

Game Day: Many HMC folks take joy in playing board games. Games are a great way to connect with others. As part of our year of connections, we will be holding a game day on Saturday, March 17, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Come to the fellowship hall with games in tow, or simply come! The Hospitality Committee is helping to coordinate this event, and will host a food competition for that day (see below). Mark your calendars for fun and food on March 17!

Game Day Cook-Off: The Hospitality Committee is cooking up a St. Patrick's Day cook-off/bake-off as a part of Game Day at HMC on Saturday, March 17. We are asking you to bring your favorite chili, soup, or cookies already prepared. Since the legend of the rainbow is part of St. Patrick's Day, the one requirement for the food you bring is that at least one ingredient in the dish is a color in the rainbow: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, or Violet. Maybe the prize at the end will be a pot of gold? Come find out!

Care Packages for HMC College Students: Pastorate is assembling care packages for our eight college students. You can be part of the love by bringing a small edible (think candy bar size) or small gift (think book mark size) or by packaging up a dozen cookies to Game Day on March 17, or to church on Sunday, March 18. Personal notes are also welcome, and kids will have the opportunity on Game Day to draw pictures to include in the packages.

Membership at HMC: April 29 will be new member Sunday. If you have interest in joining HMC as a member, or would like a conversation with more information, please contact Cindy or Michelle by March 15.

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 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

Mira Grieser

Praising

Call to Worship

David Conrad

Hymn: HWB 16 – *God is here among us*

Cindy Lapp

Community reading based on Psalm 107

One: Give thanks to God, who is good
whose kindness is forever.

**Many: Let all who have known God's grace declare
that their suffering has been redeemed.**

One: God gathered them from the land,
From east and west, from north and south.

**Many: They were hungry and thirsty
their spirits withered within them.**

One: In their trouble they cried out to God,
who delivered them from their distress.
God sent word and healed them
And delivered them from their pit.

**All: Let them give thanks for the kindness and mercy
God shows to all people.**

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Janet Reedy

Child Dedication:

Alice Wren McCullough

child of Susie Reed-McCullough & Jesse McCullough

Blessing Prayer

Congregational Blessing: HWB 791

Blessing Song: STJ 76 – *The Lord bless you and keep you*

Confessing

Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

One: And God made a new covenant saying:

I will put my law within them,

I will write it on their hearts,

All: And I will be their God

And they shall be my people.

I will forgive them.

I will remember their sin no more.

Hymn: HWB 551 – *In the stillness of the evening*

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

LeAnne Zook

Scripture Reading:

Numbers 21:4-9

John 3:14-21

Message: ***Finding New Meaning***

Seth Martin

Hymn: STJ 36 – *Long before my journey's start*

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: STS 57 – *Go, my friends, in grace*

Benediction

TODAY

Greeter: Jake Short

Ushers: Kirsten Docken Showalter, Sara Person

Nursery: Laurel Macondray, Daron Showalter

Worship Arts: Sara Person

NEXT WEEK

Sara Fretz-Goering

Sarah Hall Aguila,

Wyatt Feeler, Jeanette Stoltzfus

Meryt McGindley

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$5,393

Weekly Goal – \$5,863

Attendance Last Week – 109

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, March 18:
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

CALENDAR

Tues. 3/13—Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. 3/15—Pastorate, 7:15 p.m.

Sat. 3/17—Game Day at HMC, 4:00-8:00 p.m. (see announcement).

Sun. 3/18—Lent V; Cynthia Lapp preaches.

Sun. 3/25—Palm Sunday; Readers' Theatre from the Gospels.

Thurs. 3/29—Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 p.m. (see announcement)

Fri. 3/30—Good Friday. (see announcement)

Sun. 4/1—Easter Sunday; Michelle Burkholder preaches;

Easter breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; no Sunday School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Meal Today: All are invited and welcome to stay for the fellowship meal in the basement immediately following the worship service.

Lent Offering: This year's Lenten offering will benefit refugee families. We are accepting both monetary donations and physical items (a list is available in the foyer and on the email listserv) for Lutheran Social Services (LSS). If making a monetary donation, please make out a check to HMC with "for LSS" on the memo line. If you cannot bring household goods for donation to the church, please contact Kristi Bahrenburg Janzen about leaving them at her house. LSS also is in need of disposable diapers, sizes 2, 3, and 4. Thank you!

Worship Arts for Lent: During 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 represent an ebenezer. During Lent, we are invited to reflect on encounters with God in our own lives and be on the lookout for God each day.

Maundy Thursday: All are welcome to the Maundy Thursday service on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. for a simple meal of soup and bread. You may participate in foot washing, Communion, a tenebrae service, and nailing confessions to the cross. Please RSVP to Jake Short by March 27, and indicate if you will need child care.

Good Friday: On Good Friday, three HMC families will host a shared reading of the Passion scriptures with Communion at 7:30 p.m. You are also invited to San Mateo Episcopal for a Spanish language procession in the parking lot at 6:00 p.m., followed by a service with Communion at 7:00 p.m.; an English language service will be at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel located in the Parish Hall, to the left of the main entrance.

Easter Music: Singers and/or instrumentalists that would like to share their gifts on Easter Sunday, April 1, please contact Cindy Lapp. It would be lovely to have a small ensemble sing and/or play.

Easter Sunday: All are welcome at our Easter festivities on Sunday, April 1. We will have an Easter breakfast at 9:30 a.m.; there will be no Sunday School. The worship service is at 11:00 a.m.; you are invited to bring fresh cut flowers to place up front during the procession to the cross.

HMC: A to Z! We have created a Google Group for the HMC community to connect directly with one another outside of formal church communications. It's a way to share information, events, and resources with the community that may not be directly related to congregational life. Need a house sitter? Looking for local service recommendations? Know of a great anti-racism workshop? Selling Girl Scout cookies? Found a great resource for Lent? Participating in a concert or show? Organizing a march or peaceful protest through your work? Share the details with the HMC community through this group – everything from A to Z! You can customize how you would like to receive the posts: you can receive individual emails as they are posted or get digest emails, which consolidates several posts into one email; you can also choose to unsubscribe at any time. To post to the HMC A to Z group, send an email to: HMC_AtoZ@googlegroups.com. Replies to messages will also go to the whole group.

New Group Focused on Racial Justice Forming: A new group is forming with attendees from HMC and UPCoB that is focused on racial justice. The next meeting is set for Sunday, March 25, at 12:30 p.m. at the HMC Church House, and we will meet every other month. Please contact Dan Shenk-Evans [REDACTED] or Dawn Longenecker [REDACTED] for more information.