

last year's as possible, and, as always, first time attenders may take 50% OFF their fees. Scholarships are available. Please return registration and payment to Becca Walawender. Becca can also address your questions. So new attender or lifer, young or old, ready for activity or rather take a nap - RETREAT IS BETTER WITH YOU!

Pledge Letter: It is that time of year, when we at HMC consider our giving for the following fiscal year. A copy of the pledge letter to all in the congregation is available on the table in the foyer and on the email listserv. Pledges are due by Sunday, October 7. There will then be a congregational meeting to pass the budget on Sunday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions and/or concerns, contact Wyatt Feeler: [REDACTED].

Requiem Choir: Each November, HMC remembers our friends and family who have passed by lighting candles and a choir of HMC folks sing. If you would like to be part of the requiem choir this year, rehearsals will be Thursdays, Sept. 27 – Nov. 1, 7:30-9:00 p.m. with the performance during worship on Sunday, Nov. 4. For more information and to sing, contact Cindy: [REDACTED].

Celebration/Sunday School Hour: On Sept. 30 at 9:30 a.m., we will celebrate the work of the Anabaptist Peace Center, which folded some years ago. Representatives from Little Friends for Peace, PG Plaza Day Center, and Allegheny Conference will be on hand to receive funds left from the Peace Center. Come share a light breakfast, enjoy peace activities, & celebrate peace.

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 and Wednesday. <i>Michelle</i> will be on medical leave. <i>Jake</i> will be in the office Tuesday and Friday. Cynthia Lapp, Pastor Michelle Burkholder, Associate Pastor Jake Short, Administrative Assistant Sarah Hall Aguila, Treasurer Wyatt Feeler, Congregational Chair Mary Jo Schumacher, Pastorate Chair	
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9:30—Sunday School 10:30—Fellowship Time 11:00—Worship Service

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

HWB – *Hymnal: A Worship Book* (blue)

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

Prelude Dan Daughtry-Weiss

Praising

Call to Worship* Nathan Jeide-Detweiler

One: When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

Many: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

One: And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

Many: Humbled by the gift of grace;

humbled by the invitation to begin again.

One: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

Many: That we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

One: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

Many: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

One: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

Hymn: STJ 13 – *My soul is filled with joy* Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting the Peace Lamp Anna Jeide-Detweiler

Confessing

Confession

One: Loving God,

Many: we have turned against you. By our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have broken our relationship with you and with each other. (breathe)

One: Gracious God,

Many: when you showed us love, we have thought and spoken poorly of our neighbors. (breathe)

One: God of Abundance,

Many: when you provided for our needs, we ignored the needs of others and often justified our greed. (breathe)

One: Consoling God,
Many: when you said “do not be afraid,” we increased the fear of our neighbors and perpetuate the stigmas of our prejudice. (breathe)

One: Empowering God,
Many: when you made us caretakers of the earth, we hurt your creation with our greed and selfishness. (breathe)

One: Merciful God,
Many: often we do not recognize our own sinfulness, though we are quick to point out the sinfulness of others. (breathe)

One: God of Compassion,
Many: at times, we believe we are unforgivable and we do not trust in the capacity of your Spirit. (breathe)

One: Redeeming God,
Many: Forgive us, transform us, empower us by your grace. Amen.
All: God’s justice is mercy and by God’s gracious mercy, We are forgiven and made free to live into the reality of God’s kingdom come near, in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

Hymn: STJ 34 – *Loving Spirit*

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 54

Janelle Tupper

Frank Graeff

Message:

Rachel Brown Anderson

Hymn: HWB 577 – *O Love that will not let me go*

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

Benediction

Hymn: STJ 75 – *Be still*

**adapted from Beth Merrill Neal (<https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/>)*

TODAY

Greeter: Herb Reed

Ushers: Dorothy Leissa, Brad Leissa

Nursery: Jim Rice, Penny Russell

Worship Arts: Jake Short

NEXT WEEK

Sara Fretz-Goering

Sarah Hall Aguila, Keith Swartzendruber

Jeanette Stoltzfus, Angie Wiens

TREASURER’S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$6,714

Weekly Goal – \$5,863

Attendance Last Week – 125

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, September 30:

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

CALENDAR

Sun. 9/30—Dave Mishler, AMC conference minister, preaches.

Sun. 10/7—World Communion Sunday; pledges due (see announcement).

Fri. 10/19 – Sun. 10/21—Annual church retreat.

Sun. 10/28—Congregational meeting, 6:30 p.m. (see announcement)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Meal Today: All are welcome to join us for our monthly fellowship meal in the basement immediately following the worship service.

Medical Leave: Michelle Burkholder is still out for a couple more weeks for healing and recovery after a hysterectomy. Cindy Lapp had cataract surgery this past week and is still recovering; Cindy will have another cataract surgery in early October. Please contact a member of Pastorate if you need pastoral care during these times.

Adult Education: The fall season begins with a series on Immigration. On October 7, Tammy Alexander from the MMC Washington Office will speak on the biblical basis for welcoming immigrant. All are welcome to participate; we will meet at UPCoB at 9:30 a.m.

Church Retreat: The retreat planning committee welcomes you to participate in HMC 2018 Church Retreat at Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministry Center from October 19-21! The retreat is a highlight of the HMC social calendar and provides an opportunity for us to spend time together in fellowship and fun. Atieno Byrd is our special guest (see brochure) for our Saturday morning session and the afternoon is up to you! We'll have structured activities or go free form and choose your own adventure. We tried to keep the fees as close to

