New Nursery Advisory Group: There is interest in cleaning up and reenvisioning the nursery space to make it safe, fun, and useful for the youngest among us and those who build community with them during worship. If you have ideas, inspiration, or energy to invest in this work, contact Michelle.

Making MCC Comforters at WCF: Please help MCC reach the goal of collecting 6,500 comforters to deliver to people affected by conflict and disaster around the world while celebrating the Mennonite Central Committee's 100th anniversary. Come to Washington Christian Fellowship (WCF – 907 Maryland Ave. NE, Washington DC) on Saturday, January 18 anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to help us make some comforters. All are welcome regardless of skill. We plan to eat lunch together. Register here: wcfchurch.org/warmup or contact Rosalyn Alleman (rsalleman@gmail.com).

Day Center Meal: We will be serving a meal at the PG Plaza Day Center on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 2:00 p.m. We will need food for 50 people: items needed include: green salad, fruit salad, chicken corn soup, rolls, and cookies. Thanks for letting Cindy know what you can bring and what portions.

Adult Education Options in January: Join Wyatt Feeler for our annual Bible study discussion group on the Biblical story of Esther 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.

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 Wednesday through Friday. Michelle will be available Tuesday and Thursday. Jake will be in the office Tuesday and Friday.

Cynthia Lapp, Pastor Michelle Burkholder. Associate Pastor Jake Short, Administrative Assistant Sarah Hall Aguila, Treasurer Kimberly Schmidt, Congregational Chair Melanie Friesen, Pastorate Chair

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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 Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Dwight Miyake, Janelle Tupper

Praising

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 29)

Richard Brown

One: Worship YHWH in the splendor of holiness!

High Voices: The voice of YHWH resounds over the waters:

Low Voices: The God of glory thunders over the raging seas.

All: God's voice is powerful, God's voice is full of majesty.

High: The voice of YHWH shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

Low: The voice of YHWH strikes with bolts of lightning:

High: The voice of YHWH shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Low: The voice of God twists the oaks, And strips the forests bare:

One: And in God's temple all cry,

All: "Glory!" Give strength to your people, YHWH! Bless your people with peace.

Hymn: HWB 91 – Praise to God, immortal praise (v. 1) Eric Stoltzfus

Hymn: HWB 92 – Lord, should rising whirlwinds

Lighting the Peace Lamp Tabitha Gingerich, Kristen Tull

Congregational response:

All: We long for peace, we pray for peace, we choose to live for peace.

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Passing the Peace

Hymn: STS 16 – Peace before us (v. 1)

Confessing

Confession

All: Mother God, we come together as people of victory and failure. We ask your forgiveness for when we have failed to be generous with our time, our money, and our kind words, when we have lost our patience and been unkind. Make us a generous, patient people with kindness and forbearance for others.

Hymn: HWB 444 – Lord, I want to be a Christian

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

Cindy Lapp

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-9 Daniel Miller
Matthew 3:13-17 Claire Noël-Miller
Message: *The Power and Humility of Baptism* Cindy Lapp

Hymn: STJ 79 – *As I went down to the river*

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: HWB 545 – Be thou my vision

Benediction

TODAY

Greeter: Sara Fretz-Goering

Ushers: Lindsay Deel, Keith Swartzendruber *Nursery:* Daron Showalter, Kirstin Showalter

Worship Arts: Kristin Sampson

Kaffee Tee Klatsch:

NEXT WEEK

Herb Reed

Elham Eftekhary, Amy Whittington Penny Russell, Mary Hershberger

Jeanette Stoltzfus Su Flickinger

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$3,940

Weekly Goal – \$5,830

Attendance Last Week – 95

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, January 19:

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; I Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

CALENDAR

Wed. 1/15—Adult Education Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. 1/16—Trustees, 7:00 p.m.; Pastorate, 7:15 p.m.

Sat. 1/18—MCC comforter-making at WCF (see announcement).

Sun. 1/19—Michelle Burkholder preaches.

Sun. 1/26—Mary Hershberger preaches; no Sunday School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Meal Today: All are welcome at our first fellowship meal of 2020 in the basement fellowship hall immediately following the worship service.

Advent/Christmas Offering Update: Thank you to all who contributed to our Advent/Christmas season special offering for Congregation Action Network (CAN). We reached our goal of \$5,000.

Hospitality Night: Hospitality Night will be Sunday, January 26. Please fill out the paper or online survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8WVDYPL. Survey answers are needed no later than THIS Thursday, January 16. We hope to see you all at Hospitality Night!

Out of the Office: Cindy will be gone at the School for Leadership Training at Eastern Mennonite Seminary from Monday, Jan. 13 through Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Seekers Class: Interested in exploring questions of faith and what Mennonites believe with other HMC people? Join the Seekers class that will meet during the Sunday School hour. For more information, contact Cindy.

HMC Retreat at Rolling Ridge: HMC will offer a quiet, reflective retreat at Rolling Ridge on Feb. 14-16. The theme will encourage connection with oneself, nature, the Divine, and one another. There will be opportunity for quiet (with some designated time of silence) and low-key engagement with others. There will be a few times of intentional gathering together as well as alone time. Contact Tabitha Gingerich or Cindy Lapp if you are interested.