


Giving Tuesday for Allegheny Conference: Giving Tuesday is December 3, and Allegheny Mennonite Conference (AMC) is seeking at least 50 persons to donate \$20 on Giving Tuesday. Are you in? Keep AMC on track to meet our 2019-20 giving forecasts by being part of this \$1000+ offering. You will be supporting our pastors, congregations, youth and summer camping programs with your generous support! AMC also has a donor who will match the first \$1,000 received between now and December 3! Donate here: <https://bit.ly/2L4VdvJ>.

Small Groups: Are you interested in joining a small group, changing small groups, or starting a new one? Some HMC small groups meet regularly to share a meal or activity. Groups can include a formal discussion or activity, or just be informal gatherings to get to know people or deepen relationships. They can be short or long term. Groups can also form around an interest, like hiking, making jam, reading a book, or sharing thoughts/experiences about a particular topic. If you'd like help finding a group to join or if you have an idea for forming a group, please contact Mary Jo Schumacher [REDACTED] or Trinda Groff [REDACTED]. We'll be happy to connect you with others who are looking!

Gospel Choir Performance December 7: Ovation, a local gospel choir led by Shirli Hughes, will hold its Christmas concert at HMC on Saturday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Fellowship Meal December 8: The next fellowship meal is next Sunday, December 8. We will celebrate Christmas, so please bring your favorite Christmas dishes to share, as well as your own tableware if possible.

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 Wednesday. Michelle will be available Tuesday. 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)

The theme of questioning and waiting will be carried throughout the Advent season with Worship Arts helping us visualize the journey from darkness into sight and into an understanding of the light and love of Christ.

Prelude Eric Stoltzfus

Praising

Call to Worship: Psalm 122 Sara Fretz-Goering
One: I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let us go to the house of God.”
And now our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem.

Many: Jerusalem is built like a city, a community closely compacted together. This is where the people go – the different believers – to praise God, according to the statutes handed down to Israel.

One: Here where the courts of justice are,
the judgment seats of David’s house.

Many: Pray for peace within Jerusalem.

May those who love you be secure.

One: May there be peace within your walls
and security within your outposts.

**Many: For the sake of my family and friends,
I will say, “Peace be with you.”**

For the sake of YHWH our God, I will seek your good.

Hymn: HWB 178 – *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* Daniel Daughtry-Weiss
Lighting the Peace Lamp: Isaiah 2:1-5 Merolli Family

Confessing

Confession: *Prayer for Call to Action**
Hymn: STJ 54 – *Longing for light*

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

Penny Russell

Scripture Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Message: *What Are We Waiting For?*

Cindy Lapp

Hymn: HWB 172 – *O come, O come, Immanuel* (v. 1, 2, 5, 6)

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

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: STS 118 – *Keep your lamps trimmed*

Benediction

**a poem prayer, written by lutheranjulia, posted on RevGalBlogPals.*

TODAY

Greeter: Peter Goering

Ushers: Frank Graeff, Anne Sedda Confer

Nursery: Alice Bender, Mary Hershberger

Worship Arts: Doris Bartel, Michelle Burkholder

Kaffee Tee Klatsch: Dwight Miyake, Saundra Plett

NEXT WEEK

Mary Jo Schumacher

Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman

Dorothy Leissa, Mary Hershberger

Sara Person

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$

Weekly Goal – \$5,255

Attendance Last Week – 122

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, December 8:

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

CALENDAR

Tues. 12/3—Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. 12/5—Pastorate, 7:15 p.m.

Sat. 12/7—Church work day, 8:30 a.m.; Ovation concert (*see announcement*)

Sun. 12/8—Advent II; Michelle Burkholder preaches.

Sun. 12/15—Advent III; Cindy Lapp preaches.

Sun. 12/22—Advent IV; Christmas Pageant.

Tues. 12/24—Christmas Eve service, 5:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Worship Arts: In this season of Advent we are exploring the theme: What are You Waiting For? Worship Arts will join in that exploration of questions and waiting through an abstract visual journey. Each week a new banner will help us move through a period of limbo, liminality, and shadows, before arriving at a celebration of manifestation. You are invited to reflect on the visuals each week and either speak about what you are seeing in them during sharing time, or share written reflections or questions with Michelle.

Advent/Christmas Offering 2019: Our special offering this season will go to the Congregation Action Network (CAN) an interfaith network which organizes congregations in the DMV to advocate for just immigration policy and to respond to detentions and deportations of our neighbors. CAN achievements in the past year include: successfully advocating against new ICE detention centers in the DMV, advocating to limit local government cooperation with ICE, supporting physical sanctuary for Rosa at Cedar Lane Unitarian for almost one year, and supporting DACA petitioners to the Supreme Court. HMC is a founding member of CAN and continues as an active participant while also deepening the relationship with our neighbor San Mateo Episcopal. Our goal for Advent/Christmas offering is to raise \$5,000 for the work of CAN. Visit: <https://give.faithinaction.org/team/DMV> to learn more. Thank you for your generous support in loving neighbors as ourselves.

Sunday School in December: Please note there will be Sunday School on December 8 and 15 only, and no Sunday School on December 1, 22, and 29.

Church Work Day: The fall church work day is happening Saturday, December 7, starting at 8:30 a.m. We will be cleaning up around the church and church house, so if you have lawn care tools, please bring those if you are able. Trustees will provide donuts and coffee.

