

**Adult Education in April:** We begin a new series on Elders and Aging. At 9:30 a.m. on April 7, we will sidetrack to hear about Ben Goossen's research on Mennonites and Nazis during WWII. The Elders series resumes April 14.

**Parenting Discussions in April:** Denise and Richard Brown will be leading a 4-to-5 session parenting class during Sunday School, beginning April 7 in the library at UPCoB. Please let Denise or Richard know if you plan to participate.

**Holy Week Event at San Mateo Episcopal:** San Mateo's English-speaking congregation invites HMC to a friendship meal on the Monday of Holy Week, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. in their fellowship hall at 5901 36th Ave. in Hyattsville. The lectionary focuses this day on Jesus visiting his friends for a final friendly meal before the formalities in Jerusalem. There will be short Order of Prayer for the Evening, followed by an informal shared potluck meal.

**Maundy Thursday:** All are welcome to the Maundy Thursday service on April 18, at 7:00 p.m. for a simple meal of rice, beans, and tamales. You may participate in foot washing, Communion, a Tenebrae service, and nailing confessions to the cross. Please RSVP to Jake Short by Tuesday, April 16, and indicate if you will need childcare.

**Justin Bailey:** Justin Bailey, an HMC regular attender and a client of Jubilee, is experiencing early stage symptoms of Alzheimer's. He is slower in getting around and has some dementia. The ushers will be helping Justin so that he can continue to pass the microphone, as that is a role that he very much values. Thank you to the whole congregation for your welcome to Justin as well as your help and patience.

<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. <i>Cindy</i> will be available Tuesday through Friday. <i>Michelle</i> will be available Tuesday and Thursday. <i>Jake</i> will be in the office Tuesday and 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)

### *Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast*

Prelude Mae Trimble

### Praising

Call to Worship\* Sarah Hall Aguila

One: Those who are hungry search for bread.

Those who are thirsty look for water.

**Many: We come to this place, seeking nourishment . . .  
to quench our thirst for the Spirit.**

One: Those who ache for meaning will pursue it.

Those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

**Many: We arrive weary, seeking nourishment and nurture,  
looking for meaning.**

One: May we find meaning and feel God's hand upon us.

**All: May we rejoice in the comfort of God's outstretched arms  
of unfailing love.**

Hymn: HWB 521 – *Come, thou fount* Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting the Peace Lamp Sarah Hall Aguila

### Confessing

Confession (based on Isaiah 55 and Psalm 63)

Silence

Hymn: STJ 86 – *Taste and see*

### Hearing the Word

Time for Children Saundra Plett

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Peter Goering

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: *Measuring The Fig Tree*

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: HWB 485 – *Teach me the measure of my days*

### Responding

Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Hymn: STS 50 – *Woza nomthwalo wakho*

The Work of the Church

Greeting our Guests

The Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offertory

Offering of Gifts & Lenten Word Ritual

Prayer of Dedication

### Sending

Benedictory Hymn: HWB 427 – *You shall go out with joy*

\* *Adapted from a prayer by Ann Siddall of the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre.*

#### TODAY

*Greeter:* Sara Fretz-Goering

*Ushers:* Brad Leissa, Dorothy Leissa

*Nursery:* Jim Rice, Anne Sedda Confer

*Worship Arts:* Melanie Friesen

#### NEXT WEEK

Herb Reed

Dorothy Leissa, Angie Wiens

Doris Bartel

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$3,208

Lent Offering – \$153

Weekly Goal – \$5,255

Attendance Last Week – 121

## Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, March 31:

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; II Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### CALENDAR

Sun. 3/31—Lent IV; Michelle Burkholder preaches; no Sunday School.

Sun. 4/7—Lent V; Cindy Lapp preaches.

Sun. 4/14—Palm Sunday; service of music & readings.

Mon. 4/15—Friendship meal at San Mateo Episcopal, 6:30 p.m.

(see announcement)

Thurs. 4/18—Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 p.m. (see announcement)

Sun. 4/21—Easter Sunday; Cindy Lapp preaches; Easter brunch.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lent Offering:** Our Lent offering will go to Sembrandopaz in Colombia. One of their team, Leidy Ballestas, works for women's empowerment. Leidy is only on a stipend, and our offering will help her earn a minimum wage in Colombia.

**Lent Worship Arts:** For Lent, we will ponder how words can nourish us, and the worship arts banners will help us explore those words. You are invited to open your spirit and listen deeply; if a word or theme catches your attention, write it on a slip of paper from the baskets at the end of the pews. During the offering, bring that paper forward and put it in the large bowl. Each week, some words will be incorporated into the central banner. All of the slips will be added in pockets on the side banners and will play a special role on Easter.

**Bingo and Lasagna Cook-Off This Saturday; Signups Still Needed!:** This Saturday, March 30, from 3:30-7:30 p.m., the Hospitality Committee is hosting a second cook-off! This year will be a lasagna and mac & cheese cook-off. The judging will be at 5:00 p.m. We will also host a bingo and game day, so bring your favorite board game and a white elephant type gift for the bingo and cook-off prize pool. Use this link to sign up an entrée for the cook-off or other food to share (<https://bit.ly/2UsaSaX>), or contact Yahtyng Sheu or Daron Showalter.

**“No Announcements” Announcement:** For Lent (March 10-April 20) we are giving up verbal announcements during the worship service. Please get your announcements to Jake for the bulletin (by Friday morning at 10:00 a.m.) and the listserv. And please read the announcements in the bulletin and listserv.

**No Sunday School on March 31:** There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, March 31. Instead we will gather in the HMC fellowship hall for intergenerational activities. Stanley Yoder and Jill MacDougall will teach tai chi for ages 8-88.

