

Donate to the Rohingya Refugee Crisis Relief: Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has recently joined with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to respond to the severe refugee crisis with the Rohingya, who are being persecuted and denied citizenship and human rights in Myanmar although they have been there for generations. MCC is continuing to work with Rohingya in Myanmar and also in Bangladesh, where they are arriving in huge numbers, fleeing from discrimination and violence. <https://mcc.org/stories/mcc-joins-1-million-response-rohingya-refugee-crisis>.

EMU Alumni Event: All WSSY/WCSC/EMU alumni, friends, and well wishers past and present are invited to attend a Happy Hour and Meet and Greet with EMU's new president, Susan Schultz Huxman on Wednesday, November 29. From 5:00-6:30 p.m. is the happy hour at Smith Public Trust (within 2 blocks of the CUA/Brookland metro), 3514 12th St NE, Washington, DC 20017. From 6:30-8:00 p.m. is the WCSC House Party, with appetizers and time to meet with area EMU/WCSC alumni and new WCSC faculty/staff members. RSVP to: [REDACTED]

Meal for Day Center: Each Tuesday and Thursday the PG Plaza Day Center provides lunch for 35-40 people. During the school year, the meals come from University of Maryland. During the January holiday term and summer breaks, local congregations provide the meal. HMC is providing and serving the meal on January 16. We will serve an adaptation of our Community Café meal. If you are willing to serve at 2:00 p.m. on January 16 and/or provide food, please contact: [REDACTED].

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 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 Jonathan Miller

Praising

Call to Worship (Psalm 65)* Sara Fretz-Goering

Leader: In the language of the psalms, we open our hearts to praise.

To You, God who hears our prayers –
our sorrows, our yearnings, our thanks.

**Left: When we are overwhelmed by sins,
You forgive our transgressions.**

Right: You answer us with wondrous mysteries.

Leader: In the language of the psalms, we open our eyes to new understandings of who You, our God, might be.

Left: The hope of all the ends of the earth and the farthest seas,

Right: Forming mountains by your power or stifling the roaring of the seas,

Left: The roaring of injustice, or the turmoil of the nations.

Right: Where morning dawns, where evening fades,

You call forth songs of joy.

Leader: In the language of the psalms, we raise up the goodness of the earth.

**Left: The streams of God are filled with water
providing fields of grain to grow.**

*Right: The grasslands of the wilderness overflow,
the hills are clothed with gladness.*

**Left: The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain.**

Leader: In the language of the psalms –
we sing our praises, we sing our gratitude.

All: Let us shout for joy and sing.

Hymn: HWB 89 – *For the beauty of the earth* Cindy Lapp

Lighting the Peace Lamp Kim McClain, Juan Hernández

Confessing

Confession*

Leader: The condition of a closed heart covers a spectrum of hardness.

All: *In its severest form hard hearts are associated with arrogance, brutality, greed.*

Leader: In milder forms hardness of heart can be judgmentalism, insensitivity, self-centeredness, apathy.

All: *Some days our hearts are more open than other days.*

Leader: Some days God is more present than other days.

All: *Some days we are more grateful and in that gratitude is an opening to be present to God.*

Leader: Help us, God, to clear our hearts and be open to you in the spirit of gratitude and love.

All: *Let the Spirit of God move in our hearts. Amen.*

Hymn: HWB 502 – *Spirit of God! descend*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Michelle Burkholder

Scripture Reading:

II Corinthians 9:6-11

Ruth Schrock

Luke 17:11-19

Mardi Hastings

Message: ***Aut Visum Aut Non***

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: HWB 97 – *From the hands*

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: STS 122 – *Let all creation dance*

Benediction

**adapted thoughts from The Heart of Christianity by Marcus Borg.*

TODAY

Greeter: Peter Goering

Ushers: Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman

Nursery: Laurel Macondray, Kirstin Docken Showalter

Worship Arts: Jake Short

NEXT WEEK

Sara Fretz-Goering

Karen Minatelli, Anne Sedda Confer

Meadow Platt, Penny Russell

Sara Person

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$8,317

Weekly Goal – \$5,638

Attendance Last Week – 140

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, November 26:

Ezekiel 34:11-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

CALENDAR

Sun. 11/26—Cynthia Lapp preaches; Children's Church;
Christ the King Sunday.

Sat. 12/2—Church cleanup day at HMC, 8:30 a.m.

Sun. 12/3—Advent I; Cynthia Lapp preaches; communion.

Sun. 12/10—Advent II; fellowship meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Groups at HMC: Small Groups are an important part of our church life at HMC beyond Sunday morning. 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 Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Jonathan Miller, or Becca Walawender.

Church Cleanup Day: Saturday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 a.m., the Trustees are sponsoring the annual leaf raking and church cleanup day. Bring rakes, clippers, gloves, tarps and a willingness to climb ladders and change lightbulbs. Donuts and coffee provided.

Support the Day Center, Eat at Franklin's: On Monday, Dec.4, you can shop, eat, and drink at Franklin's and support the PG Plaza Day Center. As you pay, tell the server or cashier that you are with the fundraiser for CUCE and they will give 20% of your bill to the Day Center.

Barnyard Bash: Drop by the church between 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 16, to participate in a seasonally inspired barnyard bash! We will be making animal costumes for use in the Epiphany Sunday impromptu pageant. We will also be decorating the tree, playing games, eating treats, and generally celebrating the festiveness of the Advent season. [Spontaneous caroling may break out if the Spirit moves!] All ages are welcome!

