Sunday School Helpers & Teachers Needed: Sunday school for all ages will begin on Sunday, September 10. The Children's and Youth Education Committee is seeking volunteers to be helpers in classrooms and part-time teachers in the junior and senior youth classes.

- Helpers are not committing to plan or teach a class, but are offering to be a present support for the teacher as needed.
- Occasional teachers are needed for the junior and senior youth classes on a topic or theme of your choosing.

Please contact Karen Haynes or Michelle Burkholder if you have any questions and to let us know how you would like to be involved in supporting the children and youth of our community during the 2017-18 Sunday School year.

Blessing of the Backpacks: We will have a back to school bag blessing for students, teachers, and administrators during the potluck on Sunday, Sept. 10.

Syrian Donations Dinner In September: On Saturday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m., the HMC Refugee Support Group will host a donations dinner for the Syrian family we have been working with for the past few months. The family (single mother and her two twenty-something sons) will be providing a full Syrian meal plus dessert for about 20 persons at the home of one of our members in Hyattsville. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$25/person for the meal. Following the dinner will be a short presentation about the situation of Syrian refugees and an opportunity to hear family members answer some of our questions. If you would like to sign up to participate in the evening and would like more details, please contact Cathy Kerst:

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 and Friday.

Cynthia Lapp, Pastor Michelle Burkholder, Associate Pastor Jake Short, Administrative Assistant Kelly Heatwole, Treasurer David Conrad, Congregational Chair Annabeth Roeschley, Pastorate Chair clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org jshort@hyattsvillemennonite.org kelly.j.heatwole@gmail.com DPConArch@verizon.net abroeschley@gmail.com



11:00—Worship Service

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book (blue) STJ – Sing The Journey (green) STS – Sing The Story (purple)

Prelude Janet Peachey

Praising

Call to Worship* (John 13:34-35)

Cindy Lapp

One: We gather today because we love God, and we want to love God more.

All: We gather today because we need love in our lives:

love for family, friends, neighbors, enemies.

Open our minds, Enlarge our spirits, Fill our hearts, so we can receive

the love which passes all understanding.

Hymn: STJ 34 – *Loving Spirit* Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Penny Russell Zsófia Tószegi

Confessing

Confession*

Hymn: HWB 452 – Ubi caritas et amor

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Cindy Lapp

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 22:34-40 Song of Solomon 3:1-4

Luke 6:31-36

Anna McCowen Eric Stoltzfus Monica Shelly Message: **Reflections on Love** Sara Fretz-Goering, Clara Janzen,

Jacob Shelly, Keith Swartzendruber

Hymn: HWB 580 – My life flows on

Responding

Responses to the Message Sharing of Joys and Concerns Praying Together

Farewell for the Tószegi Sabath family Michelle Burkholder Zsófia, Peter, Sebastian, Levente, Balázs, Odessa

Hymn: STJ 76 – The Lord bless you and keep you

The Work of the Church Greeting our Guests Announcements

The Ministry of Giving Children's Offering Offertory Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: STJ 109 – There is more love somewhere Benediction*

*adapted from Carol Penner, Leading in Worship

TODAY

Greeter: Sara Fretz-Goering
Ushers: Brad Leissa, Dorothy Leissa
Nursery: Becca Walawender, Kristin Sampson
Worship Arts: Melanie Friesen

NEXT WEEK

Cheryl Fish-Parcham Sarah Hall, Sara Person Wyatt Feeler, Jeanette Stoltzfus

Valerie Schrock

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$4,591 Weekly Goal – \$5,638 Attendance Last Week – 78

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, August 20:

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

CALENDAR

Thurs. 8/17—Trustees, 7:00 p.m.

Sun. 8/20—Michelle Burkholder preaches.

Sun. 8/27—Cindy Lapp preaches.

Tues. 8/29—Pastorate, 7:15 p.m.

Sun. 9/3—Joint worship with UPCoB at Fletcher's Field.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Meal Today: It is Love Sunday, and all are invited to the fellowship meal in the basement following the worship service.

Fellowship Meal Schedule: We are making out the new Fellowship Meal schedule for 2017-2018. Those who have been on the schedule before will be included again this year unless you let us know you want your name removed from the list. Also, we will contact newer attendees to see if you would be willing to serve. Please contact Mary Jo Schumacher at: if you have any questions.

Church Directory Updates: If you have updates to your address and/or contact information in the church directory, or would like to be added to the directory, please send your information (name, address, email, phone number) to Jake Short by September 1.

Singing This Summer: We will gather once more at 9:30 a.m. next Sunday, August 20 in the sanctuary to see music from Tallis, Palestrina, etc.

Special Offering, August 20: We will hold a special offering for Sani-Love, Anne Sedda Confer's project to provide sanitary supplies to girls in Kenya, on Sunday, August 20.

Gallery Talk with Denise Brown: On Sunday, August 20 at 9:30 a.m., join in a conversation with Denise about the nature paintings that have been on display in the foyer this summer. There will be time to hear from her about her works, ask questions, and reflect together on how we encounter the Spirit in nature.

Retreat House Available: HMC has use of the Rolling Ridge Retreat House the weekend of August 25-27. It is available for a small group or several families to have a weekend away, near Harpers Ferry, WV. See Cindy Lapp for more information and to reserve the house.

Joint Worship in the Park: Join us and University Park Church of the Brethren (UPCoB) for a joint worship service in the park on Sunday, September 3 at 11:00 a.m. The service will be at Fletcher's Field in Riverdale. There will be no fellowship meal, but light refreshments will be served after.