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September 3, 2017
Joint Worship at Fletcher's Field

Hyattsville Mennonite Church (HMC) bulletin
(University Park Church of the Brethren [UPCoB] bulletin on insert)

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Greeter:	Peter Goering
Ushers: Joint worship in the park	Kirstin Docken Showalter, Amy Whittington
Nursery: with UPCoB	Jim Rice, Daron Showalter
Worship Arts: God	Roxanne Ando
TREASURER'S REPORT	
Offering Last Week – \$4,061	Weekly Goal – \$5,638
Attendance Last Week – 98	

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, September 10:
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

CALENDAR

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.
Fri. 10/20 – Sun. 10/22—Annual church retreat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Begins: Sunday School for all ages begins again next Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. at UPCoB.

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”.

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.

Baby Shower, September 17: We will be holding a baby shower for Monica and Jacob Shelly on Sunday, September 17, at the church house immediately following the service. This will be a potluck lunch, so please bring food to share. They are having a girl. For gift ideas, you can view their baby registry on the listserv announcements.

Requiem Choir Forming: Sunday, November 5, will be HMC's annual Requiem service with a choir singing Requiem by Gabriel Faure. Contact Cindy [REDACTED] to join the choir or for more information.

Adult Education Series - Contemporary Theologians of Color Engage Racism: To kick off the 2017-2018 Adult Education year, we will have a series on black theologians, including James Cone, Drew Hart, Kelly Brown Douglas, and others. Each week we will read a short passage or watch a clip, followed by a facilitated discussion. This is an opportunity to expand our understanding of our faith in the face of racism and oppression. Sept 10: James Cone - The Cross and the Lynching Tree. Come for the series, or come for a Sunday - we meet at 9:30 a.m. in the basement of University Park Church of the Brethren.

HMC Retreat: Mark your calendars! October 20-22 will be HMC's annual retreat for fun and community building at Shepherd's Spring. Registration forms will be available soon. Let Cindy or Michelle know if you need scholarship help.

Housing Needed: Jan Barga is looking for a room to rent from mid-September until Thanksgiving. Will pay \$600-800 per month, with feasibility of commute to Union Station metro station a factor. Contact Jan at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].