

**Community Café:** HMC is scheduled to serve Community Café on Monday, May 7. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer, or contact Jake Short for more information.

**Acupuncturists Without Borders:** To thank the congregation for the Advent gift we gave to the local chapter of Acupuncturists without Borders, AWB will be offering acupuncture at HMC after the service on May 6. A circle of chairs will be set up in the basement and all are welcome. To reserve a spot ahead of time or for more information, contact Cindy.

**Silent Retreat:** On May 18-20, HMC will sponsor a silent retreat at Rolling Ridge. There is space for 8-10 participants. For more information and to reserve your place, contact: CLapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org.

**Sabbatical:** After working as associate pastor for 4 1/2 years, the Church Council and Pastorate recommend that Michelle Burkholder receive a sabbatical. Michelle's sabbatical will be May 21- July 20.

**Columbarium at HMC:** A group at HMC is looking into interest levels in the congregation of whether we might want to build a columbarium at HMC as a way to remember long-time members and attenders who pass on. For more information, contact Gene Miller and see the information sheet on the listserv.

**Church Retreat Save The Date:** The annual church retreat will be held the weekend of October 19-21.

<b>Nursery:</b> Childcare is provided for children ages newborn through three years old.	
 <b>Assistive Listening Devices</b> are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.	
<b>Church Listserv:</b> To add or change your email address, please email Jake Short. <b>Facebook:</b> Hyattsville Mennonite Church.	
<b>Church Staff Schedule:</b> The church office is closed on Mondays.  Cindy will be available 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

Eric Stoltzfus

**Praising**

Call to Worship      Sarah Glenner, Steve Brent, Julia McCune  
Hymn: STJ 2 – *Hamba nathi*      Cindy Lapp  
Lighting the Peace Lamp      Tim Wiens

**Confessing**

Confession (from STJ 148)      Paula Lang, Krista Ogburn  
One: Lord, we confess that our hands are not always open.

Through fear or willful blindness, we grasp on to what we have instead of freely sharing it with those around us.

Open our eyes that we may see the needs of others and open our hands to give with love.

God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the rich diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit.

God has greatly blessed us and called us to be a community that honors each other; to be servants to others with joy; to share our love and material possessions.

***All: Let us rejoice in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.***

Hymn: HWB 76 – *Je louerai l'Eternel*

Hymn: HWB 89 – *For the beauty of the earth*

**Hearing the Word**

Time for Children

Jazmine Green

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 58:6-8  
Mark 12:28-34

Message

Hymn: STJ 27 – *God of the Bible*

Matthew McMeekin  
Holly Amsterdam  
Curtis Cooper

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

Ange Api, Abigael Wilson

Sending

Hymn: HWB 78 – *Sizohamba naye*  
Benediction

Amy Sabol, Elaine Carney

CALENDAR

Sun. 4/22—Disability Awareness Sunday; Church Council, 12:30 p.m.  
Sun. 4/29—New Member Sunday;  
Michelle Burkholder birthday party, 9:30 a.m.  
Sun. 5/6—Cynthia Lapp preaches; acupuncture clinic (see announcement).  
Sun. 5/13—Nathan Detweiler preaches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome:** We welcome members of the Jubilee Association of Maryland, Inc. community this morning. They will be leading our worship in celebration of Disability Awareness Sunday. Everyone is also welcome to join us downstairs after the service for a time of refreshments and celebration of Jubilee’s 40th anniversary.

**Out of the Office:** Cindy Lapp will be gone Monday, April 23 through Thursday, April 26 at the Allegheny Mennonite Conference pastors’ spring Bible study for continuing education. If you need pastoral care during that time, contact Michelle Burkholder or a member of the Pastorate.

**How Can I Help?** There are many ways to get involved in the work of HMC, and now is a great opportunity to offer your gifts. Check out the “gift discernment form” – it lays out many of the activities of the church and ways that you can join them. The form is available in the foyer and on the listserv; fill it out and return it to Pastorate by **TODAY**, April 22. Because “church” without U is “chrch,” and that doesn’t make any sense.

**Ushers, Greeters, and Nursery Help Needed:** Looking to get more involved at HMC? Want to get to know people at HMC better? Come try being an usher, greeter, or help out in the nursery! We are looking for new faces to fill any of these roles, and no prior experience is needed. If you are interested in learning more and/or signing up, contact Jake Short in the church office.

**Birthday Party:** Come celebrate Associate Pastor Michelle Burkholder’s 40<sup>th</sup> birthday during the Fourth Sunday Fellowship Hour on April 29 at 9:30 a.m. (except this time it’s the Fifth Sunday!). Please bring games (especially board games) to play. Feel free to wear orange, black, and/or khaki, and there will also be cake.

**Artist’s Talk at HMC:** Eva Beidler will do a brief gallery talk and answer questions about her paintings in the foyer and her artistic process starting at 9:30 a.m. next Sunday, April 29.

**New Member Sunday:** The Pastorate recommends Nathan Detweiler and Anna Jeide for associate membership, on Sunday, April 29.

TODAY

Greeter: Peter Goering  
Ushers: Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman  
Nursery: Kate Stoltzfus, Charlotte Schmidt  
Worship Arts: Meryt McGindley

NEXT WEEK

Sara Fretz-Goering  
Melanie Friesen, LeAnne Zook  
Lisa Daughtry-Weiss, Katrina Toews  
Michelle Burkholder, Becky Hass

TREASURER’S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$9,045      Weekly Goal – \$5,863  
Attendance Last Week – 101

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, April 29:

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; I John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

