

Adult Education in January: Join us for our annual adult education Bible study in January. Wyatt Feeler will be leading a 3-part discussion series on Paul's first missionary journey and its immediate aftermath, as recounted in Acts 13-15. Come join us as we talk about sorcerers, Greek gods, broken friendships and councils – not to mention the many issues raised by the beginning of Christian missionary endeavors.

Rolling Ridge Retreat: There will be a retreat weekend at Rolling Ridge February 1-3. It will be an informal bring your own arts and crafts weekend with some gaming on the side. Contact Michelle Burkholder, Tabitha Gingerich, or Valerie Schrock if you have questions or want to sign up.

Christmastime Worship Arts: The worship visuals focus on the HMC 2018-2019 theme of *nurture in the journey*. Some journeys are physical or geographical; some encompass a spiritual change or transformational justice. What visually represents nurture in such journeys? The cloth draped overhead conveys a tent, providing a nurturing space for reflection and support. The banners express a night sky with stars, which in the dark days of midwinter in the northern hemisphere, might provide illumination, inspiration or direction.

Christmastime Offering: Our Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 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. We are called 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.** Please contact Doris Bartel or Cindy Lapp if you have questions.

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| 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 Friday. | |
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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 Mira Grieser

Praising

Call to Worship David Conrad

One: The Word has become flesh;

God now walks among us!

Many: Through Jesus, God is fully made known.

One: All creation is renewed,

Through the birth and life of Jesus.

God brings grace and truth.

All: And all the children of God are brought together

To follow Jesus, working for unity of all.

Praise be to God for abundant love and peace.

Hymn: HWB 51 – *Let the whole creation cry* Penny Russell

Hymn: HWB 194 – *Away in a manger*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Community Reading (from STS 13, text by Fred Kaan)

One: Sing we a song of high revolt;

Many: Sing we a song of high revolt:

great the Lord, God's name exult!

Sing we the words of Mary's song of

God at war with human wrong.

One: Sing we of God who deeply cares.

Many: Sing we of God who deeply cares

and still with us our burden shares.

God, who with strength the proud disowns,

brings down the mighty from their thrones.

One: By God the poor are lifted up;
Many: By God the poor are lifted up;
God satisfies with bread and cup
the hungry folk of many lands;
the rich are left with empty hands.

One: God calls us to revolt and trust,
Many: God calls us to revolt and trust,
To work for what is right and just,
to catch the vision Mary caught,
to sing and live Magnificat.

Confessing

Confession and Reconciling
Words of Assurance
Hymn: HWB 209 – *Oh, how joyfully*

Hearing the Word

Hymn: STS 16 – *Christ before us*
Time for Children

Penny Russell

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 148
Luke 2:41-52

Kaye Brubaker

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: *A Nature for Nurture*

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: HWB 215 – *What Child is this*

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

Hymn: *Sanctuary Song*
Benediction

TODAY

Greeter: Jake Short
Ushers: Amy Whittington, Glen Gehman
Nursery: Elena Zehr, Mike Zehr
Worship Arts: Jake Short

NEXT WEEK

Mary Jo Schumacher
Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman

Melanie Friesen

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – Advent Offering – Weekly Goal – \$5,863
Attendance Last Week – 100

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, January 6:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

CALENDAR

Sun. 1/6—Epiphany; Michelle Burkholder preaches.
Mon. 1/7—Community Café (see announcement).
Sun. 1/13—fellowship meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Sunday: You don't want to miss Epiphany at HMC next Sunday! In lieu of a sermon, Michelle Burkholder will present "Melchior's Travelogue: A Flannelgraph Epiphany".

Poinsettias Available: The poinsettias up front are available to purchase. They are \$10; exact change is preferred, or you can write a check.

Out of the Office: Cindy Lapp is out of the office December 28-January 1.

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.

Fellowship Meal: Join us for the first fellowship meal of 2019 on Sunday, January 13. Bring something to share, and your own tableware if possible. All are welcome!

