



**November/ December 2011  
Worship –10am**



**Sundays- 8:45-9:45am**  
Sunday School has started again!



**Wednesdays– 9:30-11:00am**  
Bible Study—no preparation needed  
The Power of Myth—Bill Moyers

**Nov. 20th—Sunday after Worship**  
Hanging of the Greens and Pot luck lunch.

**Nov. 22nd— United Methodist Church  
TUESDAY**

6:00pm—Soup Supper  
7:00pm—Thanksgiving Service



**Nov. 24th— THANKSGIVING DAY**  
Thank God for your blessings.

**Dec. 3rd— Saturday 8:00-9:30am**  
Men's Breakfast

**Dec. 4th— Sunday after Worship**  
Congregational Meeting

**Dec. 10th — Saturday 4:30 pm**  
Feed the Hungry

**Dec. 24th— Saturday 7:00pm**  
Christmas Eve Service



**Dec. 25—CHRISTMAS DAY - Worship 10am**

## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Happy New Year! On November 27<sup>th</sup> we begin a new church year, and I am ready for it. We wait in anticipation of the Holy Day on which we observe the birth of Jesus Christ – the spiritual and physical presence of God amongst us. Until then we have a gloriously long Advent period, where Christmas Day is on a Sunday, meaning this is the longest possible time of Advent!



We are also in the process of awaiting the start of the transformation study group, and wondering what next year will bring us. Historically, Advent themes are: expectations, joy, peace, hope, thankfulness . . . and that certainly describes my feelings of this new church year.

Disciples of Christ are in a perfect place right now to rise to the fore. Non-creedal, ecumenical, spiritual and logic based faith is what the people crave these days, but don't think they can find it in a church. I was appalled to read an article in the paper where a famous gospel singer was leaving her genre to go secular – and based it on the rationale that the secular world is less judgmental than the church. This just breaks my heart. The church – the body of Christ – should embody his teachings of 'judge not' . . . 'forgive 70 x 7 times' . . . 'love your enemies' . . . 'log in your eye'? So many times I wish that all those who feel that Christianity is equivalent to judgmental-ism could experience our church.

We gather together on Sundays to share the Spirit of a living, loving, God together and it changes us. It leads us to expect joy, peace, hope and for that we are truly thankful. So maybe we could say – we have Advent all year long here at the historic Hyattstown Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)! So if you ever hear anyone with a sad view of Christianity – just smile and invite them here!

*Blessings, Pastor Lisa*

## MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Here are the dates for our opportunity to serve at the Frederick Rescue Mission.

### **“Feed the Hungry” At the Soup Kitchen: Dec 10**

At the Frederick Rescue Mission on All Saints St. we are known as the “Lasagna church” to those who come for a meal. (Others serve lasagna, but we did it first.) Serving at this meal gives us a greater appreciation for the many physical blessings we have, and helps some of our hungry neighbors. Join us to gain a new perspective. For more info call Barb Dangler 301-668-4194 or Pat Griffith (301) 972-1316

The Food pantry is also housed here. Donate when you can.

**Come on Saturday at 4:30pm to serve, come to the back door of the Frederick Rescue Mission**

## **Disciples Men’s Breakfast on Saturday Morning**

What is Men’s Breakfast? We meet, we eat, and talk. That’s fellowship! Men’s Breakfast meets the Saturday morning the week before Feed the Hungry.. This year that is the first Saturday of these months.



**Cooking 7:30a.m. Eating & Fellowship 8 -9 am Dec 3**



## **ADVENT WREATH FAMILIES NEEDED!**

If your family would like to light the Advent wreath, please share your readiness with the Pastor.

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

DATE	LITURGIST	DEACONS	ELDER	DATE
Nov 20	John Wilson	Chuck McIntire & _____	Teresa Hearl	Nov 20
Nov 27	_____	DeBrean Loy & _____	Gail Howard	Nov 27
Dec 4	Hugh Howard	Paul & Becky DeLameter	Bob Turman	Dec 4
Dec 11	Pat Griffith	Sandy Law & Frank Hearl	Debbie Blair	Dec 11
Dec 18	Sharron Smith	_____ & Scott Stickerod	Beth Sweeney	Dec 18
Dec 24	Randy Loy	Martha Cooley & Barb Dangler	John Wilson	Dec 24
Dec 25	Frank Roys	Pat Bush & Gail Knott	_____	Dec 25
Jan 1	Steve Smith	Chuck McIntire & _____	Janice Seaman	Jan 1

**NOTES:**

If you cannot serve, please trade with someone.  
 Elders also serve as Worship Leaders  
 Deacons prepare and clean-up communion, and check pews.  
 The scripture lessons are found in the bulletin insert. For an advanced copy please contact the pastor.



### November Birthdays

Nov 2 - Gail Knott  
Nov 4 - Andy Blair  
Nov 5 - Stephanie Smith  
Nov 6 - David Stickerod  
Nov 10 - Kris Wilson  
Nov 11 - Steve Smith  
Nov 15 - Mark Pierson  
Nov 19 - Magdalen Memmott  
Nov 19 - Ellen Pierson  
Nov 21 - Jack Sweeney  
Nov 22 - Sandy Law  
Nov 27 - Kevin Moore

### November Anniversaries

Nov 9 Paul & Becky DeLameter

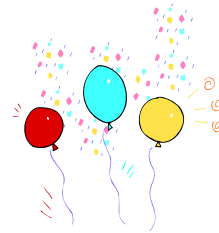
Please say a prayer for  
these special people on  
their special day.

### December Birthdays

Dec 4 - Janet Reister  
Dec 10 - Chris Moore  
Dec 12- Peggie Hatton  
Dec 20- Lorenzo York  
Dec 22- Hugh Howard  
Dec 22- David Smith  
Dec 25- Sharon Turman  
Dec 28 - Frank Roys

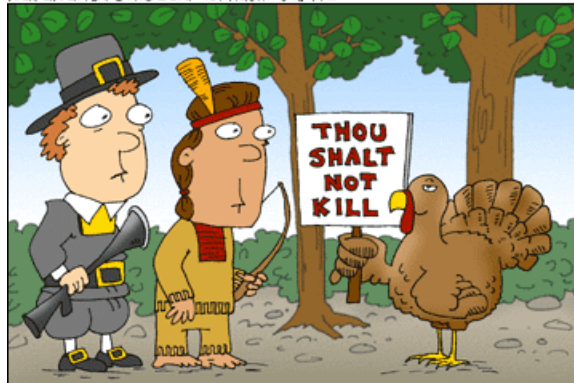
### December Anniversary

Dec 24- Roger & Dana Reitman



We touch on three holidays in this newsletter. It seems like Halloween was just here and now it's Thanksgiving but Christmas is coming soon. Time flies when we are having fun and when we are busy. We need to make time to thank God for our blessings.

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Thanks to Jay Benfield (See Exodus 20:1-21)

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## *News from the Pews,*

**We'd love to hear from you.  
Drop a note and let us know your news.**



**Steve Smith** had a family reunion mid-November. His Mom and Dad ,Ted and Renata, popped in from Cincinatti and his sister, Inge, came from Virginia with her family for Steven's 50th birthday.

**Andy and Debbie Blair** will be coming and going for a while. We wish them Happy Holidays. They will get to visit with Debbie's parents, Meghan, and Ben in their travels.

**Frank and Theresa Roys** sang in a benefit concert honoring women. The monies went to the MD WBA Foundation and the Finding Justice Project that documents the history of women lawyers in MD. The Honorable Madeleine Albright hosted the evening. After *The Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman*, The National Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorale performed *The Grand Mass by Amy Beach*. Amy Beach was the first American woman composer of large-scale works. She wrote *The Grand Mass* while a teenager.

**Angela Flook** is visiting her friend in Singapore.

**Becky and Paul DeLameter** will be attending Kelly DeLameter's performance this weekend.

While **Teresa Hearl** spent a week visiting her friend, Betty, in Wisconsin, **Frank** manned the home-front overseeing phase two of installation of their wood floor. Teresa finished most of her Christmas shopping while gone.

**Sharron Smith** will be spending some time at her home in Seattle visiting grandbabies.

We are so glad that **Nick Cooley** joined Hyattstown Christian on Oct 2. We already claimed him as family, he just made it official.

What a blessing that **John Wilson** is recovering well from cervical surgery.

Tina and Charlie are the furry new members of the **Blair family**. The two kittens walked into their hose and into their hearts. Can you blame them? Look at those cute faces.



**Frank and Teresa Hearl's** grandson had foot surgery. Xander, 5, doesn't realize that this was supposed to slow him down while the cast is on his foot. Before his surgery, he requested that his Dad draw a dragon on his cast. Dad did a good job. Frank and Teresa's children and families will join them for Thanksgiving. Of course the grand-dogs are coming, too. It will be a full house.

#### **News from the Turmans-**

**Bob and Sharon Turman** enjoyed having daughter LT Liane Turman, USNR, on the East coast for the past several months. Liane recently graduated from Naval Intelligence Officer training at Virginia Beach, VA, and has returned to her home in California, where she is employed with Lockheed Martin Corp. Liane was named the "Honor Graduate" in her class, which included several Naval Academy graduates! Mom and Dad are very proud of Liane's accomplishments.

Bob and Andrew Turman enjoyed several Saturday visits during the summer with Andrew's son, Harper, who lives in Windber, PA. Harper graduated from high school this past May and the Turmans were there to see him receive his diploma. Harper has recently started a training program at the local Starbucks coffee shoppe.

## **DONATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING:** Nov. 13 & 20th! The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses affiliated with the CC (DoC). Your support provides scholarships, church relations programs, and chaplaincy offices.

**CLARKSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:**  
Deadline December 4th, 2011



**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING:**  
Dec. 11 & 18, 2011

The Christmas Offering supports the Regional Ministries of 33 regions across the U.S. and Canada. Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination.

**LARI GRUBBS, REGIONAL MINISTER CHRISTMAS GIFTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL DEC. 18TH!**

**CCCA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—SHARE THE LIGHT!** This seeks to raise \$1.58 million dollars in a three year period for improvements to Mary Mac and Bethany. We are asking our congregation to donate their spare change each Sunday (the jar at the front of the sanctuary), and pledging more over the next 3 years.



**CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY!** Give donations to ????????

**PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:** Christmas Eve

**ROOM HEATER & WINDOW AC FOR PASTOR'S OFFICE TO SAVE MONEY ON BILLS!**

**HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH BUDGET NEEDS.**  
Our budget is almost barebone, and we're running behind.



### 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](mailto: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!



## Handle with Prayer

### Tis the Season of Giving.

When we reflect on our blessings, we often find that we can do a little more. While these are opportunities for monetary giving, don't forget the gifts that are beyond price. The gift of time. We can use this gift to call someone who needs to hear your voice. That can be family or shut-ins. Can you send a card? Time can be used for prayer. What is your talent? Do you sing? Can you mend clothes, or fix a dripping faucet? Only you know your gifts, and how to share your talent. We ask for money because this is how each of these ministries are best served. We are called to be a giving people, and the Christmas season highlights the needs in the world. **You are a present from God.**

**Please give as you can.**



## **New Master of Divinity Program Format at Lexington Theological Seminary**

**By Randy Loy**

On November 10, 2011, I had the opportunity to attend a presentation at the Aspen Hill Christian Church regarding the new format being used by the Lexington Theological Seminary (LTS), at Lexington, Kentucky, to teach its Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program. LTS is the oldest seminary of the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ and is now in its second year of presenting the M.Div. program through a mixed format that combines internet, very limited on-campus, and extensive congregational-based instruction. I found the presentation to be very interesting, not only regarding the new method of teaching but also regarding the reasons why the program needed to be changed from the older, traditional format.

The presenter for the program, LTS Professor Dr. Sonny Wray, informed participants that the need for change became apparent when enrollment in the seminary dropped 25 to 35 percent during the past decade. This was in part due to the fact that students of other denominations who might otherwise attend LTS were being encouraged by their own denominations to attend seminaries operated only by those denominations. Apparently, the other divinity schools were also experiencing enrollment problems. Therefore, such a push was made to bolster their own enrollments. As a result, LTS eventually began to experience financial difficulties, even to the point of considering closing its doors.

However, when LTS administrators and educators examined the problems confronting the school, and seminaries in general, they realized that the old model of seminary instruction which had worked for many years and involved students commuting to or residing on a campus for regular instruction, was simply no longer viable. At least not for LTS.

The primary reason is that the “typical” seminary student has changed over the years. The average person attending seminary is now no longer a twenty something recent college undergraduate but rather a fifty-ish man or woman seeking a career change. People who could not usually afford to take time away from their current jobs, and families, and therefore require a more flexible way to pursue education for a calling to professional ministry. As a result, LTS realized that in order to allow more potential students to be involved in seminary education, the school had to radically change the way it was doing business. Eventually, the format of using internet-based learning, coupled with students serving local congregations under the supervision of ordained pastors serving in mentoring roles, and short periods of on-campus instruction, was adopted.

According to Dr. Wray, this new program seems to be working as enrollment is rising. Many current students are still holding down full-time jobs and able to balance family responsibilities while working on their M.Div. degrees. Additionally, with much of the instruction being done outside a traditional campus setting, LTS may in the future be able to sell its current property and relocate to a much smaller facility. This would greatly reduce the school's overhead costs.

I am very impressed by the changes that LTS has made in order to be able to continue to mold new ministers for God's work. I also believe that the seminary's experience is a good example to other ministry programs. In order to grow in service to God, and even to simply survive, organizations sometimes need to adapt to meet the challenges that confront them.



Note from Editor:

Sharron will be in Seattle for a while. If you have news, I won't know unless you send it to me! And you know I love pictures. Please send them to my email. [tkhearl@comcast.net](mailto:tkhearl@comcast.net)

THE BACK PEW - Jeff LARSON



Now let me get this straight.. the son of God will be born in a stable?.. Get out of town!

<http://thebackpew.com>

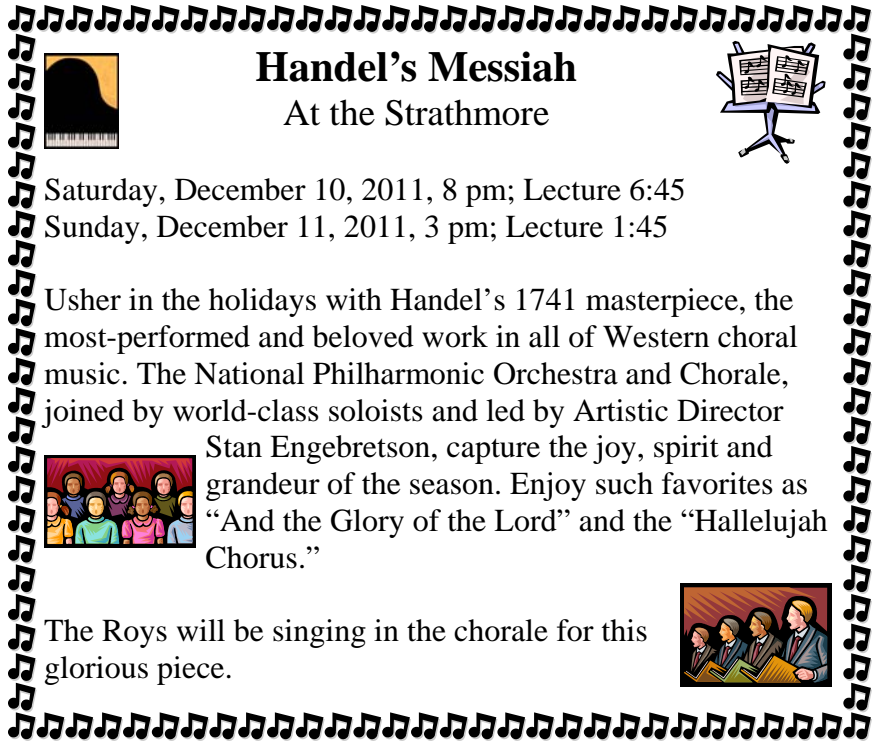
You can imagine the buzz around the coffee maker in Heaven.. when it was learned God's plan for salvation for mankind. **Luke 1:25 1/2**



## Bazaar Things Happening at Hyattstown Christian Church

Our annual yard sale is a lot of work. God bless all our workers, shoppers and the set-up/cleanup crew, too.





# Handel's Messiah

At the Strathmore



Saturday, December 10, 2011, 8 pm; Lecture 6:45  
Sunday, December 11, 2011, 3 pm; Lecture 1:45

Usher in the holidays with Handel's 1741 masterpiece, the most-performed and beloved work in all of Western choral music. The National Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorale, joined by world-class soloists and led by Artistic Director



Stan Engebretson, capture the joy, spirit and grandeur of the season. Enjoy such favorites as "And the Glory of the Lord" and the "Hallelujah Chorus."

The Roys will be singing in the chorale for this glorious piece.



Matt Dohm is leading our choir for Advent.  
Thanks Matt!



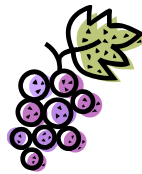
Three beauties lounging in the upper room.





# Trunk or Treat

Our first Trunk or Treat Made the local news!

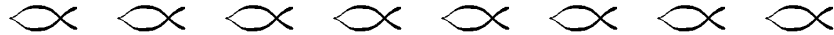


## Sunday School



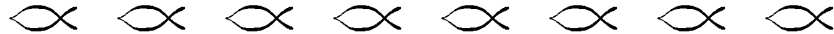
Becky DeLameter is looking for leaders for our multi-generational Sunday School. If you can take a week or two, she has ideas to help you with a program.

Our topic is;  
“Living As Peacemakers In A Violent World”



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](mailto:ssmith@hood.edu); pictures encouraged. Thanks-Sharron Smith

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



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.



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Old Testament Trivia, answers included, if  
you look them up.

## Fun Page

How long was Joseph in prison when Pharaoh called him to interpret his dreams? **Gen. 41: 1,14**

What is the shortest book in the Bible?  
**A) 3rd John B) Jude C) Titus**

Abel tended sheep. What did Cain do? **Gen 4:2**

How old was Jesus when he remained behind in Jerusalem after the Passover? **Luke 2:42-43**

Where were the Magi looking for the baby born "King of the Jews?"  
**Matthew 2:1-2**

What did God place between the camp of the Israelites and the camp of the Egyptians? **Exodus 14:19-20**

### **DID NOAH FISH?**

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

### **THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

### **ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS**

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls." This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

## 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  
Email; TKHEARL@comcast.net  
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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.**

### GOOD NEWS

Both the parsonage/church and the North-side property wells have been tested and have passed. This means that no bacterial components have been found in either well (which is what we had them tested for).

Hugh



**BIBLE STUDY WILL BE WATCHING DVDs (No 'Homework') OF BILL MOYERS' INTERVIEWS WITH JOSEPH CAMPBELL FROM THE PBS SERIES, "THE POWER OF MYTH".**

### 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)

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**OUR ELDERS**

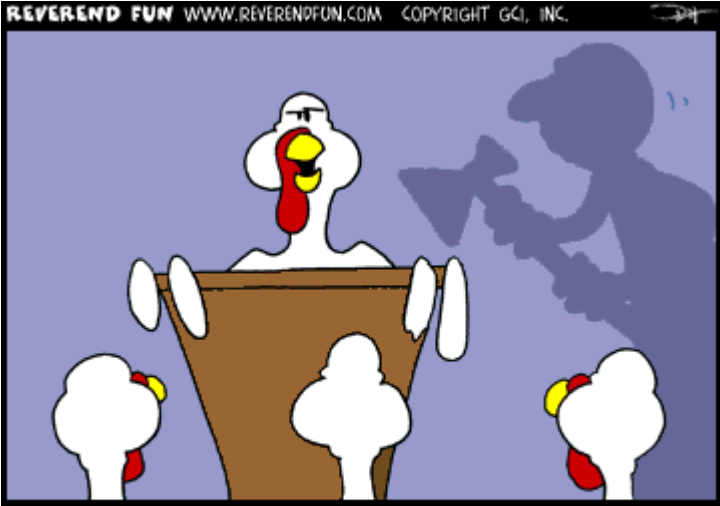
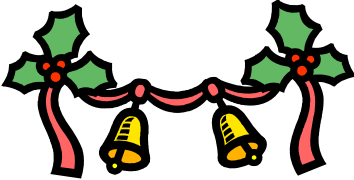
For Disciples, the ministry of the laity has always been central to who we are. Since the beginning Elders have presided at the Lord's Supper, visited the sick or those in special need, and offered oversight to the work and life of the congregation. Elders often assist the pastor. If there is a spiritual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

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(See 1Thessalonians 5:1-3) 11-25-1999

**LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT YOU NEVER KNOW  
WHEN YOUR TIME ON THIS EARTH WILL RUN  
OUT**