

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!

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.

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. In January and the summer, local congregations provide meals. HMC is providing and serving the meal on Tuesday, January 16 at 2:00 p.m. If you are willing to serve and/or provide food, please contact: CLapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org.

New HMC Women's Group: Sophia's Table, an HMC group for women of all ages, is forming. A presentation/discussion format will include a broad range of topics and will meet monthly, beginning Saturday, January 27. Your ideas, input, and participation are welcomed. Contact Sandra Plett or Janet Reedy for more information, and more details are coming after the holidays.

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 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 Sadie Sherman

Praising

Call to Worship Jonathan Miller

Leader: Now, in this season of Advent, we patiently wait,
but with discomfort and fear.

People: Our faithful God is coming to us.

Leader: Now, in this season of waiting,
we listen with intention but feel insecure.

People: The faithful Word speaks of good news to us.

Leader: Now, in the waiting and listening, we watch,
alive to what may be coming.

People: The faithful Spirit is moving among us. May it be.

Hymn: STJ 97 – *The Lord is my light* Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting Advent Wreath: Isaiah 64:1–9 Sara Fretz-Goering,
Peter Goering

Händel's *Messiah*: “But who may abide” Cynthia Lapp,
Eric Stoltzfus, Janet Peachey

Confessing

Confession (from Psalm 80)

Sung refrain:

“Restore us O God (2x), let your face shine that we may be saved.”

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children Sandra Plett

Scripture Reading:

Mark 13:24-37

Message

Hymn: HWB 463 – *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Service of Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Receiving the bread and cup

Please process down the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.

Gluten and non-gluten options are available. All the juice is non-alcoholic.

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

Mira Grieser

Sending

Hymn: HWB 175 – *O Savior, rend the heavens*

Benediction

TODAY

Greeter: Mary Jo Schumacher

Ushers: Brad Leissa, Dorothy Leissa

Nursery: Kirstin Docken Showalter, Daron Showalter

Worship Arts: Doris Bartel

NEXT WEEK

Herb Reed

Elham Eftekhary, Marc Friesen

Alice Bender, Dorothy Leissa

Claire Noël-Miller

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$2,902

Weekly Goal – \$5,638

Attendance Last Week – 81

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, December 10:

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; II Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

CALENDAR

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; Michelle Burkholder preaches.

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

Sun. 12/31—Christmas I; service of carols and stories.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of the Office: Michelle Burkholder is out of the office November 27 – December 6, but will be available via email starting December 5.

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. For the next several weeks there will be one panel with tissue paper and glue sticks 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. The following week the panel will move to the banner up front, which will grow as we wait for Christmas. During retreat we saw how these separate panels connected to each other in a horizontal way. As the panels come together up front, we will 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!

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 run by Congregations United for Compassion and Empowerment (CUCE). Franklin's will donate 20% of your before-tax total – but you MUST show your receipt to the host. Franklin's is located at 5123 Baltimore Ave. in Hyattsville.

ESL Baking Class: Thursday, Dec. 7, is the final class of the semester for the ESL baking class at HMC. They will make an extravaganza of baked goods to share at 11:00 a.m. The class would be grateful for HMC guests to join them.

December 10 Fellowship Meal: Next Sunday, December 10, will be our Christmas fellowship meal so please bring your Christmas favorites and bring your own table service if possible.

