

No Sunday School: Please note there will be no Sunday School on December 22 and 29. It will resume for all ages on January 5 at 9:30 a.m. at UPCoB.

Christmas Eve Service: Join us for a service of Lessons and Carols at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24. If you would be available to read one of the scripture lessons, contact Cindy Lapp: [REDACTED].

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 be formally organized or just informal gatherings, long or short term, and/or form around a particular interest or topic. If you want to join or form a group, please contact Mary Jo Schumacher [REDACTED] or Trinda Groff [REDACTED].

Phones at Church: Due to multiple issues with Verizon, only the 301-927-7327 to the church building currently works; you cannot call the church house, or leave a voicemail anywhere. Please email: jshort@hyattsvillemennonite.org if you need to contact someone.

Seekers Class: Interested in exploring questions of faith with other HMC people? Want to learn more about what Mennonites say they believe? Join the Seekers class starting in 2020, meeting during the Sunday School hour. For more information contact Cindy: CLapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org.

Save The Date: Below are some upcoming events at HMC:

- *Christmas Pageant:* December 22
- *Christmas Eve Service:* December 24 (5:00 p.m.)
- *PG Plaza Day Center lunch provided by HMC:* January 28

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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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

Daniel Daughtry-Weiss

Praising

Call to Worship

Sarah Hall Aguila

One: Our souls magnify the Lord,

Many: and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

One: God has looked on us, as Mary, with favor,

seeing our unrealized potential.

God's mercy flows like waves,

from generation to generation.

Many: From generation to generation, God has shown strength...

Humbled the proud...

Brought down the powerful...

And lifted up the lowly.

One: In our hunger, God fills us with good things,

Many: and in our extravagance, sends us away empty.

All: Come, for God's promise endures forever.

Hymn: STS 12 – *Magnificat*

Eric Stoltzfus

The Light of Advent: Isaiah 35:1-10

Michelle Burkholder,

Becky Hass, Simon Burkholder Hass

Hymn: HWB 184 – *Hark! the glad sound*

Confessing

Words of Confession

Silence

Words of Assurance

Hymn: HWB 172 – *O come, O come, Immanuel* (v. 1,4,5,6)

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

Penny Russell

(Children's Church is available for ages 4 through 3rd grade)

Scripture Reading

James 5:7-10

Dorothy Leissa

Matthew 11:2-11

Hymn: *Wait on the Lord* (see insert)

Message: ***Waiting For Who?***

Cindy Lapp

Hymn: STS 13 – *Sing we a song of high revolt*

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: STS 1 – *Praise the One who breaks the darkness*

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: STS 124 – *My soul cries out*

Benediction

TODAY

Greeter: Herb Reed

Ushers: Karen Minatelli, Elina Minatelli

Nursery: Laurel Macondray, Jim Rice

Worship Arts: David Conrad

Kaffee Tee Klatsch: Lori Reeder Zehr, Sam Zehr

NEXT WEEK

Peter Goering

Lindsay Deel, Amy Whittington

Mary Hershberger

Jake Short

Lisa Zammuto

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$14,285

Advent Offering – \$674

Weekly Goal – \$5,255

Attendance Last Week – 122

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, December 22:

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

CALENDAR

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

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

Sun. 12/29—Christmas I.

Sun. 1/5—Epiphany; Cindy Lapp preaches; Communion.

Sun. 1/12—Cindy Lapp preaches; fellowship meal.

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.

