


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.

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.

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

- *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. <i>Cindy</i> will be available Thursday and 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)

Prelude

Juan Hernández

Praising

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 148) Keith Swartzendruber

One: Praise YHWH from the heavens;

Many: the sun, moon, and stars and all the angels praise YHWH!

One: Praise YHWH from the earth;

Many: the mountains and the valleys, the creatures above and below; they all praise YHWH!

One: All ages, all genders, all ethnicities, let us all praise YHWH.

Many: Let us all praise YHWH, who is exalted above all.

Praise YHWH who is faithful!

Hymn: HWB 210 – *Good Christian friends, rejoice* Kimberly Schmidt

The Light of Advent: Isaiah 63:7-9

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

Confessing

Confession

One: In this season of joy, it is easy to forget the world around us.

Many: We are blinded by the lights and decorations, unable to see those around us.

One: It is hard to maintain our hope as we try to work for justice.

Many: Sometimes we cope with the world by shutting it out, escaping in the family, food, and festivities.

One: The woes, angst, and suffering wash over us again, extinguishing the flame ignited in us.

Many: Our hope fades with the fading of the glow of the Star of Bethlehem.

Hymn: HWB 172 – *O come, O come, Immanuel*

Words of Assurance

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

Penny Russell

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 2:13-23

Hebrews 2:10-18

Message: *Waiting Reflections*

Jim Glick, Sara Person,

Jeanette Stoltzfus

Hymn: HWB 215 – *What Child is this*

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: HWB 212 – *O come, all ye faithful*

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: HWB 204 – *Gloria*

Benediction

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, January 5:

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18

CALENDAR

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

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

Sun. 1/19—Michelle Burkholder preaches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poinsettias for Sale: The poinsettias up front are for sale at \$10 each; exact change is appreciated if paying in cash.

Out of the Office: Cindy Lapp will be gone Dec. 28 – Jan. 1. Michelle Burkholder will be gone Dec. 30.

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. Our goal for Advent/Christmas offering is to raise \$5,000 for the work of CAN; we have raised \$3,500 so far. 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 and active member of CAN while also deepening the relationship with our neighbor San Mateo Episcopal. Visit: <https://give.faithinaction.org/team/DMV> to learn more. Thank you for your generous support in loving neighbors as ourselves.

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

Adult Education Options in January: Most of us are familiar with the Biblical story of Esther, but when was the last time you really read the book? Join Wyatt Feeler for our annual Bible study discussion group during January Sunday school (January 5, 12, and 19) as we take an in-depth look at this fascinating story and think about what it might mean for us. All are welcome at 9:30 a.m. at UPCoB. Alternatively, a 6-week introduction and discussion of the book *Stretch Out Your Hand: Exploring Healing Prayer* by Tilda Norberg and Robert Webber will be led by Darlene Meyers on Sundays, January 5, 12, 19, and February 2, 9, 16 at 9:30 a.m.; books will be provided.

TODAY

Greeter: Jake Short

Ushers: Denise Brown, Richard Brown

Nursery: Laurel Macondray, Mary Hershberger

Worship Arts: Michelle Burkholder, Becky Hass

Kaffee Tee Klatsch: LeAnne Zook

NEXT WEEK

Mary Jo Schumacher

Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman

Sara Person

Dwight Miyake, Saundra Plett

TREASURER’S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$9,001 Advent Offering – \$1,563 (inc. Christmas Eve) Weekly Goal – \$5,255

Attendance Last Week – 122

