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Worship with your church family this Sunday.
Our doors are open and you are always welcome in God's house.
We look forward to seeing you.



Sunday Morning Worship Services 9am and 11am

Disciples Men Breakfast
Saturday Jan 15
7:00 Cooking 8:00 Eating
Come and enjoy!
Questions? Call Frank Hearl 301-682-7360



Thoughts from *The Joyful Noiseletter*

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THANKS TO DAD HENGEVELP SEE MATTHEW 6:19-21
**BUT I JUST GOT EVERYTHING BOUGHT,
INSTALLED, AND CONFIGURED PROPERLY**

Hanging on to resentment is like letting someone you dislike live in your head.

— Author unknown

“In the long run, the pessimist may prove to be right, but the optimist has a better time on the trip.”

— Daniel L. Reardon

“Do not grow old, no matter how long you live. Never cease to stand like curious children before the great mystery into which we were born.”

—Albert Einstein

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

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When I consider the perils for young Americans serving in Iraq, my heart swells with anxiety for them. I know some of these kids, and that is what they are.

- They are no more ready for the horrific misery that waits for them than your children would be. Somebody will say ." They are trained for that "
 - But I don't think you can really train anybody for what happened to them in that mess tent a few days ago.
 - The argument that we are teaching them about democracy, and providing a better life is silly. We are hugely disliked and suspected. They only thing these people want from us is to let them alone. The thing they want us to do for them, is to leave them alone and go home.
 - There are so many opportunities we have to help others in this complex world. We can address ourselves to world hunger, to world health, to world wide education. People will say we can not afford to do that.
 - Yet if we have the funds to send thousands of soldiers to police an election that many local citizens do not want - we could use this money to the vast problems of world health and world hunger and world education.
 - My guess is that the day will come when we discover how to help people without hurting them. The day will come when we will send social workers instead of soldiers. I bid your prayers for all the kids in harms way.
- Our Christmas celebrations were magnificent and we thank absolutely everybody. Thank you too for the generous check for your parsonage family.

+Terry



Liturgical Schedule			
Elders	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	
Jan 2 / Jan 9	R. Masters	C. Moore	J. Seaman
Jan 16/ 23	See Hugh Howard for this year's schedule		
Jan 30/ Feb 6			
Deaconate			
Jan 2 / Jan 9	M. Pierson	B. Sweeney	P. McIntire
Jan 16/ 23	See Hugh Howard for this year's schedule		
30 / Feb 6			
Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Scripture
Jan 2	Debbie Blair	Bob Turman	John 1: (1-9) 10-18
Jan 9	Robin Davis	Pierrette McIntire	Matthew 3: 13-17
Jan 16	Gail Howard	Pat Griffith	John 1: 29-42
Jan 23	Teresa Hearl	Jessie Moore	Mark4: 12-23
Jan 30	Dana Reitman	Janet Reister	Matthew 5: 1-12
Feb 6	Sharron Smith	Janice Jackson	Matthew 17: 1-9

Prayer Concerns

Every Sunday we invite the congregation to review our prayer list, and to add the names of persons needing or requesting prayer. To add or remove a name, please speak to Janet Reister at close of service or call her at 301-831-8679



If someone you know is in need of spiritual care please call the pastor, an elder, or one of our associates. We cannot help if we do not know of a need.

Please say a special prayer for these people on their special day!

January Birthdays

Phil Day Jan 15
 Brenda Yankaskas Jan 16
 Kelly Delameter Jan 20
 Diana Covell Jan 26

*******Note From the Editor *******

PROBLEM. I saved an old file over a newer file. (BAD Editor. See her pulling her hair.) I know I am missing birthdays and anniversaries that were recently collected. If you have updates for the address and birthday database PLEASE tell Teresa Hearl or Janet Reister.

Useful Information

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Teresa Hearl (301) 682-7360

Adult Education Opportunities

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins Jan 12. For info call Rev. Terry Reister.

Monday Evening Bible Study

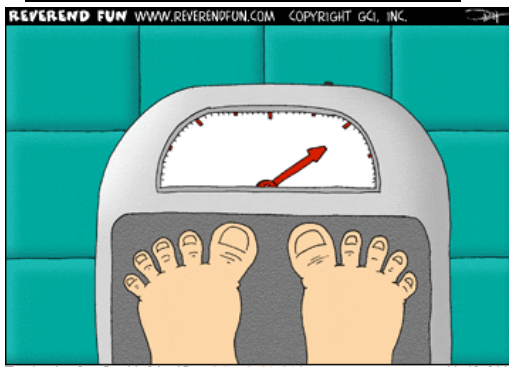
The pastor is leading the Evening Bible Study from 7:00-8:30pm. We are currently studying Matthew. Begins Jan 10

Theology Study Group

Our Bonhoeffer Theology study group is meeting on alternate Saturdays. Call Janice Seaman for info. 301-831-6231

Lay Institute

Meets 8:30am -3pm
on Saturday Feb 19
\$10 covers lunch and classes.



Thanks to Jay Benfield (See John 8:31-34) 01-16-2004

THIS TIME THE TRUTH DIDN'T MAKE JAY FREE
... IT JUST MADE HIM FEEL FAT

We all know the time has come for our New Year Resolutions to inspire us, but often then they just make us feel guilty for not succeeding.

Remember that success usually comes in small increments. Don't measure yards when you should be counting inches.

What you are is God's gift to you
What you make of yourself is your gift to God.



Bits & Pieces

NEWS IN THE PEWS

🎉 Congratulations to Lorenzo and Phyllis on engagement of their daughter Lenore.

🎉 Also to Sandy Law on the engagement of her daughter Haley.

🎉 Exciting news. Suzanne Flook is expecting.

🎉 Andy Blair's parents were able to visit over Christmas

🎉 Many members of the church were involved with the opera, Ahmal and the Night visitors, and many of us attended their wonderful performance.

🎉 Magdelene Memmott danced in the Nutcracker at the Weinburg.

🎉 Becky Delameter designed costumes and Peter Delameter performed in the Nutcracker in Hagerstown.

Prayers

The Flook family has suffered a lot of illness this season. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sympathy

George Binnex, Barbara Carter's father, died this week and we send our warm sympathies to Barbara, James and family.

Donation Boxes at the front door

**One is for old eye glasses. The Lions Club collects and reuses old eyeglasses. Barb Dangler will turn them in.

**One is for school supplies for the children of inmates. We couldn't have the camp this year but arrangements have been made to distribute school supplies. Bring new notebooks, pencils, pens, glue, crayons, etc. Terry Reister will distribute these. We are also accepting monetary donations for this project.

**One is for Hope Alive. After they open, we can send them personal supplies, like shampoo, etc. but right now they have no place to store those items. So we will put that box out at a later date.

**One is for old cell phones with chargers for Heartly House emergency phones. Janet Reister will take them.

We could use a small bookshelf to hold these boxes if anyone has one to donate.

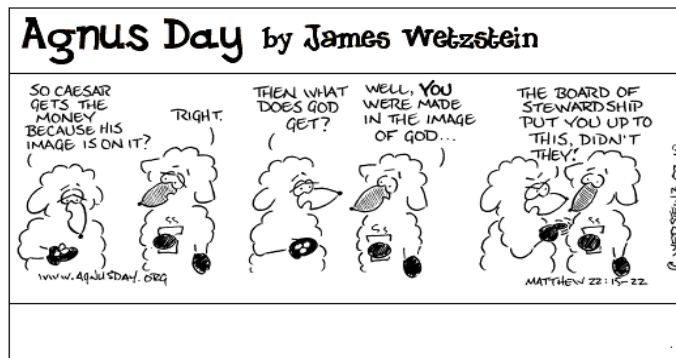
Disciples Womens Retreat

Sat Feb 5
8:30 am-3:30
\$12 per person
Location will be announced
Disciples Men will serve food.



Ladies, don't miss this opportunity for fun & fellowship.
Rev Lari R. Grubbs, our Regional Minister in the Capital area, will lead discussions on the role of women in the Disciples of Christ Church and regional opportunities.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 2005						1
2 Worship 9&11	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship 9&11	10 7pm Bible Study	11 7-Board meets	12 9:30am Bible Study	13	14	15 Disciples Men 7am cook 8am eat
16 Worship 9&11	17 7pm Bible Study	18	19 9:30am Bible Study	20	21	22
23 Worship 9&11	24 7pm Bible Study	25	26 9:30am Bible Study	27	28	29
30 Worship 9&11	31 7pm Bible Study					



Folks at the Lay Institute



Lay Institute

Saturday Feb 19

8:30am - 3pm

\$10 covers lunch and classes.

Discussions on theology, church history, and spirituality. Newcomers welcome.

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON

Your body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit! 1 Cor. 6:19



This scripture inspired Roger to put on a new deluxe front porch.

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I AM RUNNING A CHRISTIAN OPERATING SYSTEM CALLED "STAINED GLASS WINDOWS '98" ... IT'S PRETTY COOL BECAUSE WHEN YOU MAKE AN ERROR THE COMPUTER SAYS "FORGIVE THEM FATHER FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO"



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And Now, Introducing. . .

SNAPSHOTS by Dana Reitman. If we never change, we never grow. I am ecstatic to introduce this change to the newsletter. Dana has volunteered to interview people in our congregation. But first, I insisted that she interview herself! We are surrounded by people who have had incredible life experiences. Some of us have long histories with this congregation and can give us insight to our local roots. Others bring new perspectives from places far and near. I look forward to these new SNAPSHOTS of interesting folks we already know.

SNAPSHOTS

One of the reasons I liked Hyattstown Church so much when I first visited was that it reminded me of the Anglican Church we attended last year while we were in Malawi, Africa. Malawi is located in the south eastern part of Africa, sharing a lake with Tanzania, as well as borders with Mozambique and Zambia.

My husband Roger and two sons Colin, 17, and Carter, 14 and I lived in Malawi in 1993-94 when Roger, a sociology professor at Hood College, was awarded a Fulbright grant, and then again last year June 2003 to June 2004. This time we traveled and lived on our own funding to do our own research. Roger is interested in the effects of structural adjustment policy on the people who live in the villages and I am interested in taking photos, looking at native art and talking to and interviewing women.

It is a life-changing experience to live in a Third World country for a year. It is even more life-changing when you decide to return for another year and drag your two teenage sons along with you.

We were lucky to find a rental house on a coffee and tobacco estate, which was situated out in the middle of nowhere, yet within walking distance to hundreds of villages. Roger spent most of his time the first part of the



This baby is 8 hours old in the midwife's hands.



Children at the tennis court. Little Stephen is in Dana's lap

year walking to villages and asking afumus (chiefs) a certain set of questions. We were also lucky to find a young man to serve as our translator.

At first I just tagged along taking pictures. Then I started meeting women who would tell me fascinating stories about their lives. I asked them if I could record those stories, so that is a project I started about mid-year. I intend to return to Malawi in Spring of 2005 to gather more stories and to take more photos. This time I want to live in a village for a week. Most villages have no running water, just boreholes, and no electricity. People live in huts, typically with straw roofs and they sleep on the ground.

In 1993-04 most of our friends were ex-pats or Malawians who were college professors. This time there were fewer ex-pats there, and because we were more isolated we became friends with some people who have lived their whole lives in Malawi, both azungu (whites) and munthu (natives). We are also very close to some missionaries from the US, especially a young couple who are there with the Church of Christ. Mark and Era will be running the Namikango Mission when I return and I will be staying with them most of the time. Era is due with her second child in January. Much to my delight they intend to name her Dana. Both Colin and Carter enjoyed life in Malawi. Since we home school they were able to continue their normal studies, though getting books was sometimes a problem. The boys also were able to play tennis every day (unless

it rained) with Roger. The second half of the year Roger volunteered to teach a course at the University of Malawi in Zomba, which was located about 25 miles from our house. The boys were able to sit in on his class. They were impressed with the students, how much they valued education and how much they enjoyed and respected Roger, who they always called Dr. or Professor Reitman.

As I said it is a life altering experience to live in such a poor country. Malawi is the fourth poorest country in the world. And yet, the people there are very peaceful and mostly content with their lives. A family oriented culture, the thing they wanted the most was to be able to provide for their children, to feed them, clothe them and send them to school. It is a myth that they are poor because they are lazy, almost everyone we met was very hard working. Because of their extreme poverty you might think God is turning His back on them, but He is not. You have to live there to understand this, I think. The things we think of as blessings sometimes really are not. The people of Malawi, poor as they are, are blessed in ways I sometimes envy.





In response to Sunday's earthquake and resulting tsunamis in Southern Asia

Below is a letter from William Chris Hobgood, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Charisse Gillett, Moderator of the church, in response to Sunday's earthquake and resulting tsunamis in Southern Asia.



Typically, the Week of Compassion offering is taken in February. It may be taken early this year in light of this tragedy.

On behalf of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, I wish to offer deepest feeling for the massive suffering experienced by the people of Southern Asia as a result of the earthquake and resulting tsunami.

Seldom have humans and all of the creation had to face such awesome force. The toll is yet untotaled, if it ever will be. Our deepest prayers are with those who have lost so much - a woman who lost eleven children, a Chicago pastor who lost his Sri Lankan wife, 2000 plus fishermen off the southeast coast of India, lost. For many of us this is simply unimaginable.

We are in solidarity with our partners in those lands, the councils of churches and all other communities of Christians and, indeed, all people of faith, who have rallied to give aid in this terrible crisis. We support Week of Compassion, our living and loving presence in this sea of suffering.

I urge all Disciples to pray and give. We thank God for the grace and strength provided to all who suffer and all who help.

William Chris Hobgood, General Minister and President
Charisse Gillett Moderator

For additional information on how you can help, go to:

<https://donate.weekofcompassion.org/>
<http://www.weekofcompassion.org/pages/updates/dec0428.html>

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