

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.

Franklin's Fundraiser for PG Plaza Day Center: On Monday, Dec. 9, visit Franklin's in downtown Hyattsville (<http://www.franklinsbrewery.com/>) to support the PG Plaza Day Center. The fundraiser goes all day; mention the fundraiser for the Day Center when you check out.

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!

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: 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.)

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 Tuesday through Friday. <i>Michelle</i> will be available Tuesday and Thursday. <i>Jake</i> will be in the office Tuesday and Friday. Cynthia Lapp, Pastor clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org Michelle Burkholder, Associate Pastor mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org Jake Short, Administrative Assistant jshort@hyattsvillemennonite.org Sarah Hall Aguila, Treasurer sarah.hall.aguila@gmail.com Kimberly Schmidt, Congregational Chair kim.schmidt50@gmail.com Melanie Friesen, Pastorate Chair melm.friesen@gmail.com



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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, Kelly Heatwole

Praising

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 72 Keith Swartzendruber

One: Prepare the way! The One for whom we wait is coming!

Many: The One for whom we wait will judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

The mountains will bring the people peace, and the hills justice.

One: The One for whom we wait will defend the cause of the poor, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Many: May the love we hope for endure as long as the sun, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations; like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

One: May righteousness flourish and peace abound, let love last even when the moon is no more.

Many: Blessed be YHWH, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's glorious name forever;

may the whole earth be filled by God's glory!

Hymn: HWB 185 – *Hail to the Lord's anointed* Cindy Lapp

The Light of Advent: Isaiah 11:1-10 Anne Sedda Confer, Princess

Hymn: HWB 176 – *Comfort, comfort, O my people*

Confessing

Confession

One: YHWH we cry out to you.

Many: We grow weary of waiting.

Our world groans for justice all around us.

The needs are many and we are overwhelmed in our work.

One: YHWH we cry out to you.

Many: All around us death destroys all living things:

plants, trees, rivers, and the people who need them.

We struggle to stem the tide of catastrophe.

One: YHWH we cry out to you.

Many: Hate permeates our communities. People attack each other like lions devouring their prey. How can we love enough?

One: YHWH we cry out to you.

Many: Where are you!?! Come, please come! Before it is too late!

Hymn: STS 7 – *Come, come Emmanuel*

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

Penny Russell

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Romans 15:4-13

Message: ***Immersed In Waiting***

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: HWB 183 – *On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry*

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 211 – *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: STS 14 – *Prepare the way of the Lord*

Benediction

TODAY

Greeter: Mary Jo Schumacher

Ushers: Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman

Nursery: Lisa Daughtry-Weiss, Mary Hershberger

Worship Arts: Sara Person

Kaffee Tee Klatsch:

NEXT WEEK

Herb Reed

Karen Minatelli, Elina Minatelli

Laurel Macondray, Jim Rice

David Conrad

Lori Reeder Zehr, Sam Zehr

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$4,925

Advent Offering – \$551

Weekly Goal – \$5,255

Attendance Last Week – 89

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, December 15:

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

CALENDAR

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

Fellowship Meal Today: All are welcome at our December fellowship meal celebrating Christmas! It is immediately following worship in the basement.

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.

