

Christmas Eve Service: If you would be willing to read scripture, sing in an ensemble, or participate some other way in the Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m., please contact Cindy Lapp: [REDACTED].

Bake Sale Fundraiser: Cindy has been relating to the Hyattsville Police Department along with three other local clergy. As a way to show support for the department, the chaplains are organizing a bake sale with proceeds to go to Officer Tony Knox. Knox was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor behind his eye and recently had surgery to remove his eye. He is the father of two year old triplets. You are invited to bake for the sale (held at First Baptist on 42nd Ave.) on Dec. 10. See the flyer on the bulletin board or talk to Cindy.

Queer Spirituality Retreat at Rolling Ridge: This retreat is happening the weekend of 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.

January 21, 2017 Women's March: The International Guest House (IGH) is already full for the weekend of Jan 21 when the Women's March will be held. If you are willing to host people from this march in your home that weekend, please contact [REDACTED] who will pass your name on to IGH staff. HMC will also be hosting (in the church) Mennonite women who come to town for the march.

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 Jonathan Miller
Hymn: HWB 172 – *O come, O come, Immanuel* Daniel Daughtry-Weiss
Lighting the Advent Wreath Karrie Peterson, Kirsten Peterson

Confessing

Confession

Leader: In the nighttime of fear, we build walls and fences.

**People: Rather than showing hospitality,
we keep the stranger away.**

Leader: We forget the truth that God's love is for everyone.

**People: Even those who make us angry and
those with whom we cannot agree.**

Leader: O God, show us the way of welcome, of peace and of love.

People: Come quickly, show us.

Silence

Leader: God holds us close in love. Rejoice!

**All: God's wisdom is our guide, God's compassion is our strength,
God's love is our redemption. Let us walk in the way of peace.**

Hymn: STS 16 – *Peace before us*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children Sandra Plett
(Children's Church is available for those age 4 through 8th grade.)

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-12

Message: *Watching For Shoots*

Hymn: HWB 176 – *Comfort, comfort, O my people*

Erica Kraybill

Nathan Mishler

Cynthia Lapp

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 184 – *Hark! the glad sound*

Benediction

CALENDAR

Sun. 12/4—Advent II; Cynthia Lapp preaches; children’s church; Church Council, 12:30 p.m.

Tues. 12/6—Adult Education Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Sun. 12/11—Advent III; Cynthia Lapp preaches; fellowship meal.

Thurs. 12/15—Trustees, 7:00 p.m.

Sun. 12/18—Advent IV; Cynthia Lapp preaches; children’s church.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Advent Offering: Congregations United for Compassion and Empowerment (CUCE) recently got a new burst of energy with the opening of the Prince George's Plaza Day Center, located at University Christian Church on Adelphi Road. Currently open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-6:00 p.m., this is the first day center in all of Prince George's County. It provides space for guests to do laundry, take showers, get a hot meal, and receive job and housing counseling. Currently the day center is staffed entirely by volunteers. There is a need (and vision) for a part-time paid staff person. Our offering will help make that a reality and pay utility bills for the center. Thank you for your generosity.

Baby Shower Today: Join us today at the church house for Erica Kraybill and Nathan Mishler immediately following the service. Please come and celebrate with them.

Adult Education: We continue our series on prayer. On December 11, Hiwot Sereke will introduce us to chant as prayer. On December 18, Katrina Toews will conclude the series with movement as prayer. All are welcome.

Tis The Season! December 11 Fellowship Meal: Come make a joyful noise and celebrate the season together. Bring your favorite Christmas goodies to share. Also, if possible please bring your own table service.

TODAY

Greeter: Mark Nord

Ushers: Brad Leissa, Dorothy Leissa

Nursery: Kirstin Docken Showalter, Kathleen Zook

Worship Arts: Judy Nord, Kim McClain

NEXT WEEK

Cheryl Fish-Parcham

Mark Nord, Richard Brown

Dorothy Leissa, Jim Rice

Jake Short

TREASURER’S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$2,740

Attendance – 94

Weekly Goal – \$5,852

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, December 11:

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

