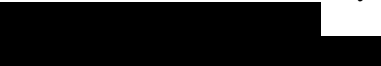


HMC: A to Z! We have created a Google Group for the HMC community to connect directly with one another outside of formal church communications. It's a way to share information, events, and resources with the community that may not be directly related to congregational life. Need a house sitter? Looking 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  or Dawn Longenecker for more information.

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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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 Janet Peachey

Praising

Call to Worship Mary Jo Schumacher

Leader: In the days of Noah,
God placed a rainbow in the sky
as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

**People: In the colors of the rainbow,
we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.**

Leader: In the days of Moses,
the words of God were written on tablets of stone,
as the sign of a covenant
between God and all of God's people.

**People: In the tablets of stone,
we see the sign of God's hope
for each to live in peace with God and neighbor.**

Leader: In the days of the prophet,
God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.

**All: As members of the living Body of Christ,
we see the sign of God's promise among us.**

Hymn: HWB 356 – *Breathe on me, breath of God* Nathan Detweiler

Lighting the Peace Lamp Anne Sedda Confer

Confessing

Confession (from Psalm 51)

Hymn: STJ 56 – *Make me a channel of your peace*

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

LeAnne Zook

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 12:20-33

Anna Jeide

Message: *The Jesus Koans*

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: STS 56 – *Unless a grain of wheat*

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

Kimberly Schmidt, Cheryl Fish-Parcham

Janet Peachey, Eric Stoltzfus

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymns: HWB 614 – *In the bulb there is a flower*

Benediction

TODAY

Greeter: Sara Fretz-Goering

Ushers: Sarah Hall Aguila, Marc Friesen

Nursery: Wyatt Feeler, Jeanette Stoltzfus

Worship Arts: Meryt McGindley

NEXT WEEK

Cheryl Fish-Parcham

Richard Brown, Amy Whittington

Meadow Platt, Penny Russell

Doris Bartel

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$4,230

Weekly Goal – \$5,863

Attendance Last Week – 140

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, March 25:

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

CALENDAR

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

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, March 30, three HMC families will host a shared reading of the Passion scriptures with Communion at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP to the Reedys (NE DC) [REDACTED] Meryt McGindley (Hyattsville, MD) [REDACTED] or the Fretz-Goerings (north Silver Spring, MD) [REDACTED] to let them know if you will attend. 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 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.

