

A Christ-centered welcoming church committed to peace & justice.

July 3, 2022 No. 44

Gathering for Worship

VT – Voices Together hymnal (purple)

Brian Brubaker Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship Mary Hershberger

Friends, let us remember that Jesus came to lift our deepest fears and sorrows out from darkness and into the light. As followers of Jesus, we too, can reach out to one another:

To comfort the broken-hearted,

To sit with the down-trodden,

To attend to fears and depression that beset loved ones,

To bravely ask that our own distress be heard and attended to,

To search for resilience and hope through every struggle and loss,

To find meaning in our suffering and our pain.

Now, let us come, as we are, to God's mercy seat of grace and compassion.

Hymn: VT 11 – Mountain of God Lighting the Peace Lamp

Cynthia Lapp Meryt McGindley

Confessing

Confession Mary Hershberger

Compassionate God, you know our emotions and our feelings.

Confronted with mental illness, we do not always know what to say.

When loved ones feel isolated and alone,

we do not always know how to listen.

Faced with our own distress, we do not always seek help and support.

Give us courage to name the ills that beset us.

Help us extend comfort and consolation when your children suffer.

Grant us hope in hard times and peace in the midst of our sorrow.

Hymn: VT 161 – *I Sought the Lord* Cynthia Lapp

Hearing The Word

Time for Children JoLeah Gorman

(children are dismissed for Children's Church)

Scripture Brian & Ellen Brubaker

Isaiah 41:10 John 14:27 1 Peter 5:7

Message: **Stop Looking at Me!!!**Hymn: VT 644 – *Healer of Our Every III*Cynthia Lapp

Responding

Responses to the Message Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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

Praying Together

Work of the Church

Welcoming our Guests

Announcements

Ministry Highlight: Congregation Action Network (CAN)

Cynthia Lapp

Offertory

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

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: VT 816 – *Guide My Feet*Benediction

Cynthia Lapp

Mary Hershberger

TODAY

Ushers: Sara Person Worship Arts: Doris Bartel

TREASURER'S REPORT
Offering Last Week – \$4,415 Weekly Goal – \$6,423

Attendance Last Week – 62 in-person; 21 participants (Zoom)

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Amos 7:7-17 and Psalm 82; Deuteronomy 30:9-14 and Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

Calendar

July 10: Sunday Worship, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

July 17: Sunday Worship, Adam Tice preaches, 11:00 a.m.

July 24: Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Announcements

Welcoming Alnicia Gibson, July 3: We will welcome Alnicia Gibson who will be giving the message on July 3. Alnicia is a devoted mother of three and devoted to serving the mental health community. She strives to educate, advocate, and help overcome the stigma associated with mental health conditions. Alnicia has served on the Board of Directors for the National Alliance of Mental Illness for Prince Georges and Anne Arundel County Maryland. She has also served as the walk chair for the 2017 & 2018 Out of the Darkness Community Walk sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Worship Arts Volunteers Needed: Share your artistic talents! The worship arts committee is looking for helpers! We welcome volunteers to prepare the front of the church using the many banners and supplies from the worship arts room. If this sounds like too big a commitment, consider helping with take-down after church instead, shadowing a current

volunteer, or simply sharing your creative ideas. If interested and for more information, contact Meryt McGindley.

Volunteers needed for July 28 Day Center Meal: We need volunteers to prepare dishes (chili, cornbread, brownies) and provide fixings (shredded cheese, sour cream), fruit, and bottled water for the meal on Thursday, July 28 at the PG Plaza Day Center. We also need one volunteer to sign up to help serve the meal. If you can help, please sign up using the form in the listserv announcements. 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.

Summer Conversations: IGH Funds, Aug. 21: Please join us Sunday, Aug. 21 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall for a Summer Conversation regarding how HMC could best use the funds we received from the sale of the IGH house. This will not be a decision-making discussion, rather listening to each other's thoughts/priorities/questions.

Fall Church Retreat, Oct. 14-16: Fall retreat is happening at Shepherd's Spring Retreat Center in Sharpsburg, MD, October 14-16. Plans are progressing smoothly. Needs: I'm looking for a volunteer to be the Masters of Ceremony of our amazing Saturday evening talent show! (Everyone, make sure you're practicing your talents so you can participate!) Additionally, I'm looking for people interested in hosting a Saturday afternoon leisure activity of choice. Please contact Dorothy Leissa if interested in either opportunity.

Ushers and Greeters Needed: Now that we are passing the offering baskets during the service again, we need to have two ushers along with the greeter every Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mary, the administrative assistant (admin@hyattsvillemennonite.org).

Assistive Listening Devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.