

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.

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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

Praising

David Conrad

Call to Worship

One: Arise, Shine, for our light has come
and the glory of God has risen upon us!

**Many: Nations will come to the light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

One: The love of God for all peoples
and nations is revealed through God's Son, Jesus Christ.

**All: We are called to be one world and one family,
called to be children of God.**

Arise, shine, for our light has come.

Hymn: HWB 71 – *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* Daniel Daughtry-Weiss

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Psalm 72:1-7

One: O God, give your anointed one your judgement—and your justice.

**Many: Teach your chosen one to govern your people rightly
and bring justice to the oppressed.**

One: The mountains will bring the people peace and the hills justice!
**Many: Your anointed will defend the oppressed among the people,
save the children of the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

One: The reign of your anointed will endure
as long as the sun and moon—throughout all generations.

**All: The rule of the chosen one will be like rain
coming down on the meadow, like showers watering the earth.**

*Justice will flower through the days,
and profound peace, until the moon be no more.*

Hymn: STS 29 – *Brightest and best*

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 Tuesday through Friday.
Michelle will be available Tuesday and Thursday.
Jake will be in the office Tuesday and Friday.

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Confessing

Confession and Reconciling
Words of Assurance

Hearing the Word

Hymn: STS 16 – *Alleluia*
Time for Children

Penny Russell

Scripture Reading:
Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Gene Miller

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: *Melchior's Travelogue*

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: HWB 218 – *As with gladness men of old*

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: Mary Jo Schumacher
Ushers: Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman
Nursery: Jim Rice, Mary Hershberger
Worship Arts: Melanie Friesen

NEXT WEEK

Herb Reed
Anna Jeide-Detweiler, Marc Friesen
Wyatt Feeler, Jeanette Stoltzfus
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week –

Advent Offering –

Weekly Goal – \$5,863

Attendance Last Week – 72

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, January 13:

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

CALENDAR

Mon. 1/7—Community Café.

Sun. 1/13—Cindy Lapp preaches; fellowship meal.

Sun. 1/20—Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday.

Sun. 1/27—Cindy Lapp preaches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany 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.** Many thanks for your generosity this holiday season. **Note: This is the last day to contribute to this offering.**

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

Furlough Lunch: If you are a federal worker on furlough and looking for fellowship (and a free lunch), you are invited to join the pastors at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8 in the fellowship hall. Let Cindy know if you have dietary restrictions.

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

Meals for the Showalters: We are providing meals for Daron, Kirstin, and Marie Showalter after the birth of daughter/sister Noelle. You can sign up here:



