

**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!

**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 in January 2018:** 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.  Cindy will be available Tuesday through Friday. Michelle is out this week. 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 Juan Hernández

Praising

Call to Worship Janet Reedy

Leader: We come to this place, O God, because somewhere in our lives, faintly or distinctly, we have heard you call to us.

**People: We come to this place; some sleepily, some alert, some tired, some energized.**

Leader: O God, we come to share in your presence, to worship, and to know better what your call upon us means.

**People: We want to trust that you are at home within us as we seek to unravel the mystery of life, which we cannot do apart from you, our Creator.**

*All: Amen.*

Hymn: HWB 4 – *Unto thy temple, Lord, we come* Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting the Peace Lamp Stan Reedy

Confessing

Confession

Leader: God has given us a vision of a new way to live together. Forgive us because so much of the time we don't live that way.

**People: We talk about wholeness, but our lives are filled with brokenness and estrangement.**

Leader: We talk about love and compassion, but we are sparing and unimaginative in expressing our love.

**People: We talk about the interconnectedness of human lives, but we think in terms of “we” and “they” and struggle to acknowledge what we have in common with those we see as “other.”**

Leader: We say that we believe that we share in Christ's victory over sin and death, but we are hesitant to carry your light into dark corners where people are hurt, violated and broken.

Silence

Words of Assurance

Leader: It is the grace of the Gospel that it confronts us with the truth and says: You are a sinner; now come to God who loves you, who wants you as you are. The good news is that God comes to us at the point where we are broken.

**People: And we who were dead in trespasses, God made alive together with Christ, having forgiven us all our trespasses.**

Hymn: HWB 145 – *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

### Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Cindy Lapp

Scripture Reading:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Charlotte Schmidt

Matthew 25:31-46

Denise Brown

Message: ***Sheep in the Royal Reign***

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: STJ 69 – *Cuando el pobre (When the poor ones)*

### Responding

Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Farewell for Annabeth Roeschley

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

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 478 – *Sent forth by God's blessing*

Benediction

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#### TODAY

*Greeter:* Sara Fretz-Goering

*Ushers:* Karen Minatelli, Peter Goering

*Nursery:* Meadow Platt, Penny Russell

*Worship Arts:* Sara Person

#### NEXT WEEK

Mary Jo Schumacher

Brad Leissa, Dorothy Leissa

Lisa Daughtry Weiss, Daniel Daughtry-Weiss

Doris Bartel

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$10,157

Weekly Goal – \$5,638

Attendance Last Week – 131

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#### Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, December 3:

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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### CALENDAR

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.

Sat. 12/16—Barnyard Bash at HMC, 3:00–7:00 p.m. (see announcement)

Sun. 12/17—Advent III.

Sun. 12/24—Advent IV; Christmas Eve; no evening service.

Sun. 12/31—Christmas I.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**Out of the Office:** Michelle Burkholder is out November 27 – December 4. If you need pastoral care, contact Cindy or a member of the Pastorate.

**Advent Worship Arts:** Advent starts next Sunday, December 3. Worship arts this season will include a continuation of the creation of the collage panels we started at retreat. For the next four weeks, starting today, there will be one panel with tissue paper and glue sticks in the foyer. You are invited to take a few moments before, during, or right after the service to glue some of the tissue paper squares onto the panels. There are no rules! Just glue the pieces on how you see fit. The following week the panel will move to the banner up front, which will grow as we wait for Christmas.

**Support the Day Center, Eat at Franklin's:** On Monday, December 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.

