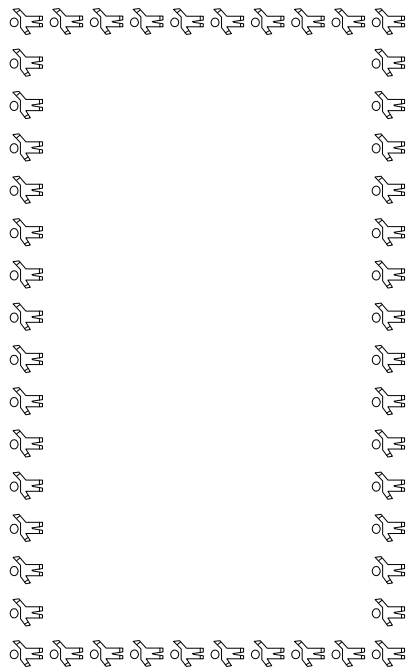


**Hyattstown Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**



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**HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS**


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**September  
Worship-- 9am & 11am**



**Sept 6 - Choir rehearsal 10am**

**Sept 7 - Labor day**



**Sept 13- ONE SERVICE 10 am  
Installation Service for Rev. Smith  
Followed by a luncheon celebration.**

**Sept 8-11 - Senior Camp at Bethany Beach**



**Sept 18 - 20 - Bethany Beach  
Church Retreat**

Contact information for  
Rev. Lisa Kay Comingore Smith  
Cell phone: **240-529-8004**  
Email: **SL87DF@hotmail.com**

I also check the church phone daily.  
Thank you for your patience.

# THE PASTOR'S PAGE

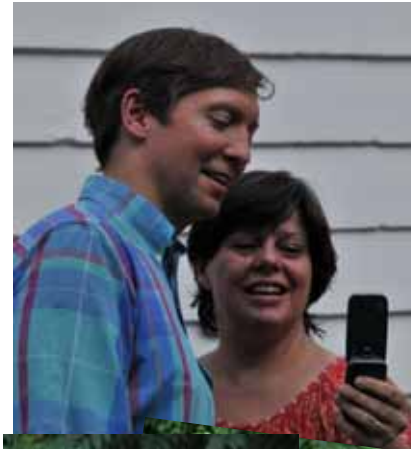
September! I love September - the days getting shorter, the temperature getting cooler, trees begin to burst forth with color, pumpkins show up on the roadside, as well as other colorful harvests, and then there are the many re-starts. Even when I was a child I looked forward to the structure of the school and church programs beginning again. Summer was important, to relax, slow down discover new things without an agenda, but Fall had a special sense of importance about it.

Interesting how we seem to start certain programs up again as nature begins its process towards the winter sleep. It is as though we need to rest up in the summer so we can get a big running start, giving us the momentum we need to get through the long winter nights that lay ahead. My birthday is on September 6<sup>th</sup>, so that may also influence this feeling I have of fall being a time of Beginnings. But school starting in the Fall, beginning a new grade each time, may also influence this feeling. And this year, with the installation on the 13<sup>th</sup>, is another reason to feel that September brings new beginnings.

Beginnings seem to carry hope in them, standing at the start of something new and wondering, what could lay ahead. Certainly wonderful things are in our future, and there will be challenges, will we rise to conquer the challenges that come our way?

In Bible Study we are looking at the 10 Commandments through the writings of Joan Chittister. In discussing the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment, that we are to have only one God, we realize there are many other Gods that distract us from discovering the one true God. We can worship a lot of various things, money, power, attention, even nation, the list can be very long and personal. We discovered that one test of whether we are worshiping only the real living God or not, is if those aspects of God that we hold dear help us to live in community. God helps us to live our lives with each other as we seek wholeness and oneness *with* each other.

That, to me is what the installation, this new Beginning, is all about – a ceremony that officially binds us together in community, seeking together those aspects of God that help us to break down our separate defensive walls and see each other as trustworthy blessed messengers of God and part of each other. My hope and prayer is that we will discover that we can trust each other in this new





The **Hyattstown Community Picnic** was held on the church grounds in August. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all!



covenant as we experience new revelations of the one true and living God.

A quick note about the installation: there will be only one service on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM, and Lari Grubbs will be there – but Rev. Dr. Richard L. Harrison will be guest preacher! All those who were on the search committee will participate and there will be a potluck afterwards. So come and be a part of this Beginning!



**Shalom,  
Rev. Lisa Kay Comingore  
Smith**

If someone you know is in need of prayer or spiritual care please call Rev Lisa Smith or an Elder. We cannot help if we do not know of a need or concern.




**New Directory Coming Soon.**



Teresa Hearl will be printing a new directory after she is able to confirm the listings. Please make sure she has your information in the database correctly. This is a helpful tool for our new pastor, too. There will be a copy to check in service on the next few Sundays.

Name/ Address/ phone/ email/ birthday and anniversary (no years, just month and day)

**Liturgical Schedule — also posted on bulletin board inside front door**

			
<b>9 am Worship</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deaconate</b>	
Aug 30/Sept 6	Ginny Pierson	Sharon Duke	
Sept 13/20	Debbie Flook	Eddie Flook	
Sept 27/Oct 4	Sharron Smith	Andy Blair	

*NOTE: Elders are also serving as Worship Leaders*

<b>11am Worship</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deaconate</b>	
Aug 30/Sept 6	Hugh Howard	Walt Moore	Sandy Law
Sept 13/20	Chris Moore	Pierrette McIntire	Chuck McIntire
Sept 27/Oct 4	Bob Turman	Becky DeLameter	Paul DeLameter

The Pastor is reading the sermon scripture  
Liturgists read the Epistle and Gospel selections.

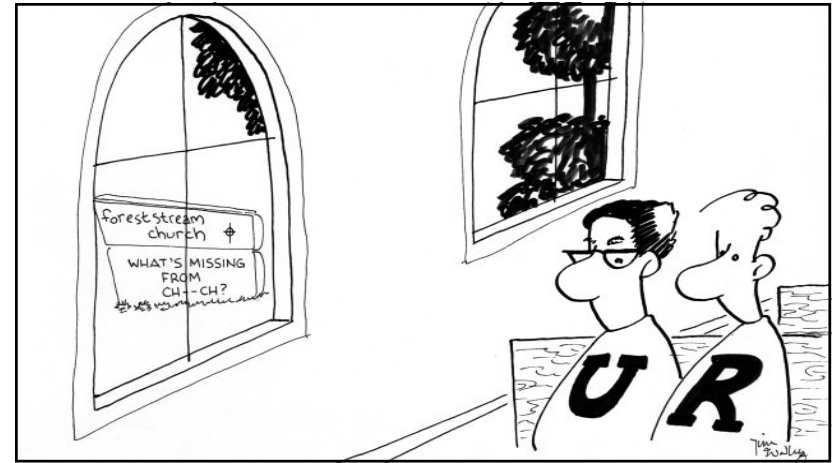
Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Epistle/ Gospel Scriptures
Sept 6	Teresa Hearl	Stacey Wilson	James 2:1-10, 11-13 Mark 7:24-37
Sept 13	Special - Installation Service		James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38
Sept 20	Beth Sweeney	Pat Griffith	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37
Sept 27	Ginny Pierson	Bill Huntman	James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

**September Birthdays**  
Sharron Smith - 9/2  
Roger Reitman - 9/5  
Rev. Lisa Smith - 9/6  
Teresa Hearl - 9/7  
Lon Pierson - 9/10  
Geoffry Wilson - 9/11  
LaQuita Huntman - 9/15

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

Joe Reister - 9/20  
Ben Blair - 9/21  
Janice Seaman - 9/24  
Ginger Memmott - 9/25  
Paul DeLameter - 9/25

**September Anniversaries**  
Jack & Beth Sweeney - 9/8



Book by Allan Knee Music by Jason Howland  
Lyrics by Mindi Dickstein Based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott

**Kevin Kuchar, Director**  
**Megan Hartten, Music Director and Conductor**  
**Barbara Lang, Producer**

**PERFORMANCES:**

September 25, 26, October 1, 2, 3, 2009 at 8 pm  
September 26, 27 and October 4, 2009 at 2 pm

**WHERE:**

Olney Theatre Center - Multz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab  
2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, MD 20832  
**Tickets: \$18 Adults, \$15 Seniors and Students K-12**

Order tickets online through our website:  
[www.damascustheatre.org](http://www.damascustheatre.org)  
For group ticketing, call 301-253-6210

## Annual Yard Sale

The Church Yard Sale and Bazaar will be on **OCT 10, 2009**. We will also be serving lunch, and selling bake sale and craft items as part of our fundraising effort.

An area designated for yard sale items will be assigned soon. Everyone is encouraged to participate. If you wish to donate craft items, a slow summer day is a good time to be creative.



## Disciples Women Magazine

One subscription to the new DW magazine "Just Women" will be available in the church library. If you would like your own subscription, please pick up a flyer.



and the world says good bye to Mr. and Mrs. Unicorn



**SMILE**  
God Loves you

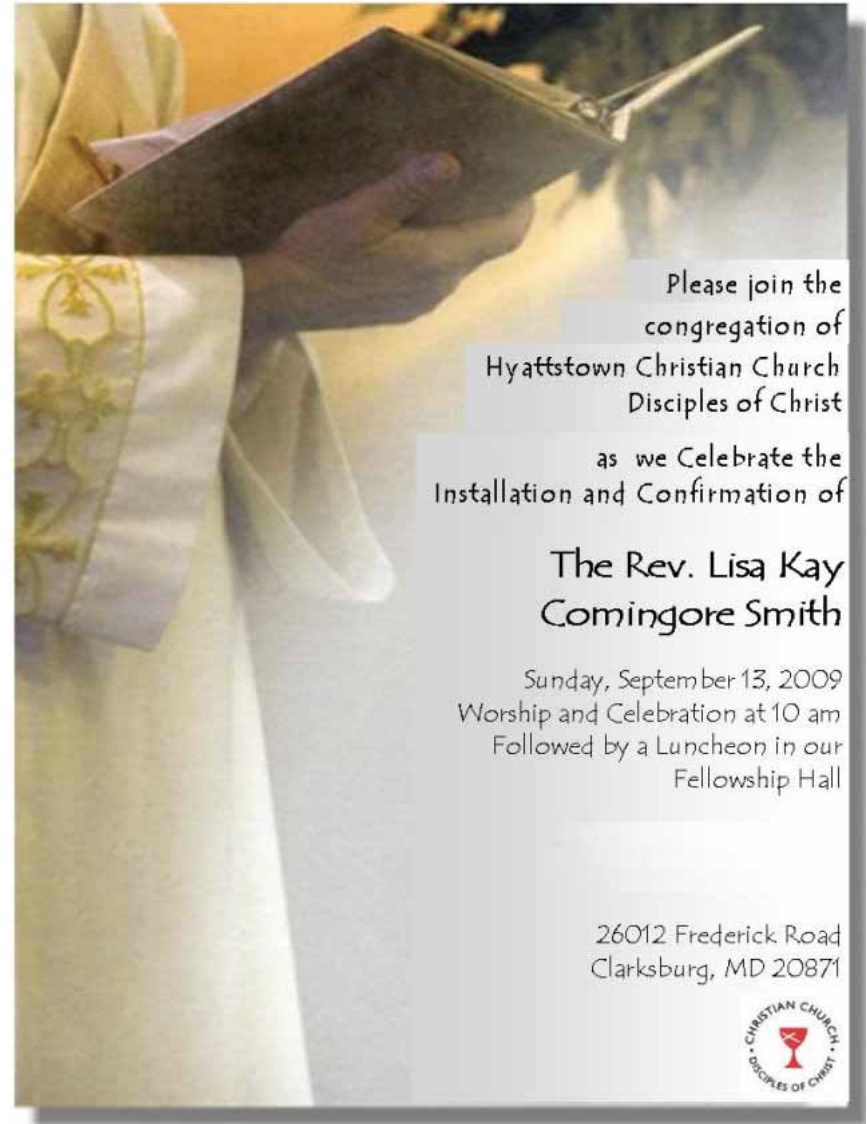
## Did you know?

### Labor Day

originated in Canada. The form for the celebration of Labor Day was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday: A street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations," followed by a festival for the workers and their families.



WHEN I WAS A KID WE HAD TO SAY OUR PRAYERS IN TWO FEET OF SNOW AND WALK TWO MILES JUST TO READ OUR BIBLES



Please join the congregation of Hyattstown Christian Church Disciples of Christ as we Celebrate the Installation and Confirmation of

**The Rev. Lisa Kay Comingore Smith**

Sunday, September 13, 2009  
Worship and Celebration at 10 am  
Followed by a Luncheon in our Fellowship Hall

26012 Frederick Road  
Clarksburg, MD 20871



## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wed morning Bible Study group meets Wednesdays at 10am. The Pastor is leading a discussion of the book "The Ten Commandments" by Joan Chittister. You are welcome to join us.



## Useful Information

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Debbie Flook (301) 695-2678


Trustees Chair:  
Eddie Flook (301) 695-2678

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Pierrette McIntire (301) 607-4242  
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Bob Turman (301)620-7570  
Christian Service:  
Pat Griffith (301) 972-1316  
Barb Dangler (301) 668-4194  
Education/Celebration:  
Barbara Lang (301)-829-2527  
Property Chair:  
Eddie Flook (301) 695-2678  
Outreach/Stewardship:  
Newsletter:  
Teresa Hearl (301) 682-7360  
Tkhearl@comcast.net SEND NEWS!!

## DISCIPLES WEB SITES TO REMEMBER:

Hyattstown Christian Church: [www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org](http://www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org)  
Christian Church Capital Area Disciples of Christ:  
[www.cccadisciples.org](http://www.cccadisciples.org)  
Disciple of Christ National website:  
[www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)

## OUR ELDERS

 For Disciples, the ministry of the laity has always been central to who we are. Since the beginning Elders have presided at the Lord's Supper, visited the sick or those in special need, and offered oversight to the work and life of the congregation. Elders often assist the pastor. We are excited to work with Rev. Smith as she gets to know us. If there is a spiritual need, please don't hesitate to call. If we don't have the answer, we will find someone who does.

### Board Chair:

<b>Hugh Howard 301-831-8643</b>	Chris Moore 301-414-5493
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## Lord, be with us as we pray:

*\*Thank you for the blessings of joyous occasions, and for children growing up. Thank you for the jobs we have, for activities we enjoy, and the gifts we are able to share.*

*\*We pray for family members in search of jobs and direction in life, also for family relationship issues. We have so many concerns, Lord.*

*\*We pray for family members and friends of our church family who are dealing with cancer, death of loved ones, Alzheimers, anorexia, and other debilitating diseases, and for family members left behind after a suicide. Also those dealing with depression, injuries, and heart problems. Be with us as we accept the challenge of dealing with aging parents and troubled youth, and for college students learning to face the world. Help us understand that it is not your will for children to suffer.*

*\*We pray for family members and friends with health issues; Hannah Matlock, Norman Horman, LaQuita Huntzman, Bob & Sharon Turman, Barb Dangler, Louise Jones, several members of the Flook family, Chris Moore, Terry Reister & the Reister family.*

*\*For our new Pastor, Lisa Kay C. Smith, and her family, our Deacons, our Elders, and the HCC Church Board, The Disciples of Christ Church and Christ's church in the world. Be with Larry Brown, who is the Moderator of the Disciples of Christ.*

*\*For you to send healing and peace to the incarcerated, particularly to the parents of the children who attended Camp Starfish. Be with the families of all prisoners, Lord. Help them see hope for the future.*

*\*Be with victims of natural disasters who are still struggling after the reporters leave.*

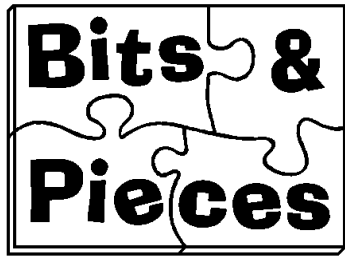
*\*Be with victims of domestic violence, gang violence, and the violence of war. Heal the hearts of those who commit such acts.*

*\*Be with victims of prejudice, and with the narrow minded.*

*\*Be with our military who serve in harm's way. Please show us how to find a peaceful resolution to conflict.*

*\*Give wisdom to our government leaders and wisdom for all world leaders.*

*\*We are humbled by the magnitude of your grace. Thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers, O Lord. Amen*



The Hyattstown Community Picnic was a wonderful success. We had great food, ( special thanks to Hugh the grillmeister) and soggy children. Water balloons and the hose came into play. See pictures in this newsletter.

It has been a summer of travel and visitors. Randy and DeBrean Loy travelled to Myrtle Beach. Hugh and Gail hit the road for a couple of weeks. Jack and Beth Sweeney went to the Grand Canyon. There were others who attended class reunions. It's amazing how everyone else ages and you stay the same. Paul DeLameter is in Alaska on assignment. The Hearl's had grandchildren visiting for most of the summer. Pat Griffith's mother came to visit.

Frank and Theresa Roys are proud that their son, Kevin, is now teaching band in VA. And that Kevin and Kim were married this month!

We have several young people, I mean young adults, returning to school. Jess Moore, Meghan Blair, Sarah Duke, and Peter DeLameter to name a few.

Randy Loy will stay on the same work schedule, so he gets Sunday mornings off to be with us, Hurrah!

Sandy Law is a grandmother two times this summer! Ellen Pierson attended honors chorus camp at George Mason University. There are always challenges and church family in need of our prayers. We rejoice that Chris Moore is recovering well from emergency gall bladder surgery. George Schaffer's son is struggling upon his return from military duty. Paul DeLameter had a coronary scare, but recovered and is back at work. (far from home) Harry Griffith is recovering from surgery. Sandy Law was laid off. Terry Reister suffered a major heart attack and continues to be under care at the Washington Hospital Center in DC. It is a stressful time for all of the family. We also have friends and family members who need our prayers.

## HCC Library Updates

Books continue to be added to the library in the room off the entrance at the back of the church. We have a new system for checking out books. There is a box of index cards on the bookshelf. If you check out a book, please put your name, the name of the book(s) and the date on a card and put it sideways in the box. When you return the book, just take the card out and throw it away. If you know the proper place for the book(s) you return, put it away; otherwise just leave it on top of the bookcase.

We hope you will continue to make suggestions for a "wish list" for books to add to the library.

Please send suggestions to: [sharronlwsmith@gmail.com](mailto:sharronlwsmith@gmail.com)

We also hope a larger bookcase will be purchased when the "decorating committee" continues its work in that back room.

The book *Lay Pastoral Care Giving* by Timothy Farabaugh was checked out before our system was in place. Please return this soon, as there are others waiting to read this book.



Recently (Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> to be exact) while Debrean and Randy were vacationing in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. They visited the Sun Coast Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to worship with them.

They are a small congregation, much like the HCC, and we found them to be very warm and welcoming. They also conducted a very nice worship service.

Prior to leaving for vacation Debrean found the Sun Coast Christian Church by linking to their website from the Disciples of Christ main website and using the "Find a Congregation" feature. We'll have to

remember to do that in the future when we travel to other locations as well.





## Notes from the Chair

Hugh Howard

Thought I'd include the following 'Life Lessons' I received through a newsletter published for Bethany House (where I'm chair of the Trustees for the next year).

From ninety year old Regina Brett's "lessons life taught me".

- Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
- When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
- Make peace with your past so it doesn't screw up your present.
- It's OK to let your children see you cry.
- If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
- Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

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I used to think I'd eventually get all caught up in my 'to-do' list. Somehow that doesn't seem to be happening.

I once (recently) had the same thought for our church. - That once we got a new pastor things would be 'all caught up'. The reality (and excitement) is that my perspective changed from what I used to think of as 'tasks' to what I've come to see as 'opportunities for growth'. I guess it's really the perspective one applies to one's life experiences. If I let myself think of life as a series of 'chores', then I limit my understanding and possible growth to the things I 'have to do'. If, however, I look at the same list of items as opportunities to learn something new about myself and others, then there is no limit to where events will lead me. I hope we can all see the possibilities for growth here at Hyattstown - not that we will know just where this will take us, but that new possibilities will be opened to us. I continue to be thankful that Lisa, Steve and David have joined with us in our journey of faith and action.

Christian Men's Retreat will be held on October 9-10 at the National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase MD. Registrations due by September 9th. The sign-up form for the Christian Men's Retreat is posted on the entry board at the church.



Blessing, Hugh



Camp Starfish 2009



FUN  
AT  
CAMP  
STARFISH

HCC CHANCEL CHOIR



We will rehearse from 10 to 10:30 am on Sept 6 in order to prepare special music for Pastor Lisa's Installation Service.



We're on the web!  
[www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org](http://www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org)

Senior Camp at Bethany Beach

The dates for Senior Camp at Bethany Beach are September 8-11. Janice and Larry Seaman are the hosts for that this year, and Ben Manning will be the worship leader. There is additional info on the Regional website regarding registration, or talk to Larry and Janice.



Road trip !!

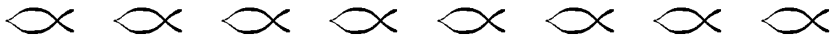


Bethany Beach Retreat



The summer has flown and it's time for our Bethany Beach Church Retreat. We have reserved Stone House and Disciples House for **September 18-20**. A deposit of \$25 per adult is required. There is still room for you. Come join us for a weekend to reflect and relax. Please see Hugh Howard to sign up.





### Food Pantry

Frederick's Food Pantry, where we Feed the Hungry, is running low. This is not unusual in the summer. We have a box in the foyer to collect non-perishable goods. Barb Dangler has volunteered to deliver them to the Food Bank.

### Hope Alive

A list of items needed at Hope Alive is in the donation box near the front door of the church. Ask Barb Dangler if you have questions.

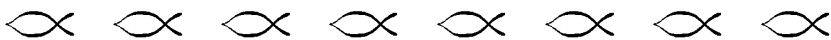
# YOU CAN HELP!



### HCC Member News

If you have news please send the information (and a picture if you have it) to Teresa at [TKHearl@comcast.net](mailto:TKHearl@comcast.net). Or tell Barbara Lang. It's the little things that make our congregation a family. We rejoice in your successes and pray for your challenges. Please share.

If you have updates for the address and birthday database PLEASE tell Teresa Hearl or better yet, email her at [TKHearl@comcast.net](mailto:TKHearl@comcast.net) I am missing a lot of birthdays and anniversaries. If I miss yours please let me know and write it down for me.



### CAMP STARFISH 2009

What a GREAT camp! Although we were up to 19 registered campers at one point, we ended up with 13 attending this year's camp. This demonstrates the transient nature of our campers' lives, with four of our campers losing their home and dropping out of contact with us less than two weeks before camp and two not being able to attend on the day of pick-up. About half of our campers were repeats, being with us for three or four years. It is great to see the friendships that have formed with our repeat campers, who use this opportunity to reconnect.

My favorite moments included watching the campers make masks (inspired by a positive thought or happy moment); listening to their overwhelming laughter when tossing/catching water balloons with sheets; seeing their curiosity when working on their science labs; crossing the stream on the wagon ride and pretending to be out of fuel midway through; listening to the children ask Momo Wilson about life in Malawi (monkey madness!); creating colorful dream-catchers to chase away nightmares; swimming with the children at Greenbrier Lake (creating obstacle courses with hula hoops and running in tight group circles to create whirlpools); hearing the campers sing songs during Spanish class; seeing even the most frightened camper smile after riding a horse (and asking to go again); watching the campers sort through the donated books, excited to read them; enjoying the talent show and the pride on the campers faces at the applause; walking along the creek and listening to their questions about nature (is it a monkey brain or a quince?); singing and listening to stories by the campfire (and samores!); lights-out in the cabin (very scary) and listening to cicadas (very loud); and hearing each camper say something nice about each other when handing out goodbye teddy bears.

It is amazing to think that Rev. Terry Reister's vision for this program has led to five successful years of providing this camp to the children of inmates. Please join me in thanking all of our wonderful sponsors and volunteers – none of this is possible without them. The smiles, laughter and goodbye hugs demonstrate that this program is making a difference in these children's lives. What a blessing it is to be a part of it.

Pierrette

See great pictures on the next two pages.

