

Sophia's Table Meeting: Sophia's Table, a HMC Women's Group, will meet on Saturday, February 24, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., at the church. Our topic is "Guardian of the Memories." Please RSVP to: [REDACTED].

Community Café, March 5: HMC is serving Community Café on Monday, March 5. You are invited to take this opportunity to help those less fortunate in our community, especially as we are not serving with Warm Nights this spring. The signup sheet is in the foyer.

Church Directory: Electronic and print copies of the 2017-2018 directory are now available. Email Jake for an electronic version, or pick up a print version at church.

Act Now! Unite To End Racism: On the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's assassination, join us on the National Mall on April 4 for "Act Now! Unite to End Racism". This gathering is sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), National Council of Churches, National African American Clergy Network, Conference of National Black Churches (CNBC), Sojourners, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, and others. Commit to finish the work of dismantling racism in: Criminal Justice, Education, Jobs, Health Care, Voting Rights, and Environmental Justice. For more information, visit: rally2endracism.org. #rally2endracism

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 will be available Tuesday and Thursday. Jake will be in the office Tuesday and Friday.	
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9:30—Sunday School 11:00—Worship Service

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

HWB – *Hymnal: A Worship Book* (blue)

STJ – *Sing The Journey* (green) STS – *Sing The Story* (purple)

Prelude

Brad Yoder, Jason Rafalak

Praising

Call to Worship*

Janet Reedy

Hymn: HWB 53 – *God of the earth, the sky, the sea*

Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Doris Bartel

Confessing

Confession: Jeremiah 31:31-34

One: The days are coming, says the Sovereign,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and the house of Judah,

**Many: Not like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when
I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt –
my covenant that they broke, says the Sovereign.**

One: But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, says the Sovereign: I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

**Many: No longer shall each one teach a neighbor
and each a brother or sister, saying, "Know God,"
for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,
says the Sovereign; for I will forgive their iniquity,
and remember their sin no more.**

Hymn: HWB 163 – *Obey my voice*

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

LeAnne Zook

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 9:8-17

Mark 1:9-15

Message: *Create Covenant*

Hymn: STJ 84 – *Jesus, offered up as bread*

Communion

Hymn: STJ 48 – *Our Father, which art in heaven*

You are invited to process down the center aisle, receive the bread, dip it in the juice, and return to your seat by the side aisles.

If you would like to receive a prayer of blessing or healing, Michelle will be in the corner. The bread was made by the CFMS students. A non-gluten option is available upon request.

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

Hymns: HWB 427 – *You shall go out with joy*

Benediction

*“Reaching for Rainbows” by Ann Weems

TODAY

Greeter: Cheryl Fish-Parcham

Ushers: Brad Leissa, Dorothy Leissa

Nursery: Wyatt Feeler, Jeanette Stoltzfus

Worship Arts: Jake Short

NEXT WEEK

Herb Reed

Sarah Hall Aguila, Amy Whittington

Charlotte Schmidt, Kathleen Zook

Meryt McGindley

TREASURER’S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$6,209

Weekly Goal – \$5,863

Attendance Last Week – 108

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, February 25:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

CALENDAR

Sun. 2/25—Lent II; Cynthia Lapp preaches.

Tues. 2/27—Adult Education Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Sun. 3/4—Lent III; Stories of Covenant.

Sun. 3/5—Community Café.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome: We welcome musicians Brad Yoder and Jason Rafalak, who are with us from Pittsburgh. We also welcome students and families from Christian Family Montessori School (CFMS), who are celebrating their first communion with the congregation. Willa Sherman, Marguerite Yoder Zook, and Mary Masland, along with seven other CFMS students, have been preparing for communion for the past 2 months.

Worship Arts for Lent: During this season of Lent, we are exploring the theme of covenant. Covenant is about relationship: relationship between God and humans, and human to human as we share God's love with each other. In scripture, people encounter God's presence and sometimes pile rocks together as an ebenezer, a pillar or marker of the moment and place where God was met. The Lenten banners are representations of an ebenezer and small piles of rocks. During Lent, we are invited to reflect on encounters with God in our own lives and be on the lookout for God each day.

Fourth Sunday Fellowship Hour: There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, Feb. 25; instead we will gather together for an extended time of fellowship and activities in the HMC fellowship hall. This month there will be an opportunity for everyone to paint a tiny canvas for use in an Easter morning worship arts collage. There will also be games and activities available to help make the time meaningful and fun for people of all ages. Come with your creative spirits and make some new connections! The Big Questions Class will meet at the church house and Congregational Review will happen in the foyer.

Congregational Connection and Review: As part of our Year of Connection, Pastorate is encouraging all at HMC to participate in a congregational review discussion. There are still opportunities for group discussions happening in February, each one attended by a Pastorate representative to act as note taker and listener. On the email listserv is a brief document which outlines the approach of the discussions and a list of questions to consider as we share our thoughts and observations about our lives together at HMC. Please sign up in the foyer or contact Sandra Plett [REDACTED]

Big Questions Class: On Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m., this intergenerational class will meet at the church house to discuss "What's the deal with miracles?" For more information, contact Cindy Lapp.

HMC Lenten Donations for Recently-Arrived Refugee Families

This year's Lenten offering at Hyattsville will benefit refugee families who have recently arrived and are in need of household items. The donations will go to Lutheran Social Services (LSS), whose Hyattsville office resettles refugees from many countries. LSS recently put out a call for much-needed items. We are collecting both monetary donations and specific items (see list below). Note that some of the items can be gently used; others need to be new. Bring donations to church any Sunday during Lent to bring forward during the offering. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make out a check to HMC and designate "for LSS" on the memo line. The HMC Refugee Support Group will use the money to order new baby, kitchen, and household supplies. Easter Sunday is the final collection date. Thank you for your contribution to this important effort!

Gently-Used Items:

- Flatware settings (1 spoon, fork, and knife each)
- Place-settings (1 plate, bowl, and cup each)
- Pots and pans (frying pans, sauce pans, baking dishes)
- Mixing/serving bowls
- Kitchen utensils (spatulas, serving utensils, can openers, etc.)
- Waste baskets
- Blankets (must be freshly cleaned)

New Items Needed:

- Infant diapers
- Bath towels
- Sheets and/or pillowcases, pillows
- Bathroom/kitchen cleanser
- Laundry detergent
- Paper towels
- Sponges/cleaning rags
- Mops/brooms
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Soap
- Toilet paper
- Trash bags

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