



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering For Worship

Prelude: *October* from *The Seasons*, Op. 37b No. 10, P. I. Tchaikovsky

Praising

Call To Worship (adapted from VT 955)

Holy God come among us and create a community eager to learn more about you.

Help us grow in wisdom and understanding, in skill, strength, and knowledge that honors you.

Teach us to know you, ourselves, and our neighbors more fully, to see your presence in the world more clearly, and to love more deeply.

Form us as doers of justice and lovers of mercy to walk humbly with you and one another on this path of discovery.

Hymn: 98 – *Immortal, Invisible*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession (adapted from Romans 12: 9-21)

Lord and teacher

You call us to love with sincerity

but too often our love is conditional, cautious, or convenient.

We tolerate what is evil

and fail to cling firmly to what is good.

You call us to be joyful in hope,
to be patient in affliction and faithful in prayer.
Yet we grow weary and cynical.

**We lose hope when change comes slowly,
and turn to our own strength before turning to you.**

You call us to bless those who persecute us,
to rejoice with those who rejoice
and mourn with those who mourn.

**Yet we hold grudges, envy another's joy,
and turn away from suffering when it asks too much of us.**

You call us to leave vengeance behind,
to feed our enemies when they are hungry
and give them drink when they are thirsty.

**Yet we struggle to see others as neighbors,
and we withhold generosity.**

God, forgive us.

Silence

Hymn: 751 – *There Is in Every Person*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children: *Blessing of the Backpacks*

Scripture: Exodus 3: 1-15

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Sermon: **Who am I?**

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: 554 – *Eternal Light*

Responding

Responding to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something or raise your
hand to have a mic brought to you.*

Praying Together

Life of the Church

Welcoming our Guests

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering: *Children are invited to bring their offering forward at this time.*

Offering

Offertory: *Sweet Dreams*, Op. 39, No. 21, P. I. Tchaikovsky

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 844 – *May the Face of God Shine on You*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Exodus 12:1-14 and Psalm 149

Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Calendar

Sept. 6: Wild Church

Sept. 13: Adult and Children's ed returns, 9:45-10:40 a.m.

Cynthia Lapp preaches

Youth Fundraiser: Baked Potato Bar

Sept. 20: New Member Sunday, Jessica & Lemuel Yutzy

Blessing of the Comforters

Announcements

Wild Church: Sunday, September 6. We will worship outside (near the Back Swamp). Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on. Please use street parking or ride your bike if possible to save space in the parking lot.

New members: The pastorate recommends Jessica and Lem Yutzy for membership at HMC. They will share their faith journeys and become members on Sept 20.

Philip Krabill has committed to be a part of the Saint Francis Jubilee Pilgrimage, an interfaith group put together by Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA). Philip will travel with this group to the West Bank from October 12-23 this year in order to fulfill the request of Palestinian Christians to "come and see, then go and tell". If you would like to help offset

Philip's costs (airfare, lodging, support for Sabeel, etc.) please donate at this address: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/fundraising/philip-krabill>.

Adult Ed Begins September 13: A new season of Adult Ed begins on September 13 at 9:45 a.m. in the foyer. This fall we will be reading *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament* by esteemed scholar Ellen Davis. Copies will be available by September 6 on the table in the foyer.

Youth Potato Bar Fundraiser: Instead of a potluck lunch on September 13, the youth will be hosting a baked potato bar fundraiser to support upcoming youth activities including MCUSA's convention in Cincinnati in summer 2027. Come enjoy a baked potato smothered in your choice of assorted toppings alongside good company!

Registration for HMC Fall Retreat Deadline Sept. 11: HMC retreat at Shepherd's Spring Retreat Center in Sharpsburg MD is October 9-11 2026. See Listserv for registration info and link.

Still Place: An Urban Retreat is hosting an Ember Day on Saturday, Sept 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Joy Douglas will lead this Ember Day. An Ember Day is a mostly silent retreat that focuses on a theme suggested by the Earth's season.

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

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