

Adult Education in April: The Elders & Aging series resumes April 14 at 9:30 a.m. at UPCoB with a panel discussion on grandparenting.

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.

New Online Church Directory Is Now Available: A new online church directory is now available. To view the directory; go to <http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com> to log in; alternatively, you can download the Instant Church Directory app and view the directory on your phone. A PDF and printable booklet versions are also available; check out the listserv links or email Jake Short for more information.

“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.

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 Friday. Michelle will be available Thursday. Jake 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 Mira Grieser

Praising

Call to Worship (inspired by John 12:1-8)* Brian Brubaker

One: We are called to joy

Many: Making our moves with wild abandon

One: Sure of the love that buoys us

Many: Sure of the laughter that awaits.

One: We are called to play

Many: To play with God, with each other, with creation

One: Abandoning the grip of control

Many: Releasing solemnity

One: Basking in the warmth of God

Many: In love, in light, in laughter.

All: Amen.

Hymn: HWB 71 – *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* Cindy Lapp

Lighting the Peace Lamp Lisa Zammuto

Confessing

Confession

One: Holy God, we thank you that you receive us

not according to our failing goodness,

but according to your overflowing and extravagant grace.

Many: You receive us as we are. You show us what we can be.

Silence

(continued on inside)

One: You have come to us in Jesus Christ to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself.

All: Sweep over us with your anointing Spirit, change us by your love, that we may sing with joy before you, and live to your glory in the world. Amen.

Hymn: HWB 109 – *There is more love somewhere*

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

Sandra Plett

Scripture Reading

Psalm 63:1-8

John 12:1-8

Darian Harnish

Sharon Andre

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: *Sensing the Holy*

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: HWB 387 – *Lord, thou dost love*

Responding

Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

The Work of the Church

Greeting our Guests

The Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offering of Gifts & Lenten Word Ritual

Hymn: STJ 86 – *Taste and see*

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: HWB 420 – *Heart with loving heart united*

Benediction

**written by Beth Merrill Neel.*

TODAY

Greeter: Mary Jo Schumacher

Ushers: Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman

Nursery: Kristin Showalter, Daron Showalter

Worship Arts: Doris Bartel

NEXT WEEK

Brian Brubaker

Denise Brown, Marc Friesen

Jake Short

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$4,245

Lent Offering – \$282

Weekly Goal – \$5,255

Attendance Last Week – 86

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, April 14:

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

CALENDAR

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; Easter brunch; no Sunday School;

Cindy Lapp preaches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent Offering: Our Lent offering is for Leidy Ballestas, who does women's empowerment with Sembrandopaz in Colombia. Leidy is only on a stipend, and our goal is to raise \$2,500 to help her earn a minimum wage in Colombia.

Lent Worship Arts: For Lent, we are pondering how words can nourish us. 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.

Gift Discernment Is Here! Each year, we set aside a time for the Gift Discernment process. This is an opportunity for you to get information about the variety of ways your particular gifts are needed and to give prayerful consideration to the places where you can give of your time and talents to the important work of the church. Forms are now available online and in paper form. The deadline is April 21 (Easter). Please join in and get involved!

Out of the Office: Cindy Lapp will be at the Allegheny Conference Pastors' Spring Study from April 8-11. Michelle Burkholder will be at the Spring Study on Tuesday, April 9. If you need pastoral care during that time, contact a member of the Pastorate.

