



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering for Worship

VT – *Voices Together* hymnal (purple)

Prelude

Recordings curated by Dave Kraybill

Praising

Call to Worship
Psalm 121

Tim Wiens

Hymn: VT 532 – *Be at Rest*

Cynthia Lapp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Michaela Atencio

Confessing

Confession

Tim Wiens

Hymn: VT 636 – *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Cynthia Lapp

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Cynthia Lapp

Scripture
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Michelle Burkholder, Becky Hass
Simon Burkholder-Hass

Message: **Poetry Readings**

LeAnne Zook, Janet Reedy, Sara Fretz-Goering

Hymn: VT 541 – *Listen in the Silence*

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

The Ministry of Giving

Offering

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

Offertory Hymn: VT 750 – *God of the Fertile Fields*

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: VT 842 – *Shalom, My Friends*

Cynthia Lapp

Benediction

Tim Wiens

TODAY

Ushers:

Worship Arts: Jeanette Stoltzfus

Tech Host: Allan Dueck

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$3,380

Weekly Goal – \$6,423

Attendance Last Week – 91 in-person; 25 participants (Zoom)

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14; Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10;
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Calendar

Sept. 11: *Sunday School starts, 9:45 a.m.*

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

Fellowship Meal, 12:00 p.m.

Sept. 18: *Sunday Worship, Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11:00 a.m.*

Sept. 25: *Sunday Worship, Dave Mishler preaches, 11:00 a.m.*

Announcements

Masks Optional Starting Sept 11: The HMC Covid Task Force recommends that we make masks optional in worship and in the building beginning Sept 11. Currently Prince George's, Montgomery, Alexandria, Arlington Counties and DC are all classified low transmission according to the CDC. If you feel most comfortable continuing to wear a mask, please feel free to do so.

New Time for Sunday School: Both Sunday School and Adult Education will be starting at 9:45 a.m. going forward. Plans for Sunday School for kids and youth are still under construction. We will keep you informed as those pieces come together. On September 11, we'll kick off the new year of activities with a gathering for kids and youth of all ages in the church house yard (or the church house if weather is bad). Ages 4 and up welcome on their own, under 4 welcome with a trusted adult.

Adult Ed, Sept. 11: Our Adult Ed series begins on September 11 at 9:45 a.m. with a dive into Brian McLaren's latest book: *"Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned."* The book takes an unflinching look at powerful questions that many people are asking -- sometimes only in private. McLaren urges us to think about, and discuss, these questions openly through a process of forming responsible, ethical decisions about our religious beliefs and identity. Discounted copies are available for purchase at the church for \$20. It is also available at bookstores, and as an ebook or audiobook.

Kids/Youth Sunday School & HMC Involvement Survey: If your household has people between the ages of 0-12th grade - and you haven't yet filled it out - please take a few minutes to respond to a survey about kids/youth involvement at HMC. We value your input as we continue to craft opportunities for HMC kids and youth in the months ahead: <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/RbQ0gbVz#/0>

Book Release Launch Party, Sept. 6: Michelle Burkholder has created 9 original pieces of art that are included in an advent devotional book releasing September 6, entitled: Expecting Emmanuel, written by Joanna Harader. Find out more about the book and pre-order it from [Menno Media](#) (or Amazon). You are also invited to join in a virtual launch day party on Tuesday, September 6 at 8:00 p.m. (link in the email announcements) to hear Joanna and Michelle reflect on the process of creating the book and answer any questions folks may have. We will also be giving away several copies of the book! Come celebrate with us.

Fall Church Retreat, Oct. 14-16: We hope you can participate in HMC's 2022 Church Retreat at Shepherd's Spring Camp and Retreat Center from October 14-16. Make sure you remember to read the information in the Listserv, register online by Sept. 15 (link also in the Listserv), prepare to share a talent at the Saturday night talent show (this is not required but is a lot of fun!) and plan to bring snacks! We enjoy having a fine selection of healthy, yummy snacks to sustain us between meals and before Sunday morning's brunch (10:00 a.m.) Board games and puzzles are also needed. If you want to lead an optional activity during our Saturday afternoon free time, please contact Dorothy Leissa. This year's retreat program is: ***"I've Been Meaning to Ask..." -- Building Connections through Conversation***. Through a series of prompts and questions posed in small groups, we will be invited to share our history, our pain, and our needs, and to seek ways to care for one another in community. Having courageous conversations in a safe space can help us disrupt assumptions, cultivate curiosity, foster listening, and find deeper connections with God and one another. This program is appropriate for participation by children in first grade and above.



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