

**Adult Education Series:** Adult Education will continue to focus on our experiences of the traditional (and maybe not-so-traditional) marks of Anabaptism. From pacifism to whoopie pies, what are the things that make us, us? Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays at University Park Church of the Brethren (UPCoB). All are welcome!

**Care Packages for HMC College Students:** It's time to show our students we love them! Please consider adding to the joy by bringing travel size personal care items, trinkets, notes of encouragement, goodies (think wrapped candies/energy bars, etc.), or any small item a college student will appreciate. We'll tuck in Starbucks cards and homemade cookies, too. Bring items anytime between now and Sunday, March 22. If you'd like to help prepare boxes for mailing, let Sandra Plett know. We will be preparing 12 care packages.

**April 5 Baby Shower:** A baby shower will be held for Janelle Tupper and Frank Graeff following the worship service on Sunday, April 5. This will be a potluck lunch at the home of Kristi Bahrenburg Janzen and Bernd Janzen. You can find their baby registry here: [redacted] Both Janelle and Frank are vegetarian but can be flexible. [redacted]

**The Mennonite Magazine Subscription:** Our annual church subscription for *The Mennonite* is due soon. If you wish to continue your subscription or begin a new one, contact Jake Short in the church office; it is \$37 for one year.

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 Tuesday through Friday. Michelle will be available Tuesday and Thursday. Jake 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 Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Daniel Daughtry-Weiss

Praising

Call to Worship Mary Jo Schumacher

One: Morning has broken!  
**Many: We gather to greet the new day by praising God.**

One: God created us for relationship with God,  
one another, and the earth.

**Many: Let us honor those relationships today and every day.**

One: We seek to care for our brothers and sisters around the world,  
and to care for God's good Creation.

**Many: Let us honor those relationships today and every day.**

One: May we commit to new ways of honoring your Creation  
as a means of sharing Jesus' transforming love,

**Many: And let us seek God's grace, justice and mercy for all.**  
**All: Amen.**

Hymn: HWB 97 – *From the hands* Cindy Lapp  
Lighting the Peace Lamp Kristi Bahrenburg Janzen  
Chant: *The earth, the air, the fire, the water, return*

Confessing

Prayer of Confession  
Silence

Words of Assurance (Psalm 121)

One: I lift my eyes to the mountains - from where will my help come?

**Many: My help comes from YHWH, who made heaven and earth!**

One: YHWH won't let our footsteps slip: our Guardian never sleeps.

**Many: The Guardian of Israel will never slumber, never sleep!**

One: YHWH is our Guardian; YHWH is our shade:

with God by our side, the sun cannot overpower us by day,  
nor the moon at night.

*All: YHWH guards us from harm, guards our lives.*

*YHWH guards our leaving and our coming back, now and forever.*

Hymn: VT 29 – *Touch the Earth Lightly* (see insert)

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

Saundra Plett

Scripture Reading:

John 3:1-17

Bernd Janzen

Message: ***Faith Story***

Max Janzen

Hymn: HWB 411 – *I bind my heart this tide*

Service of Baptism

Baptismal Vows

Prayer

Baptism and Blessing

Congregational response and covenant: HWB 777

Hymn: HWB 420 – *Heart with loving heart united*

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 580 – *My life flows on*

Benediction

TODAY

*Greeter:* Peter Goering

*Ushers:* Brian Brubaker, Richard Brown

*Nursery:* Alice Bender, Penny Russell

*Worship Arts:* Jeanette Stoltzfus, Molly Feeler Stoltzfus

*Kaffee Tee Klatsch:*

NEXT WEEK

Mary Jo Schumacher

Glen Gehman, Nancy Gehman

Dorothy Leissa, Angie Wiens

Kristin Sampson

Alice Bender, Michael Bender

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$6,857

Lent Offering – \$483

Weekly Goal – \$5,830

Attendance Last Week – 93

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, March 15:

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

CALENDAR

Tues. 3/10—Ted & Co. with Ken Medema show, 7:30 p.m.

Sun. 3/15—Lent III; Cindy Lapp preaches.

Sun. 3/22—Lent IV; Cindy Lapp preaches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lent 2020 Theme:** The Lenten theme this year is “Creation Revealing Christ”, which invites us to view this season through the lens of creation [care]. The lectionary scriptures for Lent are full of natural elements, allowing us to explore the interplay of nature, Jesus, and our lives. Join us for this journey!

**Lent 2020 Offering:** With the blessing of Church Council, HMC is initiating a project to sponsor an asylum seeker out of ICE detention. We hope to raise \$4,000 during Lent as seed money for our HMC Asylum Sponsorship Support fund. We will be matched with an individual and meet them once the paperwork is complete. After that, HMC will be responsible for orientation and welcome, accompanying them to ICE check-ins, social outings, help finding a lawyer, health care provider, and general financial assistance until they can get a work permit. We are working with a community member who has offered housing for the asylum seeker. Please contact Joy Olson, Doris Bartel, or Cathy Kerst if you have questions or want to be involved directly.

**Fellowship Meal Today:** All are welcome at the fellowship meal immediately following the worship service today.

**Can We Talk? Performance at HMC on March 10:** Ted & Co. and Ken Medema will present a new show titled *Can We Talk? Conversations For Change Through Story & Song* at HMC **THIS Tuesday, March 10** at 7:30 p.m. There are no tickets for this free show, but there will be a freewill donation to help offset costs. Don't forget to invite your friends!

