

**Adult Education:** Join us for Sunday school starting January 8th, when Wyatt Feeler will be leading a four-week series on the gospels. We will look at several stories and teachings that appear in more than one gospel and discuss what we can learn from the differences and similarities between the accounts, thinking about unique perspectives the authors bring to the story of Jesus.

**Meals:** We are providing meals as a way to welcome baby Luella to Erica Kraybill & Nathan Mishler. Sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090449afa8283-meals8> or email: [REDACTED]

**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: [mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonitechurch.org](mailto:mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonitechurch.org). 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*.

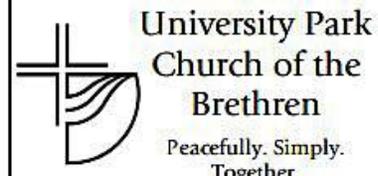
**Queer Spirituality Retreat at Rolling Ridge:** It is happening Feb. 3-5, 2017. This is a weekend for LGBTQ+ folks to connect in community and in nature. Join us for rest and reflection, hiking and eating, and simply being together in sacred space. It will be led by Michelle Burkholder and Annabeth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

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.  <i>Cindy</i> will be available Tuesday through Friday. <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

Praising

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 8) LeAnne Zook, Kim McDowell  
 One: O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
**All: You have set your glory above the heavens.**  
 One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established, what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?  
**All: Yet you have made them a little lower than yourself and crowned them with glory and honor.**  
 One: When we look at the heavens, we see your vastness.  
**All: When we look at seas teeming with fish and verdant fields painted like a canvas, we see your creativity and your bounty.**  
 One: We come now with praise to worship.  
**All: O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**  
 Hymn: HWB 640 – *This is a day of new beginnings*

Confessing

Confession of Faith (based on Matthew 25:31-46)  
 One: The king will say to those on the one side:  
 I was hungry but you gave me no food.  
**Many: Lord, when did we see you hungry?**  
 One: I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink.  
**Many: Lord, when did we see you thirsty?**  
 One: I was a stranger and you did not welcome me?  
**Many: Lord, when were you a stranger to us?**  
 One: I was naked and you did not give me clothing?  
**Many: Lord, when did you have nothing to wear?**

One: I was sick and you did not visit me.

I was in prison and you did not fight for my release.

**Many: Lord, when did we not take care of you?**

One: The king will answer: Truly, I tell you, just as you did not do it one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.

Hymn: STJ 47 – *Oh, Lord have mercy*

Words of Assurance

One: I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick, I was in prison and you cared for me.

**All: Come, you that are blessed by our Creator, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.**

### Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Message: **Reflecting and Projecting** Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: HWB 195 – *It came upon a midnight clear*

### 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 (based on Revelation 21)

Hymn: STJ 18 – *Over my head*

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### TODAY

Greeter: Sara Fretz-Goering

Ushers: Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman

Nursery: Alice Bender, Penny Russell, Dorothy Leissa

Worship Arts: Judy Nord, Valerie Schrock

### NEXT WEEK

Peter Goering

Amy Whittington, Richard Brown

Kim McClain, Daron Showalter

Jake Short

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$3,840

Attendance – 53

Weekly Goal – \$5,852

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### Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, January 8:

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

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### CALENDAR

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

**Welcome:** We are glad to welcome our friends and guests from University Park Church of the Brethren (UPCoB), who are joining us for a joint worship service this morning.

**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.

**Costumes for January 8:** As part of our Epiphany celebration on Sunday, January 8, we will be telling an interactive version of the Christmas and Epiphany story during the morning service at HMC. Everyone (adults, youth, and children) is encouraged to bring along a costume to join in the telling of this story. You can be whatever you have ever dreamed of being in a Christmas pageant, a sheep, a star, a donkey, a wise-one, a manger, Mary or Joseph - any part of the story that appeals to you. There is no rehearsal required for this event - just come to church in costume on Sunday, January 8.

**Fellowship Meal January 8:** Come and greet the New Year! Please bring food to share and bring your own table service if possible.

