

# HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

April 2009 Volume 8 Issue 4

## April Worship-- 9am & 11am



April 1-----final Lenten Soup Supper- 6:30

April 4 -----HCC Men's Breakfast- 7:30

April 5----- Palm Sunday Concert- 3pm

April 9 -----Maunday Thursday Service-7pm

April 10 -----Good Friday

April 11 -----Feed the Hungry-4:30pm

April 12 -----Easter Sunday

April 19 ----- Special Board Meeting-10:30am

April 19 ----- Camp Starfish Meeting- 10am

April 26----- Congregational meeting  
contingent on Board decision.  
Immediately following each service.



## Reflections

### "I Googled Easter" by Pastor Ben Manning



Just for the fun of it I "googled" Easter. I was at the same time curious and looking for some inspiration. I had just spent most of the day writing a lesson plan for a class on baptism so I was looking for some inspiration in a totally different area. I probably should not have been surprised that I came up with a full page of various links pointing me to information about bunnies and Easter egg crafts, a few Easter egg rolls taking place out there, how to have decorating fun and where to order Easter candy. (M&M's seem to have saturated the candy links).

I finally found some neat references to Easter traditions and learned some things that never occurred to me before about Easter. I marveled at the many ways Easter was expressed in other languages in practically every nation there is. Wouldn't it be neat to be in a room with folks from around the world and hear them say "Christ is Risen!" and hear the response "He is Risen indeed!" in the various languages!

Then I discovered that, even as I was typing these reflections, I had been typing easter in all lower case (like the one I just typed) as though the bunnies and candy had lulled me into inadvertently discounting what is probably the most important Christian celebration we have. Then I noticed all those un-capitalized Easter words had red lines under them. You know what? My software's spell checker knew a lot better than I that Easter is so important it is always capitalized, even when it is used with eggs and bunnies. So I went back and changed all but one.

Yes, Easter is important! Until the 4th century CE, Easter and Pentecost were the only two holy days that Christians observed. Easter Sunday was the main day of celebration, formally recognized by the *Council of Nicea* in 325 CE. Pentecost Sunday was also observed as a less important holy day, 7 weeks/49 days after Easter.

I invite you to "google" Easter. Sort through the extraneous and go to some articles and learn some new things about this exciting celebration. For me, every Lord's day is Easter in my heart. I hope to see you every Sunday as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection.

*Blessings, Pastor Ben*

## SERMONS FOR PALM SUNDAY THROUGH PENTECOST

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009

Readings: Mark 11:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Sermon: "Jesus, Where are You?" John 12:12-16

Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 12, 2009

Readings: Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18

Sermon: "Now Comes the Good Part" John 20:1-18

Second Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2009

Readings: Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

"Meet Saint Thomas" John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 26, 2009

Readings: Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

"A Fishing Trip to Remember" Luke 24:36b-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 03, 2009

Readings: Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

"Experiencing the Shepherd's Leading" John 10:11-18

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 10, 2009

Readings: Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

"Celebrating our Connectedness" John 15:1-8

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 17, 2009

Readings: Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17

"Fruitful Christians" John 15:9-17

Last Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 24, 2009

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19

"Jesus Prays for His Disciples" John 17:6-19

Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2009


Readings: Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

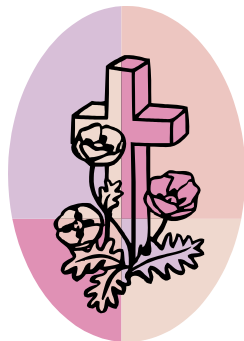
"Empowered" Acts 2:1-13

## High Tea

Carolyn Manning will be hosting a High Tea for the HCC ladies on Saturday, May 16. The party will be at the Manning's home in West Virginia, and will begin at 1 pm. A sign-up sheet for food will be circulated soon. HCC men are invited if they are willing to help serve the food!



<b>Liturgical Schedule — also posted on bulletin board inside front door</b>			
			<p><i>We are Honored to Serve at The Table of the Lord</i></p> 
<b>9 am Worship</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deaconate</b>	
March 29/ April 5	Bill Duke	Debbie Blair	
April 12/19	Hugh Howard	Eddie Flook	
April 26/May 3	Gail Howard	Sharon Duke	
<i>NOTE: Elders are also serving as Worship Leaders</i>			
<b>11am Worship</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deaconate</b>	
March 29/ April 5	Chris Moore	Pierrette McIntire	Chuck McIntire
April 12/19	Bob Turman	Becky DeLameter	Paul DeLameter
April 26/May 3	Pat Griffith	Barb Dangler	Martha Cooley
<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>9 am Worship</b>	<b>11 am Worship</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
April 5	Beth Sweeney	Janice Seaman	John 12:12-16
April 12	Frank Hearl	Randy Loy	John 20:1-18
April 19	Sharon Duke	Stacey Wilson	John 20:19-31
April 26	Andy Blair	Robin Davis	Luke 24:36b-48



### April Birthdays

4/3 - Sharron Smith  
 4/15 - Pat Griffith  
 4/16 - Christopher Yankaskas  
 4/17 - Carter Reitman  
 4/18 - Ann Covell  
 4/22 - Norm Horman  
 4/23 - Betty Burdette  
 4/26 - Cherry King



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

### April Anniversary

4/25 - Mark & Ginny Pierson

### The Search & Call Committee

The Committee has suggested a pastoral candidate to the board. The Board will vote on this candidate on April 19.

Blessings, Beth Sweeney



Members of our Search Committee are:

**Chair-** Beth Sweeney (Elder) phone: 301-865-9238

Hugh Howard (ex-officio), Andy Blair (Deaconate), Meghan Blair (Youth), Frank Hearl (Elder), Gail Howard (Elder), Pierrette McIntire (Women), Dana Reitman (Deaconate), Frank Roys (Congregation)

### Special Meetings

The **Church Board** will hold a special meeting to consider the pastoral candidate that the search committee is suggesting on April 19 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Congregational Meetings** will be held two weeks later, on April 26, contingent on the board's decision. The meetings will be held immediately following each service.

### ARTYE HELLNER'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

We were sad to hear of the death of our dear church member, Artye Hellner, who died early morning on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Artye had been a resident of Buckingham's Choice in recent years. A memorial service will be held Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00 p.m. at Buckingham's Choice in Adamsville, MD and Interment will take place later in Vermont where her husband is buried. The memorial service will take place in the Activity Room, located just inside the main entrance, at Buckingham's Choice Residential Center. The service will be conducted by the Chaplain of Buckingham's Choice with Pastor Ben Manning assisting. There will be a time of reception and visitation with the family and friends following the service. Members of Hyattstown Christian are invited to attend.



**Useful Information**  
**Hyattstown Christian Church**

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**GOLF ANYONE?**  
**(or... Golf for Everyone)**



Hyattstown Christian Church members and friends are invited to join the Golf Outing we want to plan for some Saturday in April or May (date TBA based on response to this!). Lets look at April 25<sup>th</sup> for planning purposes. The cost will be \$24.50 per person plus tax and this includes a motorized cart. We would likely start teeing off approximately 10:00 a.m. We are seeking to get some teams together for a round of "Captain's Choice," sometimes called "Best Ball." This will allow teams of four made up of new, novice, and experienced golfers, men and women, young and oldsters, regardless of the level of experience. We will even encourage those who have never played but want to try it to take part. We intentionally put teams together based on all levels of experience and ability. Everyone on the team hits the ball and wherever the best ball is hit, everyone hits again from that spot. That keeps the game moving and gives everyone a chance. A lot of fun! The golfing will take place on one of the golf courses at The Woods Resort where the Mannings live. And the best part... it will be followed by a cook out. There may be prizes for highest score, lowest score, etc.. If you are interested please let Pastor Ben or Frank Roys know as soon as possible so we can set up Tee times.

**RSVP**

 Frederick  
Camerata

Philip A. Day Jr,  
Founder and Director



## **A Palm Sunday Concert**

Date: ——— **April 5**

Location: ——— **Hyattstown Christian Church**

Time: ——— **3 pm**

Mass of the Holy Spirit  
By Randall Thompson

Cantata Nr. 4 -- Christ Lag in Todesbanden  
By J.S. Bach

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**Directions to Hyattstown Christian Church:**

I 270 \* Exit #22 Rt 109

Left onto Rt 355

1/4 mile on left (at the pedestrian crossing)

26012 Frederick Rd Hyattstown MD 20871

More info:

301.693.3887

Suggested Donation:

\$10 per family

The Frederick Camerata, Inc. is an auditioned group of musicians who are interested in presenting excellence in vocal music. The group was organized in the fall of 1993 by Philip A. Day, Jr., its founder and artistic director. If you are interested in information or in becoming a member of the group, contact Phil Day at 301.693.3887.

## FEED THE HUNGRY

**DATES FOR 2009**      **Saturday at 4:30pm**

**-- April 11**      **to serve, come to the back door**  
**--August 8**      **of the Frederick Rescue Mission**  
**--November 14**

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



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

### 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.



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

**Dates for 2009**

**--April 4 --August 1 --November 7**

### What is a Starfish Church?

If you have been here you know but if you are new to our congregation, you may ask, "What is meant by a "starfish" church?" The name relates to the story about the boy on the beach throwing starfish into the sea. When told that there were too many and that his work wouldn't make a difference, the boy threw another one into the sea and said, "It made a difference to that one."



## 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 usually assist the pastor. We are in a time of transition, our Elders are available. 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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**Hugh Howard 301-831-8643**

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Randy Loy 301-829-4593

Chris Moore 301-414-5493

Ginny Pierson 301-865-3750

Frank Roys 240-357-0989

Janice Seaman 301-228-2357

Sharron Smith 301-699-0135

Bob Turman 301-620-7570



## Camp Starfish

Our 5th Annual Camp Starfish! will be held **August 9-12 at Camp Mary Mac**, near Sharpsburg, MD. As you may know, Camp Starfish is a camp for the children of inmates (who have at least one parent incarcerated in a correctional facility). This is a very high-risk group of children, with statistics indicating that over 70% will become incarcerated themselves. Camp Starfish hopes to make a difference in the lives of these children by offering them a summer camp experience that includes wholesome activities and good fellowship in a safe setting. It also offers great fellowship for our volunteers, who spend four days and three nights together working with these children in this wonderful setting. People should mark their calendars. Pierrette also mentioned that we need to build our funds back up a bit. The jail wasn't able to subsidize as much of the expense this past year, so if we plan ahead and donate now, it will be less painful for everyone!

### PLANNING MEETING FOR CAMP STARFISH

April 19 at 10am in the "Upper Room"

Anyone interested is welcome.



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Easter is one of the holiest times of the Christian year and our liturgical calendar will be filled with opportunities to grow spiritually and attend worship and fellowship. Here are some of the opportunities that await us:

### **PALM SUNDAY – April 5**

During both services Pastor Ben will present a traditional Palm Sunday sermon. This Sunday commemorates the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Join us at our services held at **9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

Special Palm Sunday Concert! Frederick Camerata will present their **Spring Concert on Palm Sunday, April 5**. This year we share the emotional music of the Randall Thompson's Mass and Bach's cantata Christ Lag in Todesbanden. A small orchestra will accompany the Bach cantata. We invite you to come and enjoy this choral offering. This will be at **3:00 p.m. at Hyattstown Christian Church.**

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 9 -- 7:00 p.m.**

For Disciples of Christ, "People of the Table," Maundy Thursday is especially meaningful as we commemorate Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper the night before he died. We will participate in a community service that will be held at **7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church** in Hyattstown, Rev. David Hodsdon hosting. Bishop Douglas Pieper will bring the message and Pastor Ben Manning will participate. We anticipate some of our members will bring special music. Please join us!

### **EASTER SUNDAY – April 12**

**Sunrise Service** will be conducted at the traditional place for those gathering at Sunrise from Hyattstown. This community service will be hosted by Tim Bossler (at his farm) on the South side of Route 109,



just a little West of 270. Rev. David Hodsdon will bring the message. All are invited to the breakfast following the service hosted by Hyattstown UMC.

Hyattstown Christian Church will celebrate the Festival of Christ's Resurrection during both the **9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services**. Join us for stirring music for our outstanding Choir. Pastor Ben's message is entitled: "Now Comes the Good Part" based on John 20:1-18. We will have a special visit during both services from "Maggie and Friends" (Carolyn's Puppet ministry) so there will be a special treat for the children who are present. Come celebrate with us!

#### **WELCOME TO NEW HCC MEMBER!**

We are very happy to welcome Judy Kidwell Simmons into the membership of Hyattstown Christian Church. Judy has attended our congregation with great frequency over the past month and she came forward during the closing hymn during our 11:00 a.m. service March 22<sup>nd</sup>. She transfers by letter and profession of faith from Monroe Christian Church in Monroe, Michigan. Judy lives in the Mt. Airy vicinity. Judy, our congregation members open their arms to you in Christian Fellowship as you are truly welcome.



#### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS BY BAPTISM**

We are very happy to welcome five new members to Hyattstown Christian Church. The following made their profession of faith in Christ during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on March 29th. They were baptized at the conclusion of the service. We welcome Kristopher John Wilson of Germantown and his brother Geoffrey Wilson of Rockville. Also Scott Strickerod and his sister Melinda Kline and her daughter Natasha Kline, all of Gaithersburg. They have all attended Hyattstown Christian Church at various times in the past and we celebrate their decision to be baptized and, by so doing, becoming members of our congregation. Part of their preparation for this important decision was through attending the Baptism Class that was recently presented by Pastor Ben Manning.

## Debbie Blair and Debbie Flook - Walking for a Great Cause Again

This spring, Debbie Blair and Debbie Flook will both join the thousands of men and women that walk annually in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. This year the walk is on May 2nd and 3rd, starting out in Washington D.C. This will be Debbie Blair's 5th walk and Debbie Flook's 4th. Also, if Heather Ayers feels up to it, she will join the walkers as well! They'll walk up to 26.2 miles on Saturday, and 13.1 miles on Sunday—all so that medically-underserved women and men can get the medical care they need and leading research teams can receive vital support their ongoing search for a cure. Each walker must raise at least \$1800 in order to participate in this event, and with good reason. The Avon Foundation places a priority on returning funds to the geographic area in which each Avon Walk takes place with a special emphasis on reaching low-income, elderly and minority individuals and those with inadequate health insurance. Last year, the foundation raised \$8.1 million dollars in the Washington, D.C. walk alone, giving back to great organizations like the Translational Breast Cancer Research Consortium in Baltimore, Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Capital Breast Care, Adventist Health Care, George Washington University, University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, and Friends of Cancer Research.



Everyone has their own personal reason for walking, volunteering and donating. Debbie Blair's mother-in-law, aunt, and cousin are all survivors. Last year's walk was in memory of a co-worker who did not win her battle - both her husband and daughter were present at the end of the walk as the team crossed the finish line. For Debbie Flook, she walks in memories of loved ones, including an aunt, and in honor of friends that are survivors.

Please support the Debbies this year in their pursuit of a cure and treatment for those less fortunate. Contact either one to make a donation - all donations are tax deductible! These are difficult economic times so any amount would be much appreciated.

Pictures: Debbie Blair with her team "Koval's Crusaders for a Cure with Moo Cow guy" and Debbie Flook with Heather and Briana Ayers, with the Girl Scout troop.

## Bethany Beach Conference Center



Bethany Beach work weekend is **April 17-19**. All are welcome to come and help open up the facilities for the season. Housing is provided while you are there helping!  
(Don't forget to take a walk on the beach!)



## NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN APRIL

“Peter – Learning to Be Like Jesus” is the title of the new Bible Study series that will begin the first week in April. This is a perfect opportunity for others to join in with the Wednesday morning Bible Study. We meet at the church from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. each Wednesday. This new study consists of 12 lessons on Simon Peter. He was a follower like us. He wanted to be like Jesus, but struggled with his doubts, and at times he failed. At other times he was used powerfully by God. These studies on his life challenge will challenge and motivate us to continue to grow in Christlikeness. A perfect emphasis for the end of Lent and on into the Easter season. Here are upcoming lessons for April:



April 1 Learning to Obey	Luke 5:1-11
April 8 Learning to Pray	Mark 1:29-39; Luke 6:12-23
April 15 Learning to Trust	Matthew 14:22-34
April 22 Learning to Believe	Matthew 16:13-25
April 29 Learning to Follow	Matthew 17:1-8; 19:23-30

### THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



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

<http://thebackpew.com>



Smile, God Loves YOU!

# HCC Member News

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If you have member news, Tell Barb Lang at church or email Teresa at TKHearl@comcast.net Share a picture if you can.



**Marian Myers** fell and injured her arm but is nicely mending. **Pastor Ben** is wearing real shoes again! **Paul DeLameter** has been notified that his assignment in Georgia has been extended. **Becky DeLameter** will be repositioned in the school system next fall as cuts were made in education. **The DeLameters** travelled to New York City so that **Kelly** could perform with Middletown High School at the Riverside Church. **Randy Loy** recieved good news, his sister is doing better and his sister-in law has been told that she does not have MS. The **Blair family** is mourning the loss of their cat, Misty, It is hard to lose a beloved pet. **Debbie's** dad had knee surgery and is doing well. **Meghan Blair** will be attending Northeastern University in the fall. **Jessie Moore** is celebrated her birthday during spring break and went on a cruise. Several members of **Gail Howard's** family attended daughter **Adrienne's** wedding, which was beautiful. **Eddie and Debbie Flook** both suffered back issues the same week. (Were you two working too hard?) **Ben and Carolyn Manning's** 5-year old granddaughter has permanently had her leg and foot braces removed! **Beth Sweeney** will travel with her mother Joyce, and Clementine to see her brother participate in the Royal Serenaders concert. What a joy to have the new curtains in the sanctuary. Thank you to **Carolyn Manning** for sewing them, and thank you to **Walt Moore and Hugh Howard** who hung them. Now the choir can put away the sunglasses. **Sharon Turman** is back in the hospital and had another surgical procedure. **Doris Horman** has been moved to Citizen's Rehab Center in Frederick and is doing well. **Larry Seaman** continues to improve after his knee replacement surgery and will be starting physical therapy. **Chuck and Pierette McIntire** had a great time skiing down the steep slopes in Snowbird, Utah in early March. **Pierrette** heads off this Friday for a long "girls" weekend of sun, surf, and laughter in Jacksonville, FL with my cousins. They then travel to Nags Head, NC for Easter with her family.

### *The Reister's Address*

Terry and Janet Reister  
10395 Fox Meadow Circle  
New Market, MD 21774  
Ph: 301.865.5772

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Terry- wftreister@earthlink.net  
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Joe says the best way to stay in touch with them is to send a letter.



**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.*

*\*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.*

*\*Family members and friends with health issues; Cherry King, Hannah Matlock, Doris & Norman Horman, LaQuita Huteman, Bob & Sharon Turman, Barb Dangler, Louise Jones, several members of the Flook family, Chris Moore & the Reister family.*

*\*The Pastoral Search Committee, our Deacons, our Elders, and the HCC Church Board*

*\*The Disciples of Christ Church and Christ's church in the world.*

*\*Victims of natural disasters who are still struggling after the reporters leave. Like the floods in the Red River Valley.*

*\*Victims of violence at home and in war zones. Like the widows in Iraq, the refugees in Africa, and the abused women and children in our neighborhoods.*

*\*Our military who serve in harm's way.  
A peaceful resolution to conflict.*

*Wisdom for our government leaders.*

*Wisdom for all world leaders.*

*\*In this Easter season, we are humbled by the magnitude of your grace. Thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ.*



## Notes from the Chair

Hugh Howard

Spring is bringing us a lot of newness, not just in the flowers and budding trees and bushes. We have just enjoyed celebrating the baptism of five people - the first in a number of years for us. The new roof for the back rooms is being installed today. And certainly not the least in real and potential change for us: the Search committee has been successful in their work to find a pastoral candidate for us.

The process we will be following is that the Board will meet in a called meeting on the 19th of April to hear about this person and the contract we are suggesting the church offer to them to become our Pastor. Assuming this is approved, this information will be brought before the congregation in a called meeting on the 26th of April for our congregation's consideration (and approval). If the call to be our pastor is approved, our candidate is ready to begin moving into the parsonage through the month of May and to begin preaching on/about June 1st. (You will note that I've gone ahead and 'called' a congregational meeting for the 26th to meet the required two-weeks notice with an assumption that the board will give it's approval.)

Needless to say, this is an exciting time for all of us, We have been blessed to received excellent leadership and guidance from Rev. Ben Manning and Carolyn in this interim time. Our call to a new pastor should also give us a newness of direction and leadership for Hyattstown Church. We will be learning a lot from the new pastor and they and their family will be getting to know us.



Blessings, Hugh



The Annex Decorating Committee is pleased to announce that the furniture for our "Upper Room" has arrived. We still have a few things to do, but our church now has a warm inviting room for our church family where we can meet and study. In the future we will address the back entry office which will house the library that is being cataloged by Sharron Smith and Pat Bush, and a work station. When our new pastor arrives, we will be glad to assist in establishing the pastor's office however he/she wishes.

Teresa Hearl, Janice Seaman, & Becky DeLameter



Shingles coming off. . .



. . .shingles going on



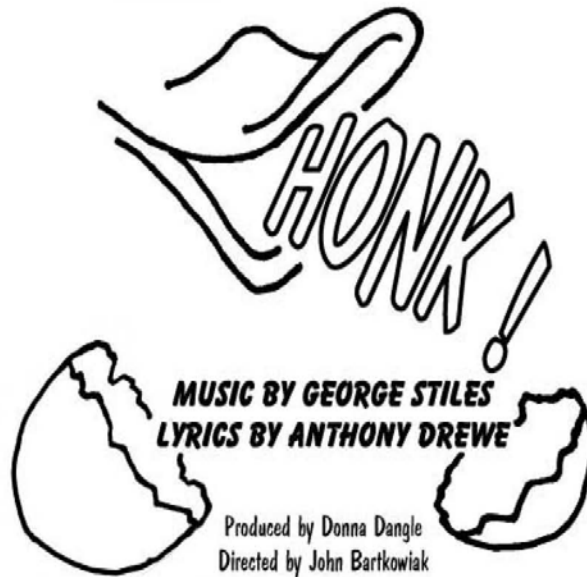
The Upper Room

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

Barb Lang is playing for this production! If you have questions, she'll be glad to answer them.

THE  
Montgomery  
Playhouse

Presents



**MUSIC BY GEORGE STILES**  
**LYRICS BY ANTHONY DREWE**

Produced by Donna Dangle  
Directed by John Bartkowiak  
Music Direction by Megan Hartten

**APRIL 24TH - MAY 10TH, 2009**

**Friday and Saturday at 8 PM**  
**Sunday at 2 PM**

**Sign Interpreted Performance on May 1st**

**Reservations: 301-977-5751**

**Tickets: Adults - \$18, Students and Seniors - \$15**

**Children 12 and under - \$12**

**Asbury Methodist Village**

**Gaithersburg, MD**

**[www.montgomeryplayhouse.org](http://www.montgomeryplayhouse.org)**

Produced by Special Arrangement with Carol Edelen Music Theatre International

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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.



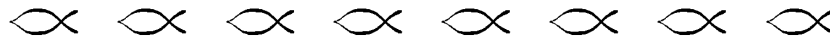
### Church Library

Pat Bush and Sharron Smith have recorded the titles, authors and publication dates of the books in the church. We hope this will get a church library going. For the time being, we will have a printed list of the books to use as a sign in/out record. We hope to establish a list of books we'd like to have in the library and a procedure for making donations.

We will be compiling a wish list of books to acquire for the library and be judicious about our additions so that we add good quality books. Please send suggestions to : [sharronlwsmith@gmail.com](mailto:sharronlwsmith@gmail.com)

### Liturgists Wanted

If you would like to serve as liturgist please tell Barbara Lang. You don't have to be a member, you only have to want to read the scripture on Sunday morning.



### 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:

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