

Poinsettias for Sale: The poinsettias up front are on sale for \$10, and can be taken home next Sunday, Dec. 24 after worship. Please give your payment next week to Michelle Burkholder; exact change is preferred.

Sunday School Experiment: Starting in January, we will have Sunday School only on the first three Sundays of each month. The fourth Sunday will be another activity, separate from UPCoB, at HMC. This will give Sunday School teachers a break and hopefully encourage families to attend Sunday School more consistently on the first three Sundays of the month. We will evaluate this over the summer. Stay tuned for information on fourth Sunday activities.

“Big Questions” Class: What happens when teens and adults of all ages get together to talk about their "big questions?" There are no right answers, only honest ones that will challenge us all. We will meet twice a month, starting on Jan. 7 at 9:30 a.m. at the church house. For the first session, we will get to know each other a bit by answering the following question: What is the good news in the Christmas Story, Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2? How does the good news transcend time and place and culture? How do you live with this good news? Does it make a difference in your life, in your family, at school, at work. For more information or to join the class, please contact Cindy: CLapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org.

Save The Date: Hospitality Night will be Sunday, January 28, 2018. This is an evening of fun and fellowship when we gather in homes to share a meal together. Please mark your calendars and plan on participating in this great event. More details will follow in the New Year.

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.	
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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 Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Dwight Miyake, Janelle Tupper

Praising

Call to Worship: from Psalm 126

LeAnne Zook

One: When the LORD restores our world, we should be like dreamers.

Many: Then will our mouths fill with laughter and our tongues

with glad song. Then we will say in the nations

“Great things has the LORD done with these.”

We shall rejoice.

One: Restore, O LORD, us to our previous condition,
like a dry river gulch in the rainy season.

Many: They who sow in tears, in glad song will reap.

We walk along and weep, the bearers of the seed-bag.

We will surely come in with glad song, bearing our sheaves.

Hymn: HWB 178 – *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* Cynthia Lapp

Lighting Advent Wreath: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Sampson Walawender Family

Händel’s *Messiah*: “Rejoice greatly” Kimberly Schmidt, soprano

Eric Stoltzfus, cello; Janet Peachey, piano

Confessing

Confession

Hymn: HWB 172 – *O come, O come, Immanuel*

Words of Assurance

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Saundra Plett

Scripture Reading:

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Mardi Hastings

Message: **The Hovering Spirit**

Michelle Burkholder

Anointing: HWB 177 – *Creator of the stars of night*

Hymn: HWB 184 – *Hark! the glad sound*

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 1 – *Praise the One who breaks the darkness*

Benediction

CALENDAR

Thurs. 12/21—Longest Night service, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (see announcement)

Sun. 12/24—Advent IV; Christmas Eve; Cindy Lapp preaches; no evening service; no Sunday School.

Sun. 12/31—Christmas I; service of carols and stories; no Sunday School.

Sun. 1/7—Epiphany; intergenerational Epiphany pageant.

Sun. 1/14—Cindy Lapp preaches; fellowship meal.

Sun. 1/28—Hospitality Night.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent and Christmas Giving Opportunities: Our monetary Advent offering this year will go to the small local group Acupuncturists Without Borders, which is offering free treatments to recent immigrants, refugees, and neighbors in need in Hyattsville and Silver Spring. We will also be supporting the Prince Georges Plaza Day Center with gifts of long underwear, t-shirts (L/XL) socks, boxer shorts (L/XL). Thanks for your generosity supporting our neighbors.

Advent Worship Arts: Worship arts during Advent includes a continuation of the creation of the collage panels we started at retreat. Today, the last panel with tissue paper and glue sticks is in the foyer. You are invited to take a few moments to glue some of the tissue paper squares onto the panels. There are no rules! Just glue the pieces on how you see fit. During retreat we saw how these separate panels connected to each other in a horizontal way. As the panels come together up front, we watch as the connections form from above to below as we wait for the celebration of God's breaking into the world. May It Be So!

Out of the Office: Jake Short will be gone Dec. 20 – Jan. 6. Cindy will be out of the office, but still available, Dec. 26-28, and then will be gone Dec. 29 – Jan. 1. Michelle Burkholder will be gone Dec. 26, but available otherwise.

Longest Night Service: HMC will host a Longest Night service Thursday, Dec. 21 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Come and go as suits your schedule. Through silence, poetry, and candlelight, you are invited to contemplate the mystery and gifts of darkness. Anointing for healing and blessing will be available. For more information, contact Crissie Buckwalter or Cindy Lapp.

No Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School for any age on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. We will resume on January 7.

Fellowship of the Season: Please bring cookies and other treats to share at 10:30 a.m. before the worship services on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

TODAY

Greeter: Sara Fretz-Goering

Ushers: Keith Swartzendruber, Amy Whittington

Nursery: Laurel Macondray, Meadow Platt

Worship Arts: Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender

NEXT WEEK

Cheryl Fish-Parcham

Dorothy Leissa, Brad Leissa

Jeanette Stoltzfus, Wyatt Feeler

Michelle Burkholder, Becky Hass

TREASURER’S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$6,888

Weekly Goal – \$5,638

Attendance Last Week – 137

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, December 24:

II Samuel 7:1-16; Psalm 89:1-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-55

