

Juana Hernandez Preaches April 3: Juana Alicia Ruiz Hernandez is an Afro-Colombian community leader. Winner of the 2015 Colombia National Peace Prize, she is known throughout the country for co-founding and leading a group of women called Women Weaving Dreams and Flavors of Peace who create tapestries in the traditional Colombian style to tell stories of resistance and resilience.

Lent Offering 2022: Our Lent offering this year will go to Immigrant and Refugee Outreach (irocenter.org) to benefit the Afghan refugee families who have been resettled into our neighborhoods. Our target goal is to raise \$5,000. Please make sure your donation is designated to the Lent offering. Thanks!

Children & Youth Sunday School: In-Person Sunday School for kids/youth is back! Kids and youth are invited to arrive at the church basement fellowship hall for casual catch-up and games between 9:30-9:45 a.m. We will begin our official Sunday School gathering time of sharing/singing/prayer at 9:45 a.m. and will then break out into age based sub-groups around 10:00 a.m. for further conversations/activities. Kids ages 4 and younger are welcome to attend Sunday School in the company of a designated adult. Youth grades 6-12: please bring your coats as we may venture outside for conversation/activities. We are currently making our way through the Fruits of the Spirit and this week will consider: *Goodness*. Masks required for all participants over age 2.

Livestream Option For Worship: While we are now meeting in-person for worship, we also have a livestream option for those who do not yet feel comfortable rejoining or are unable to rejoin in-person. More details are in the email listserv announcements. Please offer any feedback to one of the pastors.

Church Leadership

Church Staff Schedule: The church staff are off work on Mondays.

Pastor: Cynthia Lapp (clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org)
Associate Pastor: Michelle Burkholder (mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org)
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Treasurer: Sarah Hall Aguila (sarah.hall.aguila@gmail.com)
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Church Email Listserv: To add or change your email address, please contact the administrative assistant.

Facebook: Hyattsville Mennonite Church



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Gathering For Worship

VT – *Voices Together* (purple hymnal)

Prelude

Sadie Sherman, Mira Grieser

Praising

Call to Worship

Meryt McGindley

Thank you God for your songs, which we are invited to sing.

We are singing your songs today:

praising your faithfulness,

giving thanks for your mercy,

seeking your joy,

hearing you in the voices all around us.

Hymn: VT 594 – *Over My Head*

Cynthia Lapp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Janelle Tupper

Confessing

Confession

Meryt McGindley

Lord, we confess to you our unhappy business,

all the deeds done under the sun that we would rather not remember.

The explosions caused by bombs made in our own factories.

The injustices suffered by those who look or sound different from us.

The cries of the hungry that are not fed in our own communities.

Our own hurtful words hurled at those we love.

Lord, tune our ears to the voice of Jesus, so that always and everywhere

we may hear his song of peace and love for every creature under the sun.

Hymn: VT 284 – *Lo, I am with you*

Cynthia Lapp

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Penny Russell

Children's Offering (*children can bring their offerings forward at this time*)

Joining Our Voices Together

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: VT 563 – *Come Thou Fount*

Hymn: VT 290 – *Blessed are you*

Hymn: VT 299 – *God lights a lamp*

Hymn: VT 593 – *Si tuvieras fe*

Hymn: VT 585 – *Faith begins by letting go*

Interlude

Sadie Sherman, Mira Grieser

Responding

Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something.

Prayers of the Church

Work of the Church

Welcoming our Visitors

Announcements

Offerings

Lent Offering: Assisting Afghan Refugee Families in PG County

Offering baskets will be by the door as you exit.

Brief but Spectacular

Frank Graeff

Sending

Hymn: VT 797 – *We are people of God's Peace*

Benediction

Cynthia Lapp

Meryt McGindley

TODAY

Ushers: Nancy and Glen Gehman *Greeter:* Herbert Reed

Worship Arts: Doris Bartel

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$5,950

Weekly Goal – \$6,423

Lent Offering

Last Week – \$1,060

Total – \$1,390

Attendance Last Week – 59 in-person; 26 participants (Zoom)

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Calendar

Mar. 27: (In-person) Lent IV, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Apr. 3: (In-person) Lent V, Juana Hernandez preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Apr. 10: (In-person) Palm Sunday, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Apr. 17: (In-person) Easter, Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Announcements

Volunteers Needed For March 24 Day Center Meal: We need volunteers to prepare dishes (baked ziti, 24-hour lettuce salad) and provide turkey & cheese sandwiches, cookies, fruit, and bottled water for the March meal on Thursday, March 24 at the [PG Plaza Day Center](#). We also need volunteers to sign up to help serve the meal. If you can help, please sign up using [the online form](#). If you do not have daytime availability, please note that the items can be dropped off at the church house prior to Thursday. If you have questions, contact Lori Zehr (lorireeder@gmail.com).

Sophia's Table (HMC Women's Group) March 26: Sophia's Table will meet *in-person* on Saturday, March 26, 9:00 - 11:30am. Please bring a breakfast item to share and bring your mask. The presentation will begin at 9:45 in the basement. This month Anne-Claire Frank Seisay will share her story of living in the US as an immigrant from the Netherlands. Very recently she became a US citizen and will also share some of her reflections on that process, including taking the loyalty oath required of all new citizens. During this morning together Sophia's Table will have a conversation with Anne-Claire about what it means to be loyal to the United States. **RSVP by March 23** to sophiastablehmc@gmail.com, but *please know you are welcome to attend whether you RSVP or not!*

Intergenerational Sunday School Hour Gathering March 27: There will not be Sunday school for kids or adults on Sunday, March 27. Instead, all are invited to come to the fellowship hall from 9:30-10:30 for a relaxed time of building connections with each other. There will be several activities available for people of all ages to interact with and there will be plenty of space for folks to simply meet, greet, and converse with each other. Please join in this casual opportunity to reconnect in-person. If you have questions please contact Michelle (mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org).