

**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.

**Fellowship Meal, September 10:** The fellowship meal will be a Back To School theme with the blessing of the backpacks. Remember (or trying to forget?) those “yummy” school lunches? Remake what you would have loved to eat for lunch and bring it to share with your fellow “students”.

**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: [REDACTED].

**Rolling Ridge Annual Work Day:** Rolling Ridge will be hosting their annual work day on Saturday, September 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can earn volunteer service hours for HMC. Gather at the Rolling Ridge Study Retreat House any time after 9:00 a.m. for coffee, tea, juice, and yummys. At 10:00 a.m. work and fun begins (garden weeding, wood splitting, window washing, and more). There will be a potluck lunch. People can RSVP and register by filling in the online form: <http://rollingridge.net/fall-work-day-and-potluck/>.

**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.

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11:00—Worship Service

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

HWB – *Hymnal: A Worship Book* (blue)

STJ – *Sing The Journey* (green) STS – *Sing The Story* (purple)

Prelude

Daniel Daughtry-Weiss, Jerome Glick,  
Amanda Melara, Eric Stoltzfus

Praising

Sara Fretz-Goering

Call to Worship

Leader: You are home to the exile

**People: Touch to the frozen**

Leader: Cairns to the wanderer

**People: Daylight to the prisoner**

Leader: Authority to the silent

**People: Anger to the helpless**

Leader: Laughter to the weary

**People: Rest for the laborer**

Leader: Expression to the joyful

**People: Come, our God of Love and Justice,  
Come, our God, into our lives**

Hymn: HWB 77 – *God of many names*

Eric Stoltzfus,  
Daniel Daughtry-Weiss  
Jake Short

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession: *The Grace That Scorches Us* (edited)

– a blessing by Jan Richardson

Hymn: STJ 101 – *La ténèbre (Our darkness)*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Cindy Lapp

Scripture Reading:

Romans 12:1-8

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Beuford Aeschliman

Roxanne Ando, Kirsten Peterson

Karrie Peterson

Cindy Lapp

Message: *Look For The Helpers*

Hymn: HWB 135 – *God, whose purpose is to kindle*

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: STJ 78 – *Sizohamba naye*

Benediction

Postlude

TODAY

*Greeter:* Peter Goering

*Ushers:* Elham Eftekhary, Jake Short

*Nursery:* Jim Rice, Penny Russell

*Worship Arts:* Meryt McGindley

NEXT WEEK

Joint worship in the park  
with UPCoB

TREASURER’S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$7,480

Weekly Goal – \$5,638

Attendance Last Week – 102

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, September 3:

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

CALENDAR

Tues. 8/29—Pastorate, 7:15 p.m.

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

Sat. 9/9—Church Council/Pastorate retreat at the church, 9:00 a.m.

Sun. 9/10—Cindy Lapp preaches; fellowship meal; Sunday School starts.

Sun. 9/17—Michelle Burkholder preaches.

Sun. 9/24—Cindy Lapp preaches; congregational meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Out of the Office:** Michelle Burkholder is gone this weekend and will be available again starting on Tuesday. If you need pastoral care, contact Cindy Lapp or a member of the Pastorate.

**Joint Worship in the Park Next Sunday:** 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. Please bring your own chairs and blankets. There will be no fellowship meal, but light refreshments will be served after.

**Final Call: 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.

**Sani-Love Offering:** Last week we raised \$1,322 for Sani-Love. Thank you for your generosity.

**Meals:** Denise and Richard would appreciate some meals over the next few weeks while Denise recovers from a fall. Sign up here, and thanks for your support: [redacted]. Contact Nancy Steelberg with any questions: [redacted].

**Invitation to Create:** This summer we have had the artwork of Denise Brown on display in the foyer, which predominantly explores scenes in nature. It captures moments of colorful beauty and times when she has sensed the Spirit’s presence. We invite you to respond with your own creations – a drawing, a collage, a story, a poem, a song, a dance – whatever your medium of choice may be. Consider the moments you have been in nature and felt the presence of the Spirit, or heard the call to be still and present in that moment. We especially encourage reflection on adventures from this summer, but also welcome those from any time of your life. Please bring your reflections and creations to church starting today to display in the foyer. If you create a song or dance in response, let Michelle know and we will find a place for it to be presented in an upcoming service. Questions? Ask Michelle.

