

HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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



February and March Worship-- 9am & 11am



Feb 15-- Valentines Luncheon
after second service

Feb 15-- Choir Practice for Lent begins
10 am between services



Feb 21-- Women's Retreat

Feb 24-- Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner



Feb 25-- Ash Wednesday
Lenten Soup suppers begin



March 4, 11, 18, 25 -- Wednesdays
Lenten Soup suppers

Reflections

“Mobilizing for Ministry”

by Pastor Ben Manning



I have observed that members of Hyattstown Christian Church are experiencing an important phase in the collective life of the congregation. It comes at a helpful time while you are in the midst of your search and call process, searching for a new minister. I like to call it “Mobilizing for Ministry.” Indicators of such mobilization include increased energy among the members in general and with the newly elected and appointed officers in particular for naming, claiming and aiming their spiritual gifts and talents on behalf of ministry in the congregation. Here are some “indicators” of what I am talking about.

The recent training our Elders had has resulted in our key spiritual leaders in the congregation seeking new and comprehensive ways to reach out in ministry to the congregation. They are identifying ways to move beyond the traditional and important role of serving at the Lord’s Table, to expanding their pastoral care and shepherding to all families and individuals in the congregation in some intentional ways. You will soon see some announcements from the Elders as to how they will do this. They are definitely mobilizing for ministry.

I saw this enthusiasm in action a recent Sunday when one of the elders asked if she could give communion to one of our members in the hospital. I was getting ready to do that myself after church, in fact the portable “kit” was already packed and ready to go. But I joyfully deferred to her and was later present in the hospital room

when she (along with her husband) offered this ministry to our hospitalized member and to the other nine friends and family members in the room. A truly outstanding and caring job. The elders are “mobilizing” to provide this care to others in the congregation.

Our members have been carefully analyzing the traditional structures, groups and activities in the congregation and have also noticed the lack of certain activities that is important for the spiritual health and growth of our congregation. You can anticipate some revitalized and innovative approaches to ministry in the near future. We can expect all of us to be called upon and willing to take close look at our spiritual gifts and talents and what we can offer to the congregation and community as we mobilize for ministry.

Another indicator of what I have been saying is the recognition on the part of our members of the importance of education and training in the life of the church. So much of the excitement and enthusiasm I have noticed among our leaders has been the result of being willing to be trained up in the responsibilities to which they have been chosen or called. I think we will see more of this taking place in our church.

Put yourself in the place of a minister who may be interviewed to be your Pastor. What do you think he or she would like to see happening with the members? You can apply this question to many areas of the congregation. But I am certain of this: your sense of calling and your willingness to name, claim and aim your spiritual gifts are very important! Let’s continue to train and mobilize for ministry!

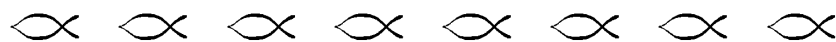
--Pastor Ben

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 judical about our additions so that we add good quality books. Please send suggestions to : sharronlwsmith@gmail.com

Liturgical Schedule — also posted on bulletin board inside front door			
			<p><i>We are Honored to Serve at The Table of the Lord</i></p> 
9 am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
Feb 1/8	Debbie Flook	Eddie Flook	
Feb 15/22	Sharron Smith	Sharon Duke	
Mar 1/8	Frank Roys	Andy Blair	
Mar 15/22	Teresa Hearl	Sarah Duke	
Mar 29/ Apr 5	Bill Duke	Debbie Blair	
NOTE: Elders are also serving as Worship Leaders			
11 am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
Feb 1/8	Pat Griffith	Pierrette McIntire	Chuck McIntire
Feb 15/22	Randy Loy	Becky Delameter	Paul Delameter
Mar 1/8	Janice Seaman	Martha Cooley	Barbara Dangler
Mar 15/22	Hugh Howard	Sandy Law	Walt Moore
Mar 29/ Apr 5	Chris Moore	Pierrette McIntire	Chuck McIntire
Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Scripture
February 8	Frank Roys	Stacey Wilson	Mark : 29-39
February 15	Beth Sweeney	Janice Seaman	Mark 1: 40-45
February 22	Frank Hearl	Bill Huntemann	Mark 9: 2-9
March 1	Sharron Smith	Chris Moore	Mark 1: 9-15
March 8	Frank Hearl	Randy Loy	Mark 8: 31-38
March 15	Grace Duke	Pierrette McIntire	John 2:13-22
March 22	Ginny Pierson	Pat Griffith	John 3: 14-21
March 29	Hugh Howard	Bob Turman	John 12:20-33



Lenten Soup and Sustenance Suppers



Join us for a simple meal and lesson
 Wednesday nights during Lent.
 Come hungry and bring your Bible.
 We fill body and mind.

Lesson Leaders for Soup and Sustenance Suppers

Date	Scripture Lesson	Lesson Leader
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25	Mark 1:9-15	Beth Sweeney
Mar. 4	Mark 8:31-38	Becky DeLameter
Mar. 11	John 2:13-22	
Mar. 18	John 3:14-21	Frank Hearl
Mar. 25	John 12:20-33	
April 1	Mark 14:1-15	Janice Seaman

Also need more volunteers for the meals. Sign-up sheet will be passed around each Sunday. Volunteer now and avoid the draft! Meal starts at 6:30 pm, Lesson begins at approx. 7 pm.

February & March Birthdays

Feb 2 - Barb Dangler
 Feb 9 - Kyle Davis
 Feb 9 - Harry Griffith
 Feb 10 - Peter DeLameter
 Feb 12 - Larry Seaman
 Feb 17 - Bill Knott
 Feb 22 - Martha Cooley
 Feb 22 - Kurt Yankaskas
 March 8 - Jessica Moore
 March 16 - Meghan Blair
 March 18 - Louise Jones
 March 28 - Dana Reitman
 March 29 - Theresa Roys



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

March Anniversary

March 28 - Larry and Janice Seaman

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.





Notes from the Chair

Hugh Howard

Can spring be far ahead? I think all of us are waiting for the warmth of spring to renew and refresh us. The church schedules too are already blooming (in case you happen to look at the hallway calendar of activities). It is exciting to see all that we collectively are involved with and to see the challenges for support and service that we have. The church is a good vehicle through which we can share our time and talent to help others. I encourage all to look around for one or more activities to get involved with - or to start new ones.

Planning ahead, we have the dates for Bethany Beach set for Sept 18-20. We have Stone House and Disciples House reserved. \$25 per adult deposit is required. See me for more information.
Blessings, Hugh



Pastor Ben and Carolyn Manning would like to say: Thank you Hyattstown Christian Church congregation for the beautiful card and gift you gave to us for Christmas. Your gift and well-wishes and prayers certainly confirm your generous and loving spirit toward us. We appreciate all that you do for us.

Blessings and love from the Mannings.

Useful Information Hyattstown Christian Church

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The Search & Call Committee

The Search & Call Committee has been prayerfully reading minister profiles. We have had productive meetings. Please continue to pray for our efforts.

Blessings, Beth Sweeney



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Please see Barbara Lang to sign up for the HCC Women's Winter Retreat, which will be held on February 21, 2009. Phyllis York will be leading the lessons for us! The event will be held in the schoolhouse (one block off the main street of New Market, MD) building of New Market United Methodist Church this year. We will again have a Continental Breakfast, morning lessons, Buffet Lunch, afternoon lessons, concluding the day with a brief service including Communion. Cost will be \$10 per person.



THE GOD-SIZED CHURCH:

Equipping, claiming and celebrating the church at every size.



It is a confusing and challenging time to do ministry when you are a small to mid-sized Christian church. This event is designed to provide you and your church with some exciting new approaches to ministry. Carol Howard-Merritt, author of Tribal Church, will keynote as well as work with your church team to explore an inter-generational approach to church life. Workshop leaders with special expertise will help you to explore alternative models to Christian education, discover creative ministry to seniors, learn about exciting ideas for missions, and more. It is our hope that no matter what the size of your church may be, Salt and Light 2009 will help empower you to become the church God is blessing and intending you to be. Early registration (by February 21st) is \$25.00 and regular registration is \$30. This includes breakfast and lunch and all materials. For as little as the price of \$300 or one conference, you can send 12 church leaders. Imagine the impact and momentum this will provide for your church life and planning!

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

Camp Starfish

We have planned the dates for our 5th Annual Camp Starfish! This year's camp 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!



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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Debbie Flook 301-695-2678

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Teresa Hearl 301-682-7360

Ginny Pierson 301-865-3750

Beth Sweeney 301-865-9238

John Wilson 301-253-1807

Stacey Wilson 301-253-1807

Bob Turman 301-620-7570

Sharon Turman 301-620-7570

Chris Moore 301-414-5493

Janice Seaman 301-228-2357



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

... will be held at the Holy Family Anglican church (just up the street), Tuesday the 24th of February. Bring a can of food for a foodbank and \$5 adult (children under 12 free) for a wonderful dinner and fellowship. Flyers are posted and available in the church entry-way.



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.

Note From Kevin

Hello everyone,
I have been back in Iraq
for about 2 weeks now
and things are going
well. I will be spending
most of my time in
Ramadi this time. The
new job is not too bad,
and the living conditions
are pretty good as well.



We do have a morale
internet café now that
has commercial internet, so I should be able to instant message and web-
cam or chat with Steph, Allie, and the rest of the family every once in a
while. I have attached a picture of me and some of the Marines I work
with that was taken at an Iraqi base. I hope all is going well back in the
States. -Kevin

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(Once again our prayers are with Kevin and all who serve our country)

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(See Genesis 6-8)

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THE WILDEBEESTS ARE IN ... AS SOON AS
NOAH LEAVES WE ARE A GO FOR OPERATION
'LION OVERBOARD'

Smile, God Loves YOU.

**SPECIAL LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK BANNER
FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES**

March 1st marks the first Sunday in Lent, a 40 day special season of preparation leading up to Holy Week and the Easter Celebration. There are five Sundays in Lent followed by Palm Sunday which begins Holy Week. Holy Week includes two very important days that are commemorated in most Christian Church and those are Maundy Thursday (commemorating the Last Supper) and Good Friday (the day of Crucifixion) all culminating in the Celebration of Easter April 12th.

This year during this special season we will use a Lenten Banner that features a visual portrayal of the last days in the life of Jesus Christ. This banner will be constructed with eight panels. So during the five Sundays of Lent as well as Palm Sunday and the two observances during Holy Week we will highlight a different panel on the banner. This is designed to be spiritually meaningful and instructive to those worshipping at Hyattstown Christian Church during this very holy season. The banner will continue to be on display during Easter Sunday and during the Sundays of Eastertide. We thank Carolyn Manning for the creation of the banner.



LENTEN CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN

It is time for us to begin choir rehearsals for the most important season of Lent and Easter. The first Sunday of Lent is March 1. In order to be ready, the first choir rehearsal is set for February 15 between services at 10:00 am. There is a schedule for the rest of the season. Easter is April 12. The choir will be singing at both services for Lent. If you wish to sing with us, see Phil Day for the schedule. Phil encourages everyone who joins us to participate in all the rehearsals and says he looks forward to working with the choir to make the finest music possible to praise God



**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
CONTINUE THROUGH FEBRUARY AND MARCH**

Bible Study meets at Hyattstown Christian Church each Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. We meet in the Church Parlor. We will continue with the study on "The Parables: the Greatest Stories Ever Told" and should end this series by the end of March. We will decide in a few weeks what the next emphasis of study will be so if you have a special interest please share your ideas with Pastor Ben Manning who leads the study group. Special Note: we will not meet on Wednesday, February 25th since Pastor Ben has to be out of town.



SERMON TITLES AND LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES FOR THE REST OF FEBRUARY AND FOR MARCH

We will begin posting the scripture selections from the lectionary and sermon titles for upcoming weeks on the bulletin board outside the parlor. This is a result of a request made by the elders who want the information to assist them in planning their prayers. Here is the “lineup” for the rest of February and for March. Note: sermon reprints are available to those who are homebound upon request. Contact Pastor Ben Manning.(301) 412-6675

Sunday, February 15, 2009 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 *Mark 1:40-45

Sermon: “Are You Willing?”

Sunday, February 22, 2009 Last Sunday after Epiphany also called Transfiguration

Readings: 2 Kings 2:-1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 *Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: “Worshipping a Living Savior”

Sunday, March 1, 2009 First Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 *Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: “Making Choices”

Sunday, March 8, 2009 Second Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 *Mark 8:31-38

Sermon: “A Call to True Discipleship”

Sunday, March 15, 2009 Third Sunday in Lent

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 *John 2:13-22

Sermon: “Things Jesus Felt Strongly About”

Sunday, March 22, 2009 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Readings: Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 *John 3:14-21

Sermon: “The Power of New Beginnings”

Sunday, March 29, 2009 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 *John 12:20-33

Sermon: “Praying with your Eyes Wide Open”

*Indicates the scripture on which the sermon will be based.

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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.



Paul DeLameter is working in Georgia for three months. We had several travelers this month. **Gail and Hugh Howard** had a great trip to Georgia. **Teresa Hearl** flew to San Diego, CA home, then to Key West, FL to be with **Frank Hearl** who completed a half marathon (13.1 mile). **Frank Roys** was in Texas visiting grandchildren. The flu bug has hit the area. It got **Sharon Turman** and **Beth Sweeney**. Take care that it doesn't find you. The best defense according to CDC is lots of hand washing. Before she got the flu, Sharon Turman was able to come to church, and is grateful for the prayers and cards she received. **Doris Horman** is out of the hospital and on the mend after having a kidney removed. **Kelly DeLameter's** hip surgery was successful. Hopefully he'll be back on his toes soon. The **Roys son, Kevin Elkins** has an audition for the Navy Ceremonial Band. It would be wonderful if you could live close enough to visit us with your euphonium once in a while. **Pastor Ben Manning** still has his boot from his surgery but is off the crutches and on a cane. Progress step by step! **Meghan Blair** had an interview at Duke University. **Barb Lang's son, Jim Bogue**, visited for a while this month. And Barb learned that she is going to be a grandmother once again. **Kevin Smith** is once again in Iraq for six months to a year. See Note from Kevin.

The Reister's Address

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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 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. 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. For college students learning to face the world.

Family members and friends with health issues; Cherry King, Hannah Matlock, Artye Hellner, 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 fires in Australia, or floods in Texas and New Orleans.

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.

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 thank you, Lord, for the gift of Jesus Christ.

*May Your will be done. **Amen***

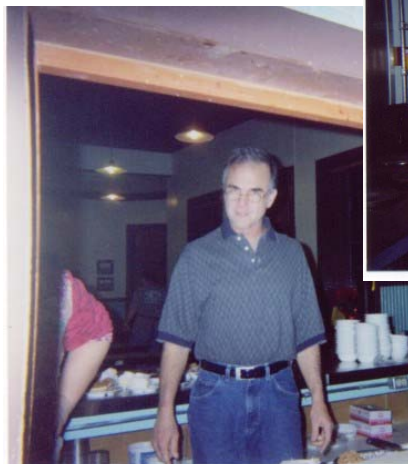
Painting at the Parsonage



Thanks to Martha, Barb, Pat, and many others, the parsonage is just about fixed up. The walls are painted, the cabinets are scrubbed, the wood floors gleam, just waiting for our new pastor.







Workers at Feed the Hungry



Lasagna was served with a smile, once again. Then the Hyattstown workers cleaned up afterwards. What a great crew!

February 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 & 11 Worship	2	3	4 10 Bible Study	5	6	7
8 9 & 11 Worship 10 Choir Practice	9	10	11 10 Bible Study	12	13	14  Valentine's Day
15 9 & 11 Worship 10 Choir Practice	16	17	18 10 Bible Study	19	20	21  Women's Retreat
22 9 & 11 Worship 10 Choir Practice	23	24  Pancake Dinner SHROVE TUES.	25  6:30 Soup Supper ASH WEDNESDAY	26	27	28

March 2009



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15 9 & 11 Worship 10 Choir Practice	16	17	18  10 Bible Study 6:30 Soup Supper	19	20	21
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