesome over all other gods. For the gods of the peoples are un gods but the LORD has made the heavens.

**Many: Greatness and grandeur before the LORD, strength and splendor in the sanctuary of the Almighty. Grant to the LORD, O families of peoples, grant to the LORD glory and strength. Grant to the LORD the glory of the name, bear tribute and come to the courts. Bow to the LORD in sacred grandeur; quake before the LORD, all the earth.**

One: Say among the nations:

**All: The LORD reigns.**

One: Yes, the world stands firm, will not shake.

Justice is meted out to the peoples righteously

**Many: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth exult, let the sea and its fullness thunder. Let the field be glad and all that is in it, then shall all the trees of the forest joyfully sing before the LORD.**

**All: For the LORD comes to judge the earth.**

**The LORD judges the world in justice and peoples in faithfulness.**

Hymn: HWB 210 – *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

## Wake

*Meditation for the Silence of Morning* by Adam Clay Eric Stoltzfus  
Hymn: STS 7 – *Come, come Emmanuel*  
Silence

## Watch

*Psalms* by Paisley Rekdal Kaye Brubaker  
Hymn: STS 22 – *There were angels hovering round*  
Silence

## Wait

*my dreams, my works, must wait till after hell* by Gwendolyn Brooks  
Hymn: HWB 191 – *O little town of Bethlehem*  
Silence

## Words of Assurance

A Time for Children Sandra Plett  
Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 1-20  
Hymn: HWB 194 – *Away in a manger*

## Sharing

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: *A Blessing for Christmas Day* by Jan Richardson  
Hymn: STS 124 – *My soul cries out*

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## TODAY

Greeter: Jake Short  
Ushers: Elham Eftekhary  
Nursery: Becca Walawender, Penny Russell  
Worship Arts: Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender

## NEXT WEEK

Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman  
Alice Bender  
Judy Nord, Valerie Schrock

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$8,578  
Weekly Goal – \$5,852

Attendance – 138

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## Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, January 1:

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

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## CALENDAR

Sun. 1/1—Christmas I; joint service with UPCoB; no Sunday School.  
Sun. 1/8—Epiphany; fellowship meal.  
Sat. 1/14—Safe Congregations training (see announcement).  
Sun. 1/15—Joanne Gallardo preaches.

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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.

**From the Treasurer:** Please note that this is the last Sunday in 2016. As of 12/20, we need to collect \$11,497.48 before the end of the year to reach our budgeted offering goal. Please check your pledge balance and make your best 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!

