

**August/ September 2011
Worship –10am**

**August 27 Saturday 5-7pm
Friends of Historic Hyattstown Picnic**

**September 16-18
HCC Spiritual Retreat at Bethany Beach**

**October 15th
HCC Yard Sale and Auction**

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THIS CHURCH GET-AWAY WAS A GREAT IDEA,
BUT IF I HEAR ONE MORE PERSON SAY
"FORGIVE ME FATHER, FOR I HAVE SAND",
I'M LEAVING

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

2011'S General Assembly (GA) in Nashville, TN was very exciting for me on many levels. And it seems that only now, after 3 weeks, can I process some of it. We really need to start talking now about 2013's in Orlando FL – because, if I go - I would really like to have others from our church there.



Not only because I got very lonely at times there and missed you all so much, but also so I could have someone else to help me remember some of the truths that were shared there.

It was, for me personally, “Lisa Van Winkle with Amnesia”. I was struggling to recognize people and institutions after losing touch for close to 20 years, and some I couldn't recall at all. And having that car accident on the way did not help. But God was very kind to me and sent me angels at every stop. There was lots of love to share and many people I recognized for the Christian Church Capital Area Region (CCCA)! They hadn't changed so much since last I'd seen them a few weeks before!

Our regional minister spent a good deal of time keeping me informed and guiding me on my next steps as the next Director of the Commission for Mission for the CCCA, and others from the region responded quickly to my texts, “I am so lonely”! Many thanks to Curtis & Betty Wheeler, Carol Cook, and Laird Thomason!

What topics struck notes with me were that the Disciples really are what so many people have been waiting for in a church and didn't know existed. So many are leaving churches because of the closed mindedness of many denominations – and ours has always been one of openness; one that truly is a “Movement for Wholeness in a Fragmented World.”

I attended a session on the transformation process and would dearly love to get around 5-7 people to begin the process with me for the future of this church. The process starts with weekly meetings for prayer from these 6-8 people, in the belief that prayer has power. Is there anyone out there who would commit to taking exploratory steps into this transformation process with me?

The worship services were empowering, cheerleading, hopeful, services designed to encourage and invigorate, and I got in touch with many old friends there.

I attended the Global Ministries dinner (with thanks to Jane Sullivan-Davis for the free ticket); as well as attending the Lexington Theological Seminary dinner and got back in touch with some of those from my past from those meals.

All in all GA was a time of introspection, wholeness, enthusiasm and hope. After returning I went into full blown vacation with visitors from Germany. After taking 3 years to try to get my brain back on 100% thinking English I found it was a challenge to switch back and forth so often. But they're visit also returned a part of my life to me and I feel more whole now.

In spite of all the changes in life – there is still an opportunity for wholeness – and God is gracious in that way – and so is the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); “A Movement for Wholeness in a Fragmented World”!

<http://www.youtube.com/user/christianchurchdoc>

Blessings, Pastor Lisa

Remembering 9-11

Our musicians have an invitation from various Damascus area churches to participate on September 11, 2011 at 6:30 (location TBD), for a time of remembrance. Please Let Pastor Lisa know if you are interested.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ELDERS

NOTE: Elders also serve as Worship Leaders

Date:	SERVICE 10 AM
Aug 21	John Wilson
Aug 28	Frank Roys
Sept 4	Hugh Howard
Sept 11	Pat Griffith
Sept 18	Sharron Smith
Sept 25	Randy Loy
Oct 2	Frank Roys

*We are Honored
to Serve at*



DEACONATE

Date:	SERVICE 10 AM
Aug 21	DeBrea Loy & _____
Aug 28	Paul & Becky DeLameter
Sept 4	Sandy Law & Frank Hearl
Sept 11	_____ & Scott Stickerod
Sept 18	Martha Cooley & Barb Dangler
Sept 25	Pat Bush & Gail Knott
Oct 2	Chuck McIntire & _____

*If you cannot serve,
please trade with someone.*

*NOTE: Deacons
prepare and
clean-up
communion,
and check pews.*

LITURGISTS

Date:	SERVICE 10 AM
21 Aug	Debbie Blair
28 Aug	Beth Sweeney
4 Sept	John Wilson
11 Sept	Bill Huntman
18 Sept	Janice Seaman
25 Sept	Steve Smith
2 Oct	Kelly DeLameter



The scripture lessons are
found in the bulletin insert.
For an advanced copy please
contact the pastor.

CONGRATS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Kelly DeLameter, Meghan and Benjamin Blair
have each received \$400 to help them towards
their educational goals - God Bless you and be
with each of you on this great adventure!



August Birthdays

8/8- Robin Davis
8/8- Pierrette McIntire
8/9- Ginny Pierson
8/11- Debbie Blair
8/14- Marian Myers
8/26- Debrean Loy



August Anniversaries

8/11- Bill & Gail Knott
8/16- Bill & Sharron Smith
8/24- Bob & Sharon Turman
8/25- Hugh & Gail Howard
8/27- Norm & Betty Burdette

September Birthdays

9/2-- Sharron Smith
9/5- Roger Reitman
9/6- Rev. Lisa Smith
9/7- Teresa Hearl
9/9- Carol Manning

9/10- Lon Pierson
9/11- Geoffry Wilson
9/15- LaQuita Huntzman
9/17- Scott Stickerod
9/20- Joe Reister
9/21- Ben Blair
9/24- Janice Seaman
9/25- Ginger Memmott
9/25- Paul DeLameter
9/28- Pat Bush
9/28- Matthew Schaffer

September Anniversaries

9/8- Jack & Beth Sweeney
9/12- Frank & Theresa Roys

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

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC HYATTSTOWN PICNIC!

Saturday August 27th
5 - 7pm
on the back parking lot of our church.
Set up will be at 4pm.



Hamburgers/Hot Dogs and drinks
(water, iced tea and lemonade)
will be provided.



Folks with a last name beginning A- M
are asked to bring a side-dish.

Folks with a last name beginning N - Z
are asked to bring a desert.



News from the Pews,

The Hearls have had a great time with grandchildren in "Camp Oma."

The Flocks had a great time with their grandchildren at "Nanny Camp."

Berneice Eby's daughter is soon to return to Ghana.

Becky DeLameter was at junior camp with 20 nine and ten year olds.

Kelly DeLameter gave a pre-college recital at Hyattstown Christian Church. The DeLameters will be taking him to college in North Carolina soon.

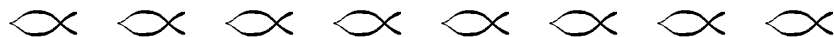
Sharron and Bill Smith returned from Seattle, bringing with them their daughter, Dyan Chandler, and grandsons Miles and Griffin. Their daughter-in-law, Stephanie Smith has just deployed to Camp Leatherneck in Afganistan. She is a Navy doctor.

Deacon Sweeney has gone to Dayton, Ohio, to defend his thesis.

Joyce Cook was in NY to celebrate the Chautauqua with friends and visit with her son Bob.

Janice and Larry Seaman have sold their condominium and will be moving forward on a new home.

Rev. Lisa and Steve Smith have had visitors from Germany, Uta and Mirijam Janietz.



We rejoice in your successes and pray for your challenges. Please share. Send congregational news before the end of the month to ssmith@hood.edu; pictures encouraged. Thanks-Sharron Smith

Hello -
Thanks for your continued prayers for Dan during his battle with cancer. You all were our church family for many years. Thanks to all of you who sent cards & came to his memorial service. Our family thanks you all.



We are blessed to be members of 1st Christian Church Boonsboro -
We have a Larry - Martha - Barb + a few others replacements for our dear Hyattstown friends.

God Bless, Kathy Benson
(original card on church entrance bulletin board)

**FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR
DAILY LIVING**

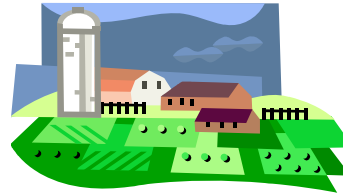


PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

**PLANT FOUR ROWS OF
SQUASH:**

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness



**PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LET-
TUCE:**

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

**NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT
TURNIPS:**

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another



**TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN
WE MUST HAVE THYME:**

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

**WATER FREELY WITH
PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE
WITH LOVE.**

**THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN
YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU
REAP WHAT YOU SOW.**

DWF NEWS

For interesting information about the International Disciple Women's Ministries go to www.discipleswomen.org From there you can download their newsletter "Disciple Women's Voices." We also have copies of Disciple Women Magazine available on the table outside of the Upper Room.



**Mark your calendars!
Yard Sale and Catalog Auction
on Saturday October 15th.**

START COLLECTING STUFF NOW!

Put in Kindergarten room.



Summer Blessings,
Janice Seaman and Pat Griffith
* Co-Chairs DWF

Disciples Men and Women to Study Human Trafficking at Joint Gathering in the Fall of 2011!

The Disciples Men and Women will join forces
for their Annual Fall Gatherings!

They are planning a joint meeting to study human trafficking
and the great need to work hard to combat this growing problem.

**The meeting will be held at the Springfield Christian Church
from 9 am to 3 pm.**

The Church is located at 5407 Backlick Road in Springfield, VA,
just inside the beltway. Details will come in later communications!

Don't forget your Secret Sister. Keep her in your prayers.



Opportunities For Service

SPARE CHANGE MINISTRY:

Reminder that we are asking our congregation to donate their spare change each Sunday (the jar at the front of the sanctuary). We are now collecting for **Share the Light** for improvements to Mary Mac and Bethany.



Hope Alive

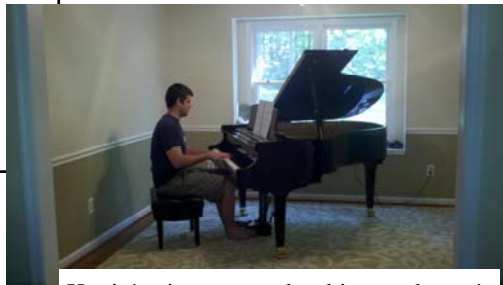
There is a list of needed items for Hope Alive by the front door as well as a box to leave your items. Please see Barb Dangler if you have any questions or would like more information about the facility.

If you would like to "adopt" a consumable item during the year, or to give a month's worth, please contact Missy Miller at mmiller@hopealiveministries.org

(DWF has "adopted" paper towels)

Food Pantry

Frederick's Food Pantry is where we Feed the Hungry. Supplies are still low, and there is a big need. There is a box by the front door of the church for donations of non-perishable items. Barb Dangler generously takes these supplies to the Food Bank for our congregation on a regular basis. Thank you Barb!



Kevin's piano moved to his new home!



We were blessed to have Rev. Jon Goeringer, a retired Disciple minister from Oklahoma, and his lovely wife lead our worship on July 17. Our own Dear Rev. Ben Manning also led our worship while Pastor Lisa was away.

CCCA REGIONAL RETREATS and EVENTS for 2011

MM-Merry Mac BB-Bethany Beach

Summer Camps, Conferences, Retreats, and Events:

BB August 25-28 Footprints
BB September 6-9 Senior's Fall Conference



Fall Retreats and Events:

MM September 16-18 YAC Fall Retreat
MM September 30-Oct. 2 CYF Fall Retreat
MM October 14-16 Chi Rho Fall Retreat
BB Oct. TBD Closing weekend

Hyattstown Christian Church:

BB September 16-18 HCC Fall Retreat



Before Camp Oma began Teresa Hearl spent a week with her friend Betty.



The Hearl grandkids hiked trails at the Catoctin Park Nature Center with Oma. They were a bit dramatic.



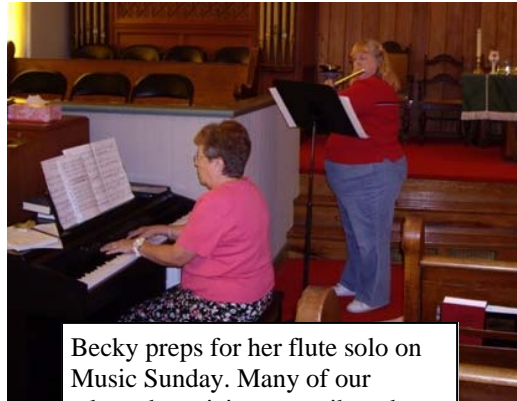
Frank & Teresa took 5 grandkids to the zoo.



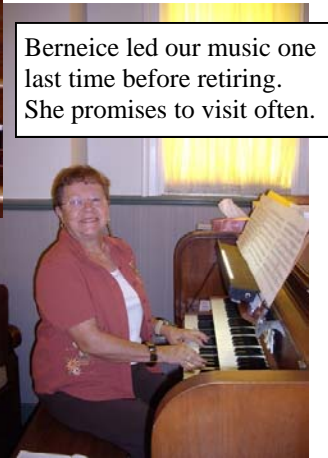
Oma made dresses for the girls to wear to church



Music Sunday



Becky preps for her flute solo on Music Sunday. Many of our talented musicians contributed their time and voices to our worship service.



Berneice led our music one last time before retiring. She promises to visit often.



Andy Blair manned the grill while Frank Hearl and Lilly played with his iPad.



Then Frank Hearl corrupted the cook by tempting him with his tech toy!

Fortunately, Frank Roys was close by to take over chef duties.



We shared burgers, dogs and potluck bounty before bidding Berneice adieu.



Pastor Lisa begged her not to go.



Instrument-free Sunday

We sang our hymns unaccompanied as some churches do. We also moved closer together. There was some joking about assigned seats.



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.



The editor found this cartoon amusing.

Notes from the Chair

Hugh Howard



Congregational Spiritual Retreat At Bethany Beach –

will be Sept 16-18, 2011

Contact Hugh Howard to learn more.



CAMP STARFISH 2011

We had 20 very happy campers with us at Camp Starfish this year, 12 girls and 8 boys, ages 8-11. Only three of our campers were repeats.

On Sunday, after the welcome and orientation session, we painted wooden hope chests, had a wonderful motivational session by Rev Lorenzo & Phyllis York on the importance of dreaming big and moving toward that future. As part of a game, the Yorks also gave each camper a water bottle that was much needed and used throughout the week. Then Becky led a nature lesson and hike/scavenger hunt which got the campers familiar with the camp grounds and taught them what not to touch (poison ivy, etc). At our camp fire where we roasted hot dogs and sang songs, followed by our first night (sleepless for many) in the cabins.

Monday morning we had a very special program by Brigid McKelvey, from the Mont. Co. Safe & Drug Free School program, on "Resilient Children – the 4 C's" – you can't control it (others decisions/actions), you didn't cause it, you can't cure it, but you can COPE. The children really listened to Brigid, opened up to share many of their experiences, and learned new coping skills. This session was followed by Shorty's tractor/wagon ride, which is always a big thrill for the campers. Then Becky and Gail led the group in tie-dying beautiful t-shirts. After lunch we headed to Lake Greenbrier for an afternoon of swimming, paddle boats, water games, and hand-scooped ice-cream cones (yum!). After dinner, Chris Doherty provided a Spanish lesson with singing and games ("elephante" – which was a BIG HIT). We got slightly wet in the blanket balloon toss, which required campers to work as teams to toss and catch water balloons, followed by our evening campfire, with samores, songs, and glow-sticks. The second night in the cabins was much better than the first, as all campers were pretty exhausted and went right to sleep regardless of spiders and night-sounds.

Tuesday morning tried to rain us out, but we moved around the schedule and created seed mosaics while it rained, and then God's glorious sun came back out so that the children could ride the horses that the Bower's Family brought, along with learning about horse grooming and care. The Bowers also brought all a calf and a chicken for the children to pet. Then back up to Greenbrier for more lake fun. After dinner, Chris taught the campers the braille alphabet, having them paint their name in braille on a t-shirt. He also demonstrated some skills on how to assist someone who is vision impaired. Our highlight Tuesday evening was the infamous talent show, with Gail directing, Becky coordinating sound, and the campers singing, dancing, performing gymnastics, and telling stories/jokes. Rev. Lisa brought down the house with her "chin-agins" routine and also did a magic act in tribute to Rev. Terry Reister. Monsignor Joe then sang a beautiful song about faith, and Frank closed out the show with a talk about prayer (pray for those that may be hurting you, for



those that are helping you, and for yourself) followed by singing the Lord's Prayer. It was a great production, enjoyed by all. Then another great campfire, followed by and even quieter night in the cabins.

Wednesday's highlight was the therapy provided by Nyami Nti Cultural Healing Arts. The power and energy in the room as the children were drumming and dancing affected all present.

We also had many new donations for the children this year, with Holy Family providing books for the campers to read and take home; Church Women of America providing each camper with a homemade tote bag filled with a towel and toiletries; and the Linus Project providing each camper with a homemade blanket (which were knitted, crocheted or quilted) to snuggle with and take home. At the end of camp, after the children handed Starfish mascot Teddy Bears to each other, Rev. Lisa closed out the camp by telling the children the "Starfish Story" and empowering them to carry the Starfish message forward by spreading kindness and trying to make a difference in other people's lives.

A big thank you goes to all who helped make this camp possible: our terrific counselors, program providers, supporters, sponsors, and everyone who took a moment to send a prayer our direction. It all came together for a great and successful camp, as testified by the campers' smiles, laughter, and hugs.

Peace & Blessings,

Pierrette



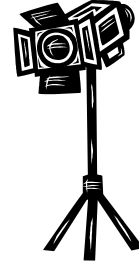
**Camp Starfish
2011**



Theatre Camp

Gail Howard said, "We had a terrific performance of HMS Pinafore. There were 25 campers. The staff included Becky, Phil, Nathaniel Gordon, Barbara Lang, and me. Kelly Delameter helped several days."

It's wonderful to have so many young people at the church. Here are a few pictures of the kids preparing for the play.



Becky sent pictures from the second camp. Great kids! Quick studies. Fantastic to have them in the church.

Theatre Camp



Announcements & Activities

Hi there! I'm Teresa the editor and I would love to have your input. If you have an article on something everyone in the congregation would find of value, let me know. I can't include everything, but I look at everything. I love getting pictures. If you know of anyone not receiving the newsletter who would like to be added to our email list or our mailing list, please let me know. -Teresa Hearl
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I am looking for co-editor to take on the newsletter every other month. Must have some basic computer skills but I will train you and bring you coffee and chocolate.



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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. 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.

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Smile, God Loves YOU!

