**Small Groups at HMC:** Small Groups are an important part of our church life at Hyattsville beyond Sunday morning worship hour. Many of us welcome the support and fellowship of a smaller group of people with similar interests. Pastorate helps facilitate the groups, managing start-ups, new attendees, and group changes. If you'd like to be part of group or to make a change, please contact one of 3 Pastorate members working on that support: Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Jonathan Miller, or Becca Walawender.

**New Member Sunday:** The Pastorate recommends Brandon Sims, Janet Reedy, and Stan Reedy for membership at HMC. Brandon, Janet, and Stan will share their faith journeys and become members on Nov. 12.

**November 12 Fellowship Meal:** Give Thanks! This will be our Thanksgiving Meal. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving dishes to share. If possible, bring your own table service.

**Seekers Class:** Join with others who want to explore faith: their own and HMC's with an Anabaptist flavor. The class will meet during the Sunday School hour starting Nov. 12. For more information and to join the class, contact Cindy Lapp:

**Toddler Clothes Needed:** If you have any spare/used neutral or girls clothing in size 2T or 3T that you are ready to pass on, please let Michelle know.

**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 Kathleen Zook, Congregational Chair Saundra Plett. Pastorate Chair clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org jshort@hyattsvillemennonite.org kelly.j.heatwole@gmail.com kathleen.zook@gmail.com saundraplett@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 Jonathan Miller

Praising

Call to Worship\* (inspired by Psalm 90:2)

Sarah Hall

Leader: Let the falling leaves teach me their blissful dance of joy:

**People: From everlasting to everlasting!** 

Leader: Let the hibernating oak preach the depth of its faith:

People: From everlasting to everlasting!

Leader: Let my soul shed its burdens to join the chorus:

**People: From everlasting to everlasting!** 

Leader: Let my heart be stilled of its racing to hear the good news:

People: From everlasting to everlasting!

Leader: Come, young and old, share the comfort:

**People: From everlasting to everlasting!** 

Leader: Come, siblings and neighbors, live in the peace:

People: From everlasting to everlasting!

Hymn: HWB 70 – *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* Eric Stoltzfus Lighting of the Peace Lamp Jake Short

Confessing

Confession\*\* (based on Matthew 22:34-40 and Psalm 90)

Words of Assurance

People: Eternal Light, you bring your warmth and brilliance to our hearts.

Eternal Goodness, you deliver us from evil.

Eternal Power, you are our support in times of weakness.

Eternal Wisdom, you scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Eternal Pity, we trust in your mercy. With all our heart and mind, soul and strength we seek your face. Your infinite mercy

brings us to your holy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hymn: HWB 518 – Eternal Light, shine in my heart

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

LeAnne Zook

Scripture Reading:

I Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

Anna Jeide

Keith Swartzendruber

Message: Heart & Soul, Mind & Strength, Neighbor & Self Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: HWB 512 – If all you want, Lord

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 418 – Move in our midst

Benediction

#### **TODAY**

**NEXT WEEK** 

Greeter: Jake Short

Ushers: Amy Whittington, Kirstin Docken Showalter

Nursery: Meadow Platt, Daron Showalter

Worship Arts: David Conrad Michelle Burkholder

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Weekly Goal - \$5,638 Offering Last Week – \$6,653 (Oct. 15) Attendance Last Week - 79 (Oct. 15)

# **Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, November 5:**

Joshua 3:7-17: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37: I Thessalonians 2:9-13: Matthew 23:1-12

### **CALENDAR**

Sat. 11/4—Allegheny Conference delegate session at HMC.

Sun. 11/5—Requiem service.

Sun. 11/12—New member Sunday; fellowship meal, congregational meeting.

Fri. 11/17 – Sat. 11/18—Ten Thousand Villages artisan, rug, and bake sale.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pledges Due Today:** Pledges are due to church treasurer Kelly Heatwole by TODAY. As of Oct. 26, we are still \$75,000 below our goal. Copies of the pledge letter are available in the foyer and on the listsery. Even if you can't make a pledge this year, please return a form to Kelly so we know this information as well. Thank you!

Concert This Evening at HMC: The Washington Women's Chorale will give a concert at HMC today at 5:00 p.m. Mardi Hastings, Penny Russell, and Cindy Lapp are members. All are welcome to attend this hour long, free concert with light refreshments afterward.

Community Café, November 6: HMC is scheduled to serve Community Café on Monday, November 6. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer; we are still in need of food and more servers. Thank you!

**Allegheny Conference at HMC:** This Saturday, Nov. 4, we will welcome the Allegheny Conference delegates to HMC for the fall delegate session. Thanks to all who have volunteered to provide food for breakfast and lunch and help serve. There will a short time of worship at 9:30 a.m., then meeting for business with storytelling from three congregations in the mix. All are welcome to join any part of the day. (Teaser: as part of HMC's storytelling at 1:15 p.m., we will be sharing baklava made by a local Syrian man.)

Ten Thousand Villages Sale: The annual Ten Thousand Villages Craft & Bake Sale will be held at HMC on Friday Nov. 17, 3:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 18, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Do your holiday shopping while supporting the diverse artisan cultures of Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. Your purchase of these fair trade items will help create a sustainable market and build long-term relationships in places where skilled artisans struggle for stable income. A special feature again this year: handknotted rugs crafted by fairly paid adults. There will also be a bake sale where you can buy homemade baked items, including bread, pie, cupcakes, cookies, and whoopie pies, among other items. Proceeds from the bake sale will help fund the Prince Georges Plaza Day Center. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to unpack, set up, staff the sale, and then take down, as well as to bake items for the sale. Contact Angie Wiens to volunteer, or Leanne Zook

to contribute baked goods.

<sup>\*</sup>Adapted from Rachel Hackenberg (http://rachelhackenberg.com/blog/)

<sup>\*\*</sup>Adapted from Laura Jaquith Bartlett, from "Worship Elements" on the Ministry Matters website.

**Practicing Gratitude in November:** It is said that practicing gratitude in small ways can positively transform life. In November, as part of our year of building connections, Pastorate would like to encourage everyone in the congregation to practice mindful gratitude. What this might look like:

- Practice on your own write down 3-5 things each day that you are grateful for.
- Practice as a household share 3-5 things each day with those you share space with around the dinner table or in the car as you travel from event to event.
- Practice with a Gratitude Buddy Pastorate will be matching up interested folks to be Gratitude Buddies for the month as a way of having some external accountability for your practice and as an opportunity to connect with someone in the congregation in a new way. Gratitude Buddies would decide for themselves how their practice will work daily texts, emails, phone calls whatever works for you and your buddy. (see other side for details)
- Kids you can participate too! Keep your own list of something you
  are grateful for each day during the month if you don't write yet,
  ask a family member to help you write it down, or you can draw a
  picture, or talk with someone each day about what you are thankful
  for.

However you choose to participate, we hope that you will choose to give gratitude a chance for the month of November. If you are interested and willing to be a gratitude buddy please let Michelle know: mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org or 443-803-5371.

## Gratitude Buddy

In November we, as a community, are practicing Gratitude. One option for practicing gratitude is with a Gratitude Buddy. Gratitude Buddies will be paired up by the 1st of November.

Each pair will decide together how they want to share their practice gratitude together – either by texting, emailing, or phone call check-ins either daily, every couple of days, or weekly. This experience is about connecting with someone in the congregation and being a safe space of encouragement and accountability for each other as you look for goodness, hope, and moments of gratitude in the midst of daily living.

Curious about giving this a try?

Name:

Please fill out the information below and drop it in the offering basket or give it to Cindy or Michelle at the door on the way out of the sanctuary today.

Phone:			
Email:			