

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

Daniel Daughtry-Weiss

Praising

Call to Worship

Kaye Brubaker

Hymn: STJ 44 – *The love of God*

Cindy Lapp

Community Reading (from Psalm 136)

One: O give thanks to God, for God is good,

Many: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: who alone does great wonders,

Many: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: who by understanding made the heavens,

Many: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: who spread out the earth on the waters,

Many: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: who made the great lights,

Many: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: the sun to rule over the day,

Many: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: the moon and stars to rule over the night,

Many: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: God remembered us when we were under the yoke

Many: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: and rescued us from our oppressors

Many: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: O give thanks to the God of heaven,

Many: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

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.

New Nursery Advisory Group: There is interest in cleaning up and re-envisioning 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.

Adult Education Options in January: Join Wyatt Feeler for our annual Bible study discussion group on the Biblical story of Esther during Sunday School through February 2 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.

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

- *Fourth Sunday intergenerational activity at HMC:* January 26
- *PG Plaza Day Center lunch provided by HMC:* January 28
- *Allegheny Mennonite Conference gathering at HMC:* March 7
- *HMC youth mystery dinner:* March 14

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 unavailable. <i>Michelle</i> will be available Tuesday and Thursday. <i>Jake</i> will be in the office Tuesday and Friday.	
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Lighting the Peace Lamp

Richard Brown

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

Prayer of Confession

Hymn: HWB 627 – *There is a balm in Gilead*

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

Kaye Brubaker

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 49:1-7

John 1:29-42

Janet Reedy

Stan Reedy

Message: ***A Soaring Love***

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: HWB 35 – *Many and great, O God*

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 306 – *In Christ there is no East or West*

Benediction

TODAY

Greeter: Herb Reed

Ushers: Elham Eftekhary, Amy Whittington

Nursery: Penny Russell, Mary Hershberger

Worship Arts: Sara Person

Kaffee Tee Klatsch: Su Flickinger

NEXT WEEK

Mary Jo Schumacher

Anne Sedda Confer, Marc Friesen

Amanda Melara, Angie Wiens

Melanie Friesen

Alice Bender, Michael Bender

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$7,931

Weekly Goal – \$5,830

Attendance Last Week – 127

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, January 26:

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1-9; I Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

CALENDAR

Sun. 1/19—Michelle Burkholder preaches.

Sat. 1/25—Sophia's Table (*see announcement*).

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

Tues. 1/28—PG Plaza Day Center meal (*see announcement*).

Fri. 2/14 – Sun. 2/16—Rolling Ridge Retreat (*see announcement*);
Snow Camp at Laurelville Retreat Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of the Office: Pastor Cindy Lapp will be in Las Cruces, New Mexico this week with faith leaders from across the country who work with Faith in Action. The agenda includes a visit to the border wall and a “processing center”, as well as further training in community organizing. Thanks for keeping her and those gathered in prayer, as well as those most affected by dangerous immigration policies and practices. She will be gone Jan. 20 through Jan. 25.

Fourth Sunday Intergenerational Activity: There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, January 26. Instead, at 9:30 a.m. at HMC, we will gather to have an intergenerational activity. We will play Connect Four as part of our year-long theme “Connections”, and there will be additional activities.

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 still need: green salad for 40, chicken corn soup for 20, and fresh fruit for 20. Contact Cindy to bring food.

Sophia's Table Meeting: Sophia's Table, the HMC Women's Group, will meet Saturday, January 25 at the church from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Our topic, presented by Alice Bender, will be "Poetry, Plastic and Mercy: A Year of Focus." Bring a breakfast item to share and come to hear and offer wisdom. Please RSVP to sophiastablehmc@gmail.com by January 22, or just come. All are welcome.

