


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.

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.

HMC Retreat at Rolling Ridge: HMC will be offering a quiet, reflective retreat at Rolling Ridge over the weekend of 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. Please be in touch with Tabitha Gingerich or Cindy Lapp if you are interested in attending or have any questions.

New Nursery Advisory Group: As we welcome a new year, we will also welcome a new working group into the life of the church. 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, please let Michelle know.

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.	
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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 Eric Stoltzfus

Praising

Call to Worship* Sarah Hall Aguila

One: People of God, arise, shine, for your light has come!

Many: The light of Christ has come into the world.

Immanuel. God with us.

One: So arise, shine, for your light has come!

Many: And we will follow the light—when it shines brightly in the night sky, when it glows dimly on the horizon.

One: We will follow the light—when it leads down familiar paths to expected destinations, and even when the road is unfamiliar and the star rests above a dubious-looking home.

Many: We will lift up our eyes and look around. And when we see the Christ child, may our hearts be overwhelmed with joy.

All: When we are in the presence of Immanuel, may our knees bend in reverent worship.

When our journey brings us, finally, to the heart of God, may our hands open in generous sharing;

may our mouths open in generous praise.

Hymn: STS 32 – *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem* Penny Russell

The Light of Advent: Isaiah 60:1-6

Hymn: HWB 200 – *Where is this stupendous Stranger?*

Confessing

Confession of Faith (based on Matthew 2:1-12)

Many: Emmanuel, you have come. We rejoice in your light.

Hymn: HWB 221 – *Hail the bless'd morn*

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

Penny Russell

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

Message: *Epiphany 20/20*

Hymn: HWB 452 – *Ubi caritas et amor*

Elham Eftekhary

Cindy Lapp

Service of Communion

Michelle Burkholder

We practice an open communion and all are welcome to partake.

Please come forward down the center aisle and return via the side aisles.

You are invited to dip the bread (non-gluten option is available) in the grape juice.

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: *This little light of mine*

Benediction

**adapted from a piece by Joanna Harader, and posted on the Spacious Faith blog:
<http://spaciousfaith.com/>*

TODAY

Greeter: Mary Jo Schumacher

Ushers: Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman

Nursery: Mary Hershberger, Angie Wiens

Worship Arts: Doris Bartel

Kaffee Tee Klatsch: Dwight Miyake, Saundra Plett

NEXT WEEK

Sara Fretz-Goering

Lindsay Deel, Keith Swartzendruber

Daron Showalter, Kirstin Showalter

Kristin Sampson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$930

Advent Offering – \$837

Weekly Goal – \$5,830

Attendance Last Week – 85

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, January 12:
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

CALENDAR

Sun. 1/5—Cindy Lapp preaches; Church Council, 12:45 p.m.

Tues. 1/7—Worship committee, 7:00 p.m.

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

Thurs. 1/16—Pastorate, 7:15 p.m.

Sun. 1/19—Michelle Burkholder preaches.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Final Day for Special Offering: Today is the last day to contribute to our special offering this holiday season, which 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; HMC is a founding and active member of CAN. Our goal for Advent/Christmas offering is to raise \$5,000 for the work of CAN, of which we have raised \$4,300. Visit: <https://give.faithinaction.org/team/DMV> to learn more. Thank you for your generous support in loving neighbors as ourselves.

Fellowship Meal, January 12: Our first fellowship meal of 2020 will be next Sunday, January 12. Please bring something to share if you are able.

Hospitality Night: Hospitality Night will be Sunday, January 26. Please fill out either the paper survey or the online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8WVDYPL>. We need people to sign up to be both hosts and guests. Survey answers are needed no later than Thursday, January 16. We hope to see you all at Hospitality Night!

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?

