

# HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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## JULY

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



**July 3rd and July 24 -- Theater Camp Show** 

**July 4th -- Independence Day**

**July 15th -- Hyattstown Community planning meeting for picnic**

**July 19 -- ONE SERVICE**  
Church Picnic at Flook's home.

**August 1 -- Hyattstown Community Picnic on church grounds**

  
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Temporary Contact information for  
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At the moment we are in transition and have not established our local phone numbers and emails. I also check the church phone daily.  
Thank you for your patience.

## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

To my dear new church Family,

The Smith family hasn't been here that long, but it feels like the relationships we have formed so far are already more comfortable than should be expected for such a short time. I believe it is because HCC congregation members are amazingly open, relaxed and comfortable with themselves and very used to making people feel at home and welcome. For a tired gypsy family we are so very grateful for this grace.

I am also grateful for the slower summer months being upon us. We can settle in and find our bearings so that in the Fall we can start with a clear mind and get those creative juices flowing.

My hopes are to have, sometime in the Fall, a Board Meeting for the planning of the future of Hyattstown Christian Church. We need to spend some time brainstorming, dreaming and waiting for the Holy Spirit to inspire us. There are already so many wonderful things that this church does, and just to get an overview for Fall 2009 – Fall 2010, for my sake, will be wonderful. But I think we can dream for a 5 year plan and a 10 year plan as well.

For example, I would like to see about getting some Sunday Schools started up, and perhaps a Children's Worship. Under the baseball movie philosophy, "If you build it they will come" my hope is to talk over with the members of this church about how do *you* think we can do this? I keep hearing, "So and so would have come but there was no Children's program . . ." and I can't help but think that even if we started with just two or three, it could grow, and I have one to contribute to it!

I also would like to with visit with you all as soon as possible. I have a list of members of the congregation and plan to call to set up a date. But if you call me first with a time – that would be just wonderful! I would feel less like I was a telephone salesperson.

Please feel free to call or write if you have any ideas, thoughts, hopes or dreams for this beautiful historic church, which houses a vibrant, loving, enlivened congregation!



I so look forward to this experience of serving God together with you!

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

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




**New Directory Coming Soon.**



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

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

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


			<p>We are Honored to Serve at The Table of the Lord</p> 
<b>9 am Worship</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deaconate</b>	
July 5/ 12	Teresa Hearl	Sharon Duke	
July 19/26	Bill Duke	Andy Blair	
Aug 2/ 9	Hugh Howard	Sarah Duke	

*NOTE: Elders are also serving as Worship Leaders*

<b>11am Worship</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deaconate</b>	
July 5/ 12	Bob Turman	Sandy Law	Walt Moore
July 19/26	Pat Griffith	Pierrette McIntire	Chuck McIntire
Aug 2/ 9	Randy Loy	Becky DeLameter	Paul DeLameter
<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>9 am Worship</b>	<b>11 am Worship</b>	<b>Sermon Scripture</b>
July 5	Frank Hearl	Pierrette McIntire	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
July 12	Beth Sweeney	Robin Davis	2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19
July 19	Gail Howard	SINGLE SERVICE	2 Samuel 7: 1-14a
July 26	Ginny Pierson	John Wilson	2 Samuel 11: 1-15

**July Birthdays**

Angela Howard 7/1  
 Kayla Howard 7/1  
 Bob Turman 7/9  
 Kevin Smith 7/13  
 Becky DeLameter 7/17  
 Ann Larmer 7/18  
 Carol Parks 7/18  
 Debbie Flook 7/20  
 Michael Yankaskas 7/ 20  
 George Schaeffer 7/26



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

Sharon Duke 7/29  
 Sarah Duke 7/30  
 Conner Metz 7/30

**July Anniversaries**

Keith & Peggie Hatton 7/ 5  
 Randy & Debrean Loy 7/6  
 Rick and Mary Lou Masters 7/19  
 Walt & Chris Moore 7/26  
 John & Jenn Meta 7/29  
 Terry & Janet Reister 7/29

## Our Church Picnic and One Service Sunday

There will be a single service on :

**SUNDAY JULY 19 at 10 am,**

followed by a picnic and pool party at the home of Eddie and Debbie Flook. The church will supply fried chicken and paper goods. Each family is asked to bring a dish and dessert to share, as well as their own beverages. Feel free to bring your swim suit and a towel and plan to relax by the pool. We will also play Bingo, and would like for everyone to bring a wrapped gift (\$5) so we have



## Hyattstown Community Picnic



There will be a Hyattstown Community Picnic on **SATURDAY, August 1st**

on the church grounds from 5 pm - 9 pm (?). We are in the planning process, so if you want to help make this a wonderful community experience, do plan on coming to the next meeting which will be July 15th at 7:30 pm in our Upper Room! We are hoping there will be lovely weather and potluck salads and desserts, Grilled meats, Games, crafts, etc. We want to build our community and sense of love and trust in the neighborhood. Please help support this experience, because even though your homes may not be in Hyattstown, your hearts are there quite often!

**Cherry King** passed away on Tuesday, June 2 after a courageous battle with cancer.

The Duke family is going to Oklahoma July 4th weekend to have a service with the extended family and to bury her ashes.

A service to celebrate the life of Cherry King will be held July 11, 10:30 am at University Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville MD, 20782.



We would like to thank our Hyattstown Christian Church family for your prayers, notes, love and support during this difficult time surrounding the death of our beloved mother and grandmother, Cherry M. King.




Signed: Sharon, Bill, Sarah, and Grace Duke

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**DISCIPLES WEB SITES TO REMEMBER:**

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

 **OUR ELDERS**

For Disciples, the ministry of the laity has always been central to who we are. Since the beginning Elders have presided at the Lord's Supper, visited the sick or those in special need, and offered oversight to the work and life of the congregation.

Elders often assist the pastor. We are excited to work with Rev. Smith as she gets to know us. If there is a spiritual need, please don't hesitate to call. If we don't have the answer, we will find someone who does.

**Board Chair:**

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Gail Howard 301-831-8643	Bob Turman 301-620-7570
Randy Loy 301-829-4593	Sharon Turman 301-620-7570

## FEED THE HUNGRY

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

### Men's Breakfast on Saturday Morning



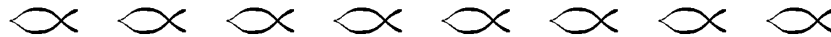
What is Men's Breakfast? We meet, we eat, and talk. That's fellowship! Men's Breakfast meets the Saturday morning the week before Feed the Hungry.



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

**Dates for 2009**

**--August 1 --November 7**



#### Food Pantry

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

#### Hope Alive

A list of items needed at Hope Alive is posted inside the front door of the church. Ask Barb Dangler if you have questions.

**YOU CAN  
HELP!**

# Pontiac Show

Hard workers  
and Well-fed customers



### **Annual Yard Sale**

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

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



### **Disciples Women Magazine**

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

### **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)



### **Bethany Beach Retreat**

Thinking ahead --Put this on your calendar! Our Bethany Beach Church Retreat will be September 18-20. A deposit of \$25 per adult is required. Please see Hugh Howard to sign up.



### **Anna Hoyle Scholarships**



The Hyattstown Christian Church provides scholarships that are funded by a bequest from Anna Hoyle. Anyone associated with the church who is pursuing post-high school education is eligible to apply. Application forms are available at the church and are due by noon on July 12.



**Pagliacci and Gianni Schicchi**

Yes, you do recognize some of these characters!

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(See Matthew 14:14-21)

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YES I COULD MAKE FIVE THOUSAND OF THOSE,  
BUT A FEW FISH AND SOME BREAD MIGHT BE A  
BETTER OPTION



Thanks to Paul Gladney (See John 8:1-11)

06-05-1999

UMM JESUS ... WE WERE GOING TO SKIP SOME  
ROCKS AT THE POND BUT IT SEEMS YOU ARE  
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CAST THE FIRST  
STONE

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wed morning Bible Study is on summer hiatus. The group will resume on August 19. The Pastor will be discussing the book "The Ten Commandments" by Joan Chittister. Pastor Lisa will order the books for us, and a couple extra. Let Pastor Lisa know if you need a book. If we order soon it will only be \$10.20 per book. You are welcome to join us.



**CAMP STARFISH**  
**- August 9 - 12, 2009**



**CAMP STARFISH PLANNING**

FUTURE CAMP STARFISH MEETING  
DATES (in-between services, 10:15 -  
11:00):

Sunday July 5 (for those of us in town)

Sunday July 26

Sunday August 2

**AND THEN... CAMP STARFISH - Sunday August 9 -  
Wednesday August 12**

Please attend whichever meetings you can. All are welcome (regardless of whether you are joining us for the camp, we appreciate your thoughts and ideas).

During a meeting with the Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF), Warden Green indicated that they will be generously donating \$2,500 to offset camp expenses. What a continued blessing this donation is. We have also confirmed participation from Montgomery County Safe and Drug-Free schools who will provide the big yellow school bus to/from church and Camp Mary Mac, and Montgomery County Department of Recreation who will provide two vans to pick-up and drop-off the campers from their homes. Greenbrier State Park has also reserved our preferred gazebo (#3) for August 10-11 at a discounted rate (about 1/2 price).

I have spoken with the Yorks, the Bowers Family (Horses!), Chris Doherty (Spanish Teacher), and Cathy Matthews (Motivational Speaker) - who are all eager to join us and we are working on the schedule. Calls are also into Shorty (for the wagon ride). Mary Saxon-Clipper will also be joining us for the entire camp, along with Monica Talley and her sons Jourdan and Trevin.

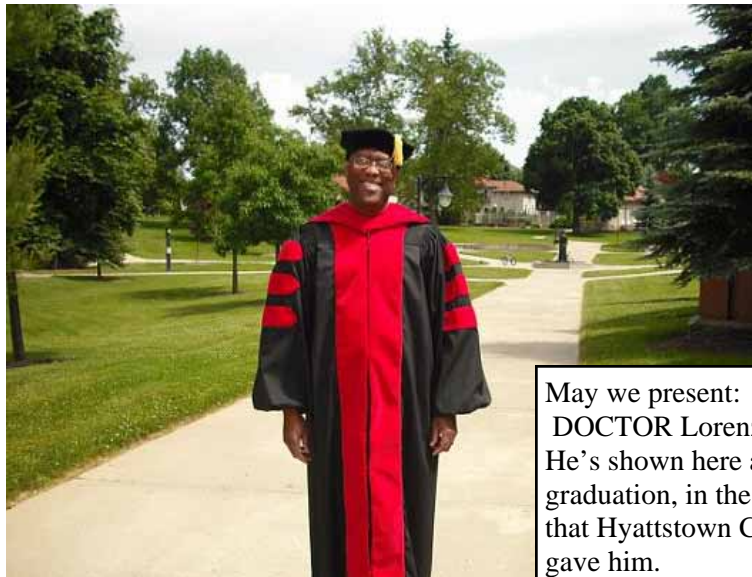
During the month of July we will be finalizing the daily camp schedule of activities, our participant lists, and to-do items. I will place a draft of the current "working" schedule and listings in the upper fellowship room. I also will be sending up-

dates out via e-mail. One donation item that we need are children's books for ages 8-12, as we like to offer these to our campers to take home with them. We are also looking for nurse/first-aid assistance and bus transportation to/from the camp and Greenbrier state park. If you have any ideas for these two items, please let me know. We have sent letters to our regional churches and churches in the Boonsboro area seeking nurse/bus assistance, but have no positive responses yet. Monetary donations are also needed and most welcomed.

We also will be hoping and praying for full camper participation! Registration forms are just starting to come in.

THANK YOU!!! July will be a busy month - but not as busy as August 9-12. We need your support (and prayers). See you in church and please join us for the future meetings as you are able.

Peace,  
Pierrette



May we present:  
DOCTOR Lorenzo York!  
He's shown here at his  
graduation, in the robe  
that Hyattstown Church  
gave him.  
Congratulations, Lorenzo!  
We are so proud of you.

# HCC Member News



Several of us are hitting the road this summer. **Ben and Carolyn Manning** have already had a long cross-country trip.

**The Blair's** journeyed to Boston to visit family and take their new graduate, **Meghan**, to freshman orientation. She graduated high school with honors. Congratulations!

**Steven Smith's** parents visited for a few days and were able to come hear their daughter-in-law preach during her first month here.

**The DeLameter's** are glad to have **Paul** back from his work assignment out of town. **Robin Davis** attended a teacher's retreat on the Eastern Shore, to learn about the Chesapeake Bay. She will be able to use the information she learned when she is teaching next year. She is very thankful that she had such a wonderful experience and learned so much!

**Philip York** received an award at his college. **Lorenzo York** graduated with his Doctor of Divinity degree, the entire family was able to be there for this great event! We were glad to see that **Dana Reitman's** schedule allowed her to be in church a couple of Sundays this month. We are also praying that **Randy Loy's** schedule remains unchanged so that he can continue to attend on a regular basis. Dana says that it's a joy and a concern that **Carter Reitman** was chosen to participate in a student exchange program along with other students from Hood College and will be in Seoul, Korea for a month. What an opportunity!

**Kelly DeLameter** completed in a Maryland State vocal competition and did very well. He will also be in a couple of productions at Way Off Broadway this summer. There is much rejoicing from the younger crowd that school is out for the summer, not so sure how the parents feel. Several of our members and friends performed, or starred backstage, in the Frederick Camerata's productions of *Pagliacci* and *Gianni Schicchi*. Some of the folks that you know are: **Theresa Roys, Frank Roys, Becky DeLameter, Kelly DeLameter, Peter DeLameter, Teresa Hearl, Gail Howard, Phil Day, Barb Lang, Guy Memmott, Jesye Memmott Havrilla, Peggie Hatton, Keith Hatton, and (have I forgotten anyone?) oh yes, at the candy counter, Paul DeLameter and Frank Hearl.** The Frederick Camerata theater camp fills our church with lively creative children for two weeks in June and another two in July. I hear the sanctuary has been turned into a jungle!

We continue lifting up prayers for **Cherry King's** family, and for **Doris Horman's** family. Pastor Lisa presided over a lovely memorial service for Norman Burdette's sister **Mary Rebecca Burdette Price.**



**Lord, be with us as we pray:**

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

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

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

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

*\*Our new Pastor, Lisa Kay C. Smith, and her family, our Deacons, our Elders, and the HCC Church Board, The Disciples of Christ Church and Christ's church in the world.*

*\*Victims of natural disasters who are still struggling after the reporters leave.*

*\*Victims of domestic violence, gang violence, and the violence of war.*

*\*Victims of prejudice.*

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

*\*Wisdom for our government leaders. Wisdom for all world leaders.*

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

**Amen**

## **News from Ben and Carolyn: The Mannings are Back!**

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> Benchuck and Carolyn left on their driving tour of the South, Southwest, Rocky Mountain States and Midwest with a side trip to Pennsylvania and New Jersey. We returned June 21<sup>st</sup> after logging 5777 miles in our new Land Rover 2, safe and sound but very tired. We have taken a few

days to shake the road off, get our bearings, catch up on errands and help our dog readjust to being home instead of boarding. In all, it was a spiritual journey for both of us.



Highlights of our trip were the visits with dear friends and family in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and New Jersey. One of these dear ones I had not seen, to sit down and seriously talk with, in over 20 years and it was just like we had just seen each other and just as hard to part again.

We spent time in Arlington, Texas with Linda and Dave. Linda was one of Carolyn's early friends in California and the friendship persisted with mutual visits through the years. We enjoyed the drive-by to see the new Cowboy Stadium. Linda and Carolyn are tireless when catching up! On to San Antonio (my birth place) because Carolyn had never seen the River Walk so we stayed in a hotel right on it. The Alamo was framed in our 7<sup>th</sup> floor picture window. Three great meals with seating right at riverside. But the real plus was seeing Jerry and Nicole. Jerry was the Chaplain who married us and a dear friend. We met for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and didn't leave the table until after two p.m. That tells you something. I found it hard to say goodbye and am looking forward to saying hello again. Next was the long trip across West Texas to Deming NM where we spent nearly a week with Carolyn's Dad. I am always amazed at his energy and good will for an 89 year old who is on constant oxygen and pain management. I enjoyed seeing him tinker with the car engine he just rebuilt, the air conditioner he had repaired using parts that he made (he is a machinist and inventor with all the tools one would ever want), and hearing about the new invention he is working on. I hesitate to describe it until he gets a patent for it.

Next we went to Castle Rock, CO to spend some time with Dennis and Barbara. Dennis and I were in high school together almost 50 years ago and still enjoy talking about adventures then and we find that they are like family now. Although I was content to simply share time with them, they were gracious in showing us some of the new sights around Denver and hosting some glorious meals. Carolyn and Barbara were busy finishing a quilt while we did our thing. Next was the relatively short trip to Junction City, KS (my official

home town). I don't have family there anymore since my father's death six years ago, but still have dear friends living there. We always find time to stop by and see Helen. Helen and Al (now deceased) were like second parents to me. Al was my football coach through most of my high school years. His mentoring had a lot to do with me going into the ministry. Helen gave me a precious gift. I will have to say more about that in the near future. We spent the night with Sharon and John. Sharon was a high school class mate and they have, in recent years, opened their home to us during our comings and goings through JC. She surprised us by inviting friends Marvin and Vickie over and we had a little party reminiscing about some things, most of which should not be repeated. Much, much fun. Our final homecoming had to wait until we had done a bit of shopping for fabric in PA and seeing our son Mark and Gina in NJ.

The trip was uneventful regarding problems. A bit of heavy rain in KS and MO but we did OK. The part that was eventful was being able to spend such quality time with Carolyn and the wonderful visits I just mentioned. My LR2 averaged 28.3 miles per gallon. But I will admit, driving across West Texas at 80 mph, it dropped to 24.4. Still not bad.

We are so thankful for all who hosted and met with us along the way. We have more trips planned for this summer, and will be resource persons for the Senior Camp at Bethany Beach, DE in September.

#### Senior Camp at Bethany Beach



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

#### 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.



#### HCC Member News

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





**Theatre Camp Invades Hyattstown Christian Church!  
Monkeys in the Sanctuary?!!**

The first of two musical theatre camp programs began June 22 and runs for 2 weeks. This camp gives 4<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> graders the opportunity to learn and improve their acting, singing and dancing skills as well as the experiences of auditioning, set design skills and construction, and costumes while staging a full musical theatre production. This year's production is *The Jungle Book*, which will be presented on **Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary. The second camp, for 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades will run from July 13 to July 24<sup>th</sup>, with their **production on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**. Both camps are under the direction of Gail Howard, with Musical Director Phil Day and Technical Director Becky DeLameter, with several of our youth assisting. Come see the dress rehearsal on the Friday of the production, at 9:30 am for a peek at our church full of exuberant youth!



### **The Great Master**

When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to

begin, a mother returned to her seat and discovered that her child was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. To her horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. . .keep playing." Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obbligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed what could have been a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was so mesmerized that they couldn't recall what else the great master played, only the classic, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Perhaps that's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't always graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work

be beautiful. The next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You too may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit . . . keep playing."

May you feel His arms around you and know that His hands are there, helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces.

God doesn't seem to call the equipped, rather, He equips the 'called.' May God bless you and be with you always!

### **Prayer for Cannots**

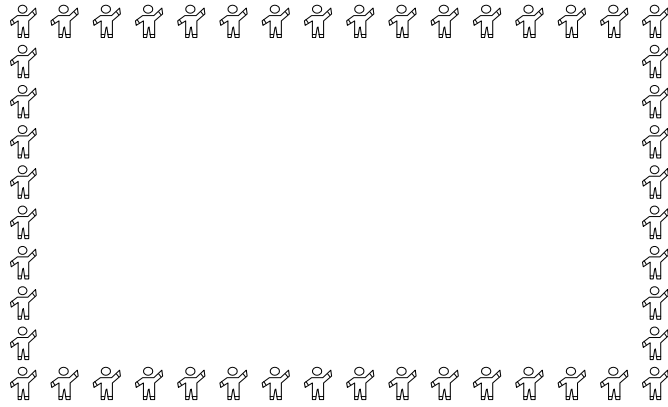
By Kenneth Parsons

Taken from *The Disciple* 1982

O Lord, when I cannot praise,  
Don't let me criticize!  
And if I cannot win the race,  
Don't let me knock the prize.  
And if I can't cheer people on  
At what they try to do--  
Though sometimes everything  
goes wrong--  
Don't let me stand and boo!

O Lord, when I cannot love,  
Don't let me switch to hate!  
And if I can't be patient, please  
Help me have faith and wait.  
And if I cannot brighten lives,  
Don't let me turn them gray.  
And if, Lord, I cannot give hope,  
Don't let me take it away!

**Prayer for Cannots** has  
been pinned on my bulletin  
board since 1982. - Teresa



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