

Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering For Worship

Prelude: "Steal Away," traditional spiritual

Praising

Call To Worship

Come, all who carry a name, a face, a voice, a story.

We come to remember, to grieve, and to give thanks.

Some memories bring laughter. Others awaken an ache we cannot put into words.

God receives our joy and our sorrow.

We gather with those who came before us, those beside us, and those who will come after us.

We belong to a living community of love.

Jesus met grief with tears and offered hope without turning away from pain.

Give us courage to remember and grace to care for one another.

With all that is tender and unfinished, let us worship God.

Together, we worship the God of life and love.

Hymn: 652 – *Before the Waters Nourished Earth*

Confessing

Confession

Our God is the God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Miriam, Hannah, and Mary, who has accompanied generations through joy and

sorrow. **God knows every name and holds each life in love. No one is forgotten in God's care.**

In Jesus of Nazareth, God comes among us as a servant, sharing our humanity and showing us the way of love. **Jesus wept with his friends, blessed those who mourn, and taught us to practice mercy, justice, and peace. Our tears are not failures of faith.**

We trust that God's Spirit is at work in our world and in our lives, even when faith falters and grief overwhelms. **God knows us fully, in our generosity and our failures, and still meets us with grace.**

We hold fast to the promise of resurrection, though we cannot explain the mystery of death or hurry the work of grief. **We trust that violence and oppression will not have the final word, that justice will roll down like waters, and that God will wipe away every tear.**

As we remember those who have gone before us, may we carry their stories, care for those who journey beside us, and continue the work of love and peace. Amen.

Hymn: 203 – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Candle Lighting in Remembrance

Poem: "If I Must Die, Let It Be a Tale"
Refaat Alareer (1979-2023), Palestinian poet

Silence

Requiem (see program)

Responding

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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: "You can do this hard thing" by Carrie Newcomer Teresa Jimenez

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 671 – *The Hand of God Shall Hold You*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 & Psalm 78:1-7

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24 & Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Calendar

Sun. Nov. 8: Michelle Burkholder preaches

Fellowship Meal

Sat. Nov. 14: Youth Bake Sale Prep & Games, 5 p.m.

Sun. Nov. 15: New Member Sunday

Children's Church

Congregational Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Fellowship hall

Sat. Nov. 21: Hyattsville International Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun. Nov. 22: Jess Buller from SembrandoPaz preaches

Announcements

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: On Tuesday, the United States will hold a high-stakes midterm election that will determine the country's path forward for the next two-plus years. Pray for peace, regardless of the outcome of this election.

New Member Sunday: The Pastorate recommends Matthias Seisay for membership. He will be sharing his faith journey and becoming a member on November 15.

2027 HMC Budget Pledge: Please submit your pledge by **November 5**. As of October 28, we have received 23 pledges. We have \$107,410 in pledges, roughly 30% of our \$364,064 goal.

- 2 new households have committed to pledging for 2027
- 11 households increased their pledge from 2026
- 8 households kept their pledge steady from 2026
- 2 households decreased their pledge from 2026
- 54 households who pledged in 2026 have not yet submitted a pledge for 2027

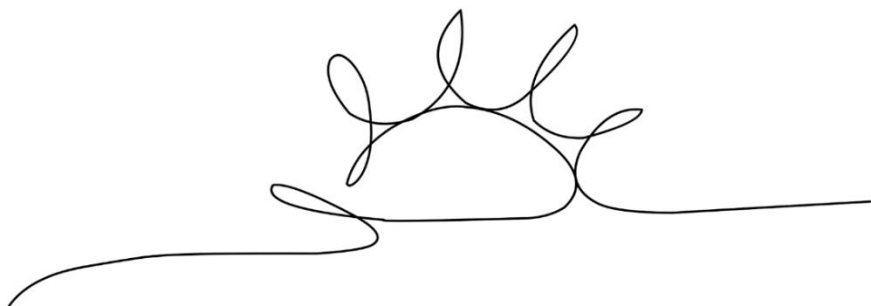
Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 15: Please join us at 6:30 p.m. as we discuss and approve the budget for 2027 and work with Bethany Williams to tell stories for the 75th Anniversary Celebration. Light refreshments will be provided by the hospitality committee.

New name, same opportunity to support artisans! Hyattsville International Fall Bazaar at Hyattsville Mennonite Church: Saturday, November 21, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. See flyer in the foyer for more information. Please take one and share.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to unpack, set up, staff the event, and then take down, as well as to bake items for the sale.

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

Church Leadership	Staff Schedule
<p>Pastor: Cynthia Lapp (she/her) (clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org)</p> <p>Associate Pastor: Michelle Burkholder (they/them) (mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org)</p> <p>Admin Assistant: Holly Torgerson (she/her) (admin@hyattsvillemennonite.org)</p> <p>Treasurer: Janelle Tupper (janelle.m.tupper@gmail.com)</p> <p>Council Chair: Jeanette Stoltzfus (jeanette.stoltzfus@gmail.com)</p> <p>Pastorate Chair: Becca Walawender (rebeccawalawender@gmail.com)</p> <p>Trustees Chair: Tim Wiens (timwiens1952@gmail.com)</p>	<p>All staff are off Mon.</p> <hr/> <p>Listserves & Directory</p> <p>Contact the admin assistant to join our official & community listservs and the church directory.</p> <p>Access the church directory online at instantchurchdirectory.com</p> <hr/> <p>Follow Us</p> <p>Facebook: Hyattsville Mennonite Church</p> <p>Instagram: @hyattsvillemennonite</p>



REQUIEM

A Service of Remembrance for All Saints Day



November 1, 2026
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Amidst uncertainty, grief and fear, through loss due to illness, war, violence and climate change, we remember those who have gone ahead. We seek comfort in music, scripture and community. We remember that we are not alone. Many go before us and many will come after us. We hold this truth in love, in faith, in hope. - Cynthia Lapp

For Those Who Walked with Us

For those
who walked with us,
this is a prayer.

For those
who have gone ahead,
this is a blessing.

For those
who touched and tended us,
who lingered with us
while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.

For those
who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction.

Words: Jan Richardson

Music: James Clemens

from Matthew 5

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.*

from Romans 12

*Rejoice with those who rejoice;
weep with those who weep.*

*Live in harmony with one another;
do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly;
do not claim to be wiser than you are.*

I Believe in the Sun

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God even when God is silent.

Words: Anonymous, found on a cellar wall in Cologne, Germany, WWII
Music: Mark A. Miller

from Isaiah 40

*All flesh is grass;
their constancy is like the flower of the field.*

*The grass withers; the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.*

*The grass withers; the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.*

Silence my soul

Silence my soul these trees are prayers.

I asked the tree

Tell me about God.

Then it blossomed.

Words: Rabindranath Tagore

Music: Francisco F. Feliciano

from Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you,

God, hear my voice.

*Let your ears be attentive
to my voice, to my cries for mercy!*

from Jeremiah 15

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,

for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be

healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail.

How Long, O Lord

How long, O Lord, how long?
Will you forget me, am I forsaken?
How long will you hide your face?
O Lord, I am shaken.

See how I pass my weary days
in sighs and groans; and when it's night,
my bed is watered with my tears;
my grief consumes and dims my sight.

Look how the powers of nature mourn!
How long, how long Almighty God, how long?
When shall your hour of grace return?
When shall I make your grace my song?

I feel my flesh so near the grave,
O my soul, my soul is tempted to despair;
but graves can never praise the Lord,
for all is dust and silence there.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 (based on Psalm 13)

Music: The Walking Roots Band

✦ *The congregation will hold silence* ✦



from Psalm 130

*If you kept track of our sins,
who could stand before you?
But with you is forgiveness,
and for this we revere you.*

*So I wait for you, - my soul waits,
and in your word I place my trust.*

*My soul longs for you,
more than sentinels long for the dawn,
more than sentinels long for the dawn.*

Sure on This Shining Night (from *Nocturnes*)

Sure on this shining night
Of starmade shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground.

The late year lies down the north.
All is healed, all is health.
High summer holds the earth.
Hearts all whole.

Sure on this shining night
I weep for wonder
Wandering far alone
Of shadows on the stars.

Words: James Agee, from the 1934 poem *Description of Elysium*
Music: Morten Lauridsen

from The Book of Common prayer - *adapted*

O God we praise and glorify your holy name for all your servants who have finished their course in faith and for all your righteous servants known to us and unknown. We pray that encouraged by their examples and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and may light perpetual shine on them.*

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you.
And give you peace. Amen.

Words: Numbers 6:24–26

Music: John Rutter



Since 1996, our congregation has been observing All Saints/All Souls Day with a service of music and readings. The musical selections this year start and end with blessings. The interspersed scriptures acknowledge the ways that loss can disrupt our faith. The central musical pieces are simple tunes, that function almost as mantras. These repetitions become an anchor through the disorientation of grief. Even though our faith may be challenged, we sing a blessing for the living and the dead. “The Lord bless you and keep you.”