

Adult Education Series: Conversations on Creation Care: Join us in March for a series on the theology and practice of creation care. We'll hear from local activists and leaders including Kolya Braun-Greiner on March 11. Kolya is the Religious Educator for Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake's Trees for Sacred Places Project. Further Sundays to be announced!

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!

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 (dshenkevans@gmail.com) or Dawn Longenecker (dawnlongenecker@yahoo.com) for more information.

<p>Nursery: Childcare is provided for children ages newborn through three years old.</p>	
<p> Assistive Listening Devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.</p>	
<p>Church Listserv: To add or change your email address, please email Jake Short. Facebook: Hyattsville Mennonite Church.</p>	
<p>Church Staff Schedule: The church office is closed on Mondays.</p> <p><i>Cindy</i> will be available Tuesday through Wednesday. <i>Michelle</i> will be available Tuesday and Thursday. <i>Jake</i> will be in the office Tuesday and Friday.</p>	
<p>Cynthia Lapp, Pastor Michelle Burkholder, Associate Pastor Jake Short, Administrative Assistant Kelly Heatwole, Treasurer Kathleen Zook, Congregational Chair Saundra Plett, Pastorate Chair</p>	<p>clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org jshort@hyattsvillemennonite.org kelly.j.heatwole@gmail.com kathleen.zook@gmail.com saundraplett@gmail.com</p>



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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: “Covenant/A Promise/Together” Katrina Toews, Hannah Janzen

Praising

Call to Worship*

Janet Reedy

One: For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
Many: but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

One: A stranger on a crowded bus once wondered how I could respect a God who let himself be crucified. We had been traveling longer than an hour through ordered fields of emerald rice before he posed the question.

Many: For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

High Voices: Where is the wise one? Where is the scholar?

Low Voices: Where is the philosopher of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

One: Unless the seed is buried in the ground, I offered, it bears no fruit. But he was not a farmer. He didn't understand that was my answer to his question.

Many: For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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

Cindy Lapp**

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Stan Reedy

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:

Exodus 20:1-17

Alice Bender

John 2:13-22

Michael Bender

Reflections on Covenant

Peter Goering, Meryt McGindley,
Kathryn Sommers, Becca Walawender

Hymn: STS 49 – *I will come to you in the silence*

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: HWB 387 – *Lord, thou dost love*

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymns: STJ 75 – *Be still*

Benediction

*from I Corinthians 1 and “The Stranger” by Janet Reedy

**music accompaniment by Eric Stoltzfus and Beuford Aeschliman

TODAY

Greeter: Jake Short

Ushers: Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman

Nursery: Kirstin Docken Showalter, Jim Rice

Worship Arts: Kristin Sampson, Becca Walawender

NEXT WEEK

Sara Person, Kirstin Docken Showalter

Daron Showalter, Laurel Macondray

Sara Person

TREASURER’S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$4,326

Weekly Goal – \$5,863

Attendance Last Week – 108

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, March 11:

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

CALENDAR

Sun. 3/4—Lent III; Stories of Covenant; Church Council, 12:45 p.m.

Mon. 3/5—Community Café.

Sun. 3/11—Lent IV; Seth Martin preaches; fellowship meal.

Tues. 3/13—Worship Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. 3/15—Pastorate, 7:15 p.m.

Sat. 3/17—Game Night 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

Lent Offering: This year’s Lenten offering at Hyattsville will benefit refugee families. We are accepting both monetary donations and physical items (more information and a detailed list is available on the table 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. Thank you for your contribution to this important effort!

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.

Congratulations: Welcome Dylan Ann Graber-Sharpe, born to Nancy and Ben on February 28. Dylan weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. Everyone is doing well.

Out of the Office: Cindy Lapp will be gone March 8-9 at the Mennonite Health Services gathering in Pittsburgh, PA.

March 11 Fellowship Meal: The March Fellowship Meal theme will be St. Patrick’s Day so bring Irish food, green food, or any food that makes you feel lucky. Please bring your own table service if possible.

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.

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.

Retreat Space Available: HMC is a member community of Rolling Ridge (<http://rollingridge.net/>). We get three weekends a year in the retreat house on 1,200 acres of woods and streams near Harpers Ferry, WV. Our next weekend is May 18-20. If you would like to plan a retreat for members of HMC or if you would like the space for your small group that weekend, please contact Cindy: CLapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org.

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: <http://rally2endracism.org>. #rally2endracism