


Epiphany Pageant: On Sunday, January 7, we will have an intergenerational Epiphany Pageant. All are welcome to participate if they so desire, or simply watch and enjoy. Costumes and props will be provided.

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. Cindy will be available Tuesday through Thursday. Michelle will be available Tuesday and Thursday. Jake will be gone.	
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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 Janet Peachey, Emily O’Brien, Eric Stoltzfus

Praising

Call to Worship LeAnne Zook

One: You who walked in darkness have seen a great light. You who lived in a land of deep darkness, on you light has shined.

**Many: For the LORD has multiplied the community;
the LORD has increased its joy. We rejoice before the LORD
as if we had experienced a great harvest,
as if we were dividing our bounty among us.**

One: For the yoke of your burdens, the bars across the shoulders,
the batons and guns and bombs of the oppressors?
The LORD has broken them completely.

**Many: For a child has been born for us, a child has been given to
us, vested with authority and named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty and Everlasting, Prince of Peace.**

One: The child will establish and uphold the new kingdom with justice
and with righteousness from this time onward and evermore

All: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Hymn: HWB 174 – *Blessed be the God of Israel* Cecilia Lapp Stoltzfus

Lighting Advent Wreath: Luke 1:46-55 HMC Children & Youth
Readers: Rosa Campbell, Alex Whittington

Bach’s *Magnificat*: “Quia respexit”* Cecilia Lapp Stoltzfus, soprano

Bach’s *Magnificat*: “Et misericordia”*** Eric Stoltzfus & Cindy Lapp
Janet Peachey, piano; Jerome Glick, cello;
Emily O’Brien, recorder; Dwight Miyake, flute

Confessing

Confession

Hymn: STS 11 – *No wind at the window*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading:

Luke 1:26-28

Message: *The Vulnerability of the Magnificat*

Hymn: STS 124 – *My soul cries out*

Sandra Plett

Amy Swartz

Cynthia Lapp

Responding

Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Hymn: STS 7 – *Come, come Emmanuel*

The Work of the Church

Greeting our Guests

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Lighting the Christ Candle: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn: HWB 193 – *Silent night, holy night*

Benediction

Aidan Ankrah

Translations

**You looked with favor on your humble servant;*

From this day forward, all generations shall call me blessed.

***Your mercy reaches from generation to generation for those who fear you.*

TODAY

Greeter: Cheryl Fish-Parcham

Ushers: Dorothy Leissa, Brad Leissa

Nursery: Jeanette Stoltzfus, Wyatt Feeler

Worship Arts: Michelle Burkholder, Becky Hass

NEXT WEEK

Sara Fretz-Goering

Sara Person

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$10,716

Weekly Goal – \$5,638

Attendance Last Week – 130

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, December 31:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

CALENDAR

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 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 this season of Advent includes a continuation of the creation of the collage panels we started at retreat. During retreat we saw how these separate panels connected to each other in a horizontal way. During Advent, as the panels came together to make a banner up front, we have watched the connections form from above to below as we wait for the celebration of God's inbreaking into the world. May It Be So!

Out of the Office: Jake Short is gone Dec. 20 – Jan. 6. If you have bulletin items, please send them to Michelle Burkholder, Nancy Gehman, and Su Flickinger, who will deal with the bulletins; any other office items should be directed to Cindy and/or Michelle in the meantime. 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.

Christmas Eve Services: HMC will not have an evening Christmas Eve service tonight. You are encouraged to check out other local churches, which are part of Congregations United for Compassion and Empowerment (CUCE).

- University Park Church of the Brethren (UPCoB): 7:00 p.m.
- University Baptist, 3515 Campus Dr, College Park: 7:00 p.m.
- University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Rd, Hyattsville: 7:00 p.m.
- St Andrews Episcopal, 4512 College Ave, College Park: 9:30 p.m.
- Hope Lutheran, 4201 Guilford Dr, College Park: 7:30 p.m.

Poinsettias for Sale: The poinsettias are for sale for \$10. Please give your payment to Michelle Burkholder; exact change is preferred.

No Sunday School & Fellowship of the Season: There will be no Sunday School for any age on Dec. 31. We will resume on January 7. Instead, please bring cookies and other treats to share at 10:30 a.m. before the worship service.

