Community Café, January 7, 2019: HMC is scheduled to serve at Community Café on Monday, January 7, 2019. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer, or contact Jake Short for more information. Thank you for taking time to helping those less fortunate in our community during this busy holiday season.

Winter Outerwear Needed: Kim McClain is looking for winter outerwear for Juan's teenage sisters, who will visit from Honduras; they arrive December 30 and will stay through January 17. They are 15 and 19-years-old, and both a size women's extra small and between a 6 and 7 shoe (if anyone has winter boots). If you can help, contact Kim:

ESL Baking Class: Prince George's Community College is offering a baking/ESL class at HMC this semester. You are invited to come enjoy the baked goods and speak English with the students on Thursdays Dec. 13 and Dec. 20 at 11:45 a.m.

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.

Cindy will be available Wednesday through Friday. *Michelle* will be available Thursday.

Jake 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)

Our theme during Advent is "Nurture in the Journey". The sanctuary has been transformed into a gathering tent, a shelter in the waiting, with our focus this morning on peace.

Prelude

Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Dwight Miyake, Daniel Daughtry-Weiss

Praising

Call to Worship

David Conrad

One: Prepare the way of our God, for things are about to change.

Many: Every valley shall be filled in and every mountain made low.

One: As we await the coming of the Messiah,

we are called to prepare our hearts for Messiah's arrival.

Many: We are called to turn, repent,

and allow God to renew us and work within us.

All: Then we will see the salvation of our God.

Hymn: STS 14 – Prepare the way of the Lord Cindy Lapp

Community Reading: from Malachi 3-1-4

One: Pay Attention!

I am sending my Messenger to prepare the way for me;

the One you seek will suddenly come to the Temple,

the Messenger of the Covenant whom you long for will come,

says YHWH the Omnipotent.

Many: But who can endure the day of that Coming?

Who can stand firm when that One appears?

That day will be like a smelters fire, a launderer's soap.

One: The One will preside as refiner and purifier,

purifying the Children of Levi, refining them like gold and silver--

then they will once again make offerings to YHWH in righteousness.

All: Then the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to YHWH as they were in former days, in years long past.

Lighting the Advent Candle: Luke 1:68-79 Tony Brun

Confessing

Confessing & Reconciling

Hymn: HWB 176 – Comfort, comfort, O my people

Words of Assurance

Hearing the Word

Hymn: STS 16 – Peace before us

Time for Children Penny Russell

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:3-11 Tony Brun

Luke 3:1-6

Congregational response:

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, All: For the Word of God among us; For the Word of God within us; Thanks be to God.

Message: *El Mensajero* Francisco Serrano

Hymn: HWB 400 – Santo, santo, santo

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 Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Daniel Daughtry-Weiss

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: Sanctuary Song

Benediction

TODAY

Greeter: Nathan Jeide-Detweiler Ushers: Elham Eftekhary, Sara Person Nursery: Laurel Macondray, Angie Wiens Worship Arts: Doris Bartel

NEXT WEEK

Mary Jo Schumacher Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman Mary Hershberger, Dave Kraybill

Kristin Sampson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$7,092 Advent Offering – \$470 Weekly Goal – \$5,863 Attendance Last Week – 117

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, December 16:

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

CALENDAR

Sun. 12/9— Advent II; Francisco Serrano from San Mateo preaches; fellowship meal (see announcement).

Sun. 12/16— Advent III; Christmas pageant (see announcement).

Thurs. 12/20—PG Plaza Day Center meal.

Sun. 12/23—Advent IV; Cindy Lapp preaches.

Sun. 12/24—Christmas Eve service, 5:00 p.m. (see announcement).

Sun. 12/30—Christmas I; Michelle Burkholder preaches.

Sun. 1/6—Epiphany; Michelle Burkholder preaches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bienvenidos San Mateo Episcopal: We welcome Francisco Serrano from San Mateo Episcopal in Hyattsville, who is bringing us the message this morning. Joining him are other congregants from San Mateo. ¡Bienvenidos a todxs!

Fellowship Meal Today: All are welcome to join our Christmas Fellowship Meal immediately following the worship service today.

Out of the Office: Cindy Lapp and Michelle Burkholder will be attending Allegheny Conference pastors meetings this Tuesday, December 11. They will be available via phone after 3:00 p.m.

Advent & Christmas Announcements

Advent Worship Arts: The worship visuals during this Advent season focus on the theme of *nurture in the journey* as chosen by HMC Council and Pastorate for the year. The journeys of Mary and Joseph, and the wise ones are familiar to us. We are conscious of the many people who undertake perilous journeys to escape danger, such as the caravan of migrants from Central America. Some journeys are physical or geographical in nature; some encompass a route to spiritual change or transformational justice. What visually represents nurture in such journeys? The cloth draped from the arched support beams conveys the shelter of a tent over our heads as we gather together, providing a nurturing space for reflection and support. The banners express a night sky thick with stars, which in the ever-darkening days of mid-winter in the northern hemisphere, might provide illumination, inspiration or direction.

Advent/Christmas Offering: Our Advent/Christmas offering will go to our work with DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network, an interfaith network of congregations in the DC/MD/VA region that provides support and solidarity to neighbors, friends, and family who fear being detained, deported or profiled. In the face of hate and discrimination, our faith calls us to show love, compassion and hospitality. A primary focus for the Network is Deportation Defense. This includes advocacy, community organizing, fundraising, family support, media outreach and communications. Network members accompany people to ICE check-ins, legal hearings and congressional visits; hold Defend Your Rights trainings; host people who are at risk of deportation; support congregations that are hosting; and press cities and states to get ICE out of schools, jails and courts and to end all policies that racially profile and over-incarcerate people of color. As an active member of the Network, HMC has already contributed significant time and energy to these activities. We are also called on to raise financial support for the Network's activities. HMC has a goal of raising \$5,000 through our Advent offering to support this work. The DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network needs to raise an additional \$50,000 in the next two months to hire one more part-time organizer. Thus, besides our congregational offering, we also invite anyone who may be interested in this cause to reach out to your personal networks to invite them to donate via an online giving platform here: https://give.faithinaction.org/team/DMV. Please contact Doris Bartel or Cindy Lapp if you have questions.

Christmas Pageant December 16: This year we will hold our impromptu pageant on December 16th instead of waiting till Epiphany! While no rehearsal will be required, any kids and youth who are able to come early to

(Christmas Pageant continued)

church will gather in the sanctuary to get a sense of how the story will flow and may be given specific roles. The pageant will take place that morning during the worship service. Fear not! If you can't make it to the Sunday school time gathering, you can still participate in the pageant during worship!

Christmas Eve Service: On December 24 at 5:00 p.m., we will hold our annual Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols! This service is full of music and Scripture as we gather together to celebrate the birth of Christ. Contact Michelle Burkholder if you wish to participate in the service.

Sunday School for All Ages in December: Sunday School in December will not be held at UPCoB. A traditional Sunday School class will be offered for the 2/3s in the nursery at HMC. For children and youth:

- Dec. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the HMC foyer, ages 4+ will have a gathering time followed by craft tables to make Christmas ornaments together.
- Dec. 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the HMC sanctuary, ages 4+ will have a gathering time & Christmas Pageant preparation (see separate announcement).
- Dec. 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the HMC Fellowship Hall, all ages are welcome to participate in Carols and Treats. Does your family have a favorite seasonal carol you like to sing? Do you know carols from other cultures/in languages other than English? Bring along some holiday treats (sweet or salty welcome) to share and your favorite carols to sing together before worship; there will also be a hot cocoa and toppings bar!
- Dec. 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the HMC Fellowship Hall, all ages are welcome to gather for a time of informal fellowship and treats before church.

For Adult Education, there will be two options: 1.) Cindy Lapp will lead a drop-in choir in some new pieces that could potentially land in the new hymnal. Those who attend will have the opportunity to sing at the Christmas Eve service, but it is not required. Location will be in the sanctuary on Dec. 9 and 23, and in the basement on Dec. 16. 2.) If singing isn't for you, come to an informal discussion group at the church house (6220 43rd Ave.). Please come with a favorite seasonal poem, song, story or anything really, to share and discuss as a group.

Advent Devotional from Presbyterians for Earth Care: As Christians we are called to reconciliation and covenant with all of creation—our community of life, all of it a gift of the Creator. In a year that has seen release of multiple major reports detailing how our carbon pollution threatens this entire community, we highlight this devotional as a way to help focus our attention and give us time to consider how we can respond meaningfully to this breach in our communal life. http://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-Advent-Devotional-print-layout-.pdf