

HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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JUNE
Worship-- 9am & 11am



June 10-Wed Bible Study
Last one before summer break

June 14 - HCC Women meet 10:15

June 21- Father's Day

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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.

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Thanks to Pam Winn

03-14-2008

GOD GAVE YOU FREE WILL ... THE CITY DID
NOT

**Reminder,
School will be out
soon. Drive carefully.
Watch for children!**

Walking the Talk

Reflections

I knelt to pray when day was done And prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone,
Lift from each saddened heart the pain And let the sick be well again."

And then I woke another day And carelessly went on my way,
The whole day long I did not try To wipe a tear from any eye.

I did not try to share the load Of any brother on the road.
I did not even go to see The sick man just next door to me.

Yet once again when day was done I prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone."
But as I prayed, into my ear there came a voice that whispered clear,

"Pause now, my son, before you pray. Whom have you tried to bless today?
Gods sweetest blessing always go by hands that serve him here below."

And then I hid my face and cried, "Forgive me, God, I have not tried,
But let me live another day and I will live the way I pray."

[Author Unknown]

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We are so grateful to Rev. Manning for leading us these past few months. We were able to finish two very powerful studies, one on the Parables of Jesus, and one a study of Peter: Learning to be Like Jesus. Pastor Lisa plans to continue the Wed. morning studies in the Fall and we will look forward to that time with her. For the first two Wednesdays in June the group plans to meet at the church at 10:00 am to discuss the book The Shack by Wm. Paul Young. Janice Seaman will facilitate the discussion and we invite anyone interested to come and participate. We will then take a summer recess. So watch for the fall start date in the newsletter and bulletin.



Pontiac Show:

On May 31st, a hard-working crew from the church led by Barb Dangler and Debbie Flook, with Hugh Howard, Frank Roys, and Walt Moore on the grills fed many ravenous folks who attended the annual Pontiac Show at Burdette Brothers in Hyattstown. The hungry and thirsty crowd wolfed down a total of **\$1,220.81** worth of Bar-B-Qs, Cheesburgers, Hamburgers, and Hot Dogs, along with a truckload of soft drinks, bottled water, cookies, chips, coffee, and doughnuts. That includes \$72 in Donations to HCC by various customers after they got their change back. The monies made from this effort go to support family trips to Bethany Beach, and other outings such as the recent White House tour. Other fellowship activities are being considered, and if you have any ideas, please pass them along to the Fellowship Committee.




Rev. Lisa Smith had the opportunity to meet and chat with Rev. Terry Reister at the Pontiac show.




General Fund Contributions Summary:



As of the end of May, 2009, General Fund contributions to date total **\$29,904.00**. This amount exceeds the budget requirement for the first five months of 2009 by **\$219.00**. Based on the annual budget of **\$71,244.00** for 2009, General Fund contributions in the amount of **\$5,537.00** are needed each month for church operations.

Liturgical Schedule — also posted on bulletin board inside front door			
			<p style="text-align: center;">We are Honored to Serve at The Table of the Lord</p> 
9 am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
June 7/ 14	Sharron Smith	Debbie Blair	
June 21/ 28	Frank Roys	Eddie Flook	
<i>NOTE: Elders are also serving as Worship Leaders</i>			
11am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
June 7/ 14	Hugh Howard	Becky DeLametter	Paul DeLameter
June 21/ 28	Chris Moore	Martha Cooley	Barb Dangler
Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Scripture
June 7	Beth Sweeney	Ginny Pierson	John 3:1-7
June 14	Grace Duke	Pat Griffith	2 Corinthians 5: 6-10,(11-13),14-17
June 21	Frank Roys	Pierrette McIntire	2 Corinthians 6: 1-13
June 28	Debbie Blair	Bill Huntzman	2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

<p>June Birthdays</p> <p>Walt Moore- 6/1 Bill Duke- 6/3 Norm Burdette- 6/6 Terry Reister- 6/12 Jesye Havrilla- 6/18 Randy Loy- 6/23</p>		<p>June Annivesaries</p> <p>Clay & Robin Davis- 6/9 Bill & LaQuita Huntzman- 6/12 Eddie & Debbie Flook- 6/15</p>
<p>Please say a special prayer for these people on their special day!</p>		



Damascus Theatre Company's Summer Fundraiser Concert and Ice Cream Social



Join DTC for an afternoon of fun and entertainment including a concert of songs from shows we might like to do in the future, followed by an ice cream social, silent auction, face painting, and free balloons!

DATE: Saturday, June 13

TIME: Concert 3 to 4:30 PM Ice cream social and other family activities 4:30 to 5:30 PM

TICKETS: \$8 per person

LOCATION: Hyattstown Christian Church

NOTE of THANKS:

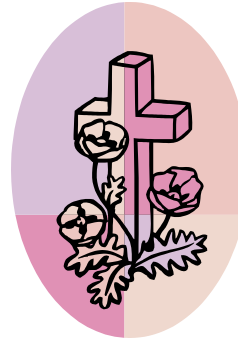
"Thanks to the Hyattstown Christian congregation for your generosity in providing a farewell luncheon last Sunday and the wonderful card with gift cards to a favorite restaurant. We pray God's blessing on you all! Pastor Ben and Carolyn



To our Church Family

The family of Doris Horman wants to thank every one of you for the wonderful fellowship lunching after Aunt Doris's funeral. Everything was so nice; Uncle Norman told me "That food was delicious, I don't know who made it but they should open a restaurant." He really enjoyed it and so did everyone else. It was also touching to see so many of you Friday at the visitation and again on Saturday at her service.

On a personal note and on behalf of Aunt Doris; I want to thank our church family at Hyattstown Christian Church for all your many prayers, visits, and the serving of communion to her throughout her illness. God and our Church had been a very important part of her life since 1957. It meant so much to her and to her family too. When she became ill and we knew her illness had become terminal, I wondered to myself "How are we all going to get through this?" I look back now and I realize the answer. It is with the help of Jesus working through people such as each of you that we get through the storms that face us. I extend my appreciation and love to you each. With a sincere heart and my love,
Debbie



Useful Information

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Christian Church Capital Area Disciples of Christ:

www.cccadisciples.org

Disciple of Christ National website:

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. The Elders are still 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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Prom



Kelly is so handsome and Meghan is so beautiful in their formal Prom clothes but we know that they are just as wonderful every day.



GRADUATION

Meghan Elizabeth Blair graduates from Gaithersburg High School on Friday, June 5, 2009. She will be attending Northeastern University in the fall. She graduates in the top 10% of her class! We are proud of her. She has grown up so fast!



**Congratulations
Meghan and Kevin!**

**Kevin Moore
graduated from
UMBC with a
Master of Science in
Information Systems
on May 20**

High Tea



Tea pots and service with a smile! The Manning's home was a lovely site for high tea.





Notes from the Chair

Hugh Howard

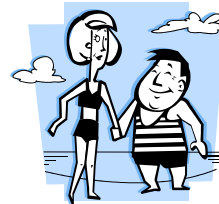
June is here, whether we're ready or not. The excitement level around the church family seems to be greater that I've witnessed for a long while. That may just be my opinion, but with our new pastor now resident with her family, there is a lot going on at the parsonage. The Mannings have said their 'good-bys' (but not 'fairwell') and are now on their way for a two-week trip to the west for family visits. Our graduates from highschoools and colleges are now moving on to new adventures and our excitement goes with them. Summer plans for our families will find us getting involved with both traditional events and new challenges. My prayer is that we all remember to celebrate the joy we have as a church family.

On a somber note we are saddened by the death of Cherry King on June 2nd. Jerry and Cherry joined us at Hyattstown a couple of years ago when they moved north. Our memories of their being with us may diminish over time, but the spirit of love and joy for church and family they both shared with us will be with us for a long time. Our prayers continue for Bill and Sharon Duke and Grace and Sarah.

Blessing, Hugh

Bethany Beach Retreat

Thinking ahead --Put his 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 will be available at the church mid-June 2009 and are due by noon on July 12.

Brief Bio on Pastor Smith-

Lisa Kay Comingore Smith holds a MDiv from Lexington Theological Seminary (1990) and a BS from Centre College, Danville, KY (1980) Lisa was ordained in the Disciples of Christ Church, KY region, May 20, 1990. She and Steven married in 1987. They have a son, David, born 12/22/97. Lisa served as associate pastor for two years after seminary. Beginning in 1993, Lisa has served 4 terms as a missionary in the former GDR (East Germany). Steven has served with her in her missionary capacity and has taught English and German in Germany.

Rev. Lisa Kay Comingore Smith

I had the privilege of spending time with our new pastor. The first group of topics are from answers to the questions asked before Pastor Lisa came to us. Then I asked about cats and a variety of odd topics. She graciously answered all my nosy questions. I find her to be a sensitive and Godly woman. We are blessed to have her with us. ~Teresa

Affirming and Supporting all People

I worked for years as pastoral counselor for students from developing countries so I developed trusting relationships with people of all faiths, and heard comments from them that they would love to attend my church. I was brought up in an active protestant church family, but found my spiritual awareness really blossomed while attending catholic retreats. Being affirming and supportive of spiritual journeys is the foundation of my relationship with all humans, even outside the church!

Working with Children

I adore and am easily distracted by children, and I am a little so with dogs, too. As for specific experiences, I think of all the Christmas pageants I've directed and we've all enjoyed, the parties and the meditations . . . I take children seriously as full humans and believe they know how much I adore them.

Teaching

I see everything I do as teaching. Part of effective teaching is gaining the trust of the 'students' and listening to them, finding out what they really don't understand, and then together finding the answers to that void. If someone realizes something due to my guidance, and feels like they got the answer themselves, then I'm thrilled as a teacher.

Preaching

Preaching is what I love best about ministry. Being the center of attention is enjoyable most of the time, but what I love about preaching is the preparation time before hand. If I hadn't been called to do this for a living I probably wouldn't do research on scriptural passages and have such wonderful experiences with the Holy Spirit. I am sometimes so amazed at what I write, and I certainly don't think that could come from me alone. I have never had to write sermons weekly, so that will be a challenge that makes me wonder right now. How will that be for me? I don't really know, this is one reason that having that responsibility is so important for me. I can tell you one thing; I hope to be a part of a regular pastoral (ecumenical?) support group where exegesis is part of the discussion as well as other topics. Sermons have to be intellectually stimulating and yet such that the receivers feel something personal has happened.

Anger

How I react to my anger seems to depend on the degree of stress I am feeling at the time. For a simple example, my son; I say it is time for bed, he makes an excuse for why he should be allowed to stay up later. Unstressed Mommy listens and negotiates and explains why she has come to her decision. Stressed out Mommy yells that she doesn't care what his excuse is . . .

Isn't the relative lack of power, and the frustration in realizing that there are some things that we cannot change the foundation for much of our anger? Anger is an attempt at regaining power.

Most of the time, I can manage my anger by attempting to discuss the situation and how I am seeing, thinking, feeling, about it. If I do lose my temper, usually I come back shortly afterwards and apologize, which very often leads to an even deeper understanding and enlightenment of the situation for both sides. I figure if I lose my temper, it is because I am too stressed at the moment and I am in the wrong for responding so. I am very thankful that my anger usually dissipates rather quickly. There are very few people in the world that I can remain angry with for any length of time.

Self care

I am overweight, so it is obvious I don't do a very good job of taking care of myself. However, in my own defense, I rarely drink alcohol, I do not smoke anything, I eat organic foods, and I use homeopathic cures when able. I fast. I meditate. I pray. I read and study. I love as many of God's creatures as possible – including humans, plants, and animals. I just happen to love God's culinary creations perhaps a bit too much as cooking is my favorite pastime. I even cook for others while I am fasting

and it is no ordeal. My hope is that when my life finally settles down after a decade and a half of living without roots, my soul just might catch up and find peace enough to stop compensating with food. And then I'll start an aerobics class or two at the church! I taught one year ago and was a dancer at one time.

Harry Potter

Honestly, I loved it! I read every book to my son and we watch the movies together and can't wait to see the next ones. We love mystery books anyway. I've read every Sherlock Holmes story that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has written! The Harry Potter books are stories that people can relate to. The characters are all flawed and complex, making them believable, and certain important truths are supported in the stories. Like the truth that in order to overcome injustice and evil, no one can go it alone, we need a community to work together, discovering our gifts and talents together. We will all fail at times, but if we keep at something and be willing to sacrifice our comfortable lives, we can achieve great things. The book offered hope to so many people that there can be great light after dark times. It also brought about an interest in Mythology, some parts of which are scary to some people. But in a way this brings us back to your first question about the various stages of spiritual understanding . . .

Cats

We have an almost 18 year-old, red, short-haired, male cat named Finian that we took with us to Germany and back. Finian isn't very tolerant, as well as being rather feeble. Last January, as my husband was back in Germany helping his mother with her mother's death, and the family here was in Florida, David was home from school 5 days due to bad weather. This cat came to the windows and doors and nagged all day. She was relentless. It was as though she knew that if she stayed out any longer she would die and she sensed there was a soft hearted sucker inside. I proudly ignored her all day, but when the sun went down and the cat was getting more desperate, I let her in the garage and fed her. It was then that I noticed she was just hair and bones. I have had a lot of cats in my day, but never seen one so thin. The no-kill shelters in the area all had waiting lists so long that I couldn't even get on one. So, after many visits to the Vet, we have a healthy, contented, new family member named, Calico Jackie, who is about 2 years old.

Sports

About sports. I understand most sports. I love being at parties where people who love sports are watching them. But I've never been bitten by

the 'I gotta watch this on a regular basis' bug. Which sometimes makes me feel like I'm missing something.

Hobbies/ Colors/ Collections

I used to crochet blankets and cross-stitch but haven't touched them since David was born, I wonder why? (Oh, and I can be a bit sarcastic at times.) I am philosophically opposed to having a favorite color. Some colors appeal to me more according to the different moods I'm in - but I have lately been attracted to the color maroon. A favorite something you will find in our home would be Erzgebirge wooden Figures - Smoking-'men' and Nutcrackers.

Coffee or Tea, but usually Water

When I sit down for a break it would be black tea - made with filtered water, boiled never microwaved, 2 tea bags, brewed exactly 3 minutes, mixed with a splash of cream and 2 slightly rounded teaspoons of raw sugar. But I do like an occasional cup of coffee. Water is my favorite drink and I'd be drinking that all day. I don't drink alcohol very often, but when I do it is usually wine and usually with a special fine meal.

Steve

Steve used to play classical guitar but, like my cross-stitchery, that, too, has gone aside. You might say David has become our favorite hobby. He also likes to read, and write - including letters to friends. He is a quiet, still-waters-run-deep kinda guy who loves traveling. He has a masters of Diplomacy and International Commerce. He has taught English in Germany and German in the states and served 16 years as missionary with Lisa. While he's trying to help Lisa establish order in the house, he's also job hunting.

David

David is 10 and will be in 6th grade this fall. He has been a Harry Potter, Sponge Bob and Pokemon fan for years. Since we stayed with a family that had cable, he has expanded to Avatar, and so many other US kids' shows. We didn't have outside connection to our TV in Germany so there are all kinds of new things to get used to here. He also received a Nintendo for Christmas and a Mp3 Walkman for Easter - so many new things! He also ran his first 3K marathon! He loves jokes and has a terrific sense of humor. He has already met a couple of kids in the neighborhood and is planning on going to ChiRho this summer.



HCC Member News



The White House Tour was great! **Randy Loy** took care of the paper work and **Debbie Flook** arranged the bus. And we even went back for our wayward shopper, right Becky? **Frank Hearl** ran the Frederick Half Marathon a couple of weeks before he broke his leg playing hockey. **Debbie Blair and Debbie Flook** did it again, the Breast Cancer walk that is. We are so proud of you both. Sadly, Debbie Blair's friend who inspired her to do these walks passed away this year.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to **Martha Cooley, Barbara Dangler, Doris Horman, and Marian Meyer** for their volunteer work for Hope Alive. You deserve it, ladies! We had several visitors on Mother's Day. **Barb Lang's** son, **Pat Bush's** grandson, **Becky Delameter's** parents and several others. It was a wonderful family day.

Grace Duke is 16, and has her driving permit! **Andy Blair** travelled to Seattle. **Barb Lang** saw family and friends in Minnesota. **Chuck and Pierrette** spent time at Deep Creek. Bob Turman had a great time at his 50th high school class reunion, and that Sharon had a good visit with family while they were on their trip. The **Seaman's** will be taking their RV to Nova Scotia. The **Mannings** will be on the road for two weeks. **Rev Smith, Steve, and David** are here. They are glad that their travelling is over for a while. They are glad that all their belongings are in one place for the first time in 16 years! I'm sure that the cats want to settle in. We were glad to know that **Paul DeLameter** is back from his work away from home. **Meghan Blair's** prom was a great success and she graduates from high school this month. **Kevin Moore** graduated from UMBC with a Master of Science in Information Systems.

Prayers:

For the family and friends of Daniel Haynes, 17, who was a close friend of **Kelly DeLameter**. Also, for some of Kelly's friends who were in a serious car wreck. Our sympathy also goes out to all of the **DeLameter family**. Paul's very close cousin, Greg Feret, passed away after developing an infection following hip surgery. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the **Duke family**. Sharon's mother, **Cherry King** passed away on Tuesday, June 2. Continued prayers for **Norm Horman** as he adjusts following Doris' passing. Also, for the **Flook family** as they help him.



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.*

**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

White House Tour

What a great trip! Thank you Randy for getting us organized.



What's wrong with this picture? Yep, some of us are in there twice. Maybe the editor needs to work on her "photo-shopping."



CAMP STARFISH - August 9 - 12, 2009



We are gearing up for Camp Starfish 2009, having held our first planning session on 04/19. **Our next planning session is scheduled JUNE 21 at 10:00 (in between services)**. All meetings will be held in the upper room between services (10-11). Come join us at any time during this hour! You don't have to be an on-site camp volunteer to join us for these planning sessions - all ideas/comments are welcome!!!" Hope you can join us. The invitations and camp registration forms have been sent to the jail and we have continued commitment from Montgomery County Safe and Drug-Free Schools and the Montgomery County Department of Recreation to provide bus and van transportation services. We also have a meeting scheduled with our new MCCF coordinator for May 11 (details to follow via e-mail) - our meeting on the 10th will help me prep for that meeting. If you don't catch-up with me at church, you can leave a note for me in my box in the front entry office or contact me: via e-mail at pierrette_mcintire@msn.com



An email from Lorenzo via Marian

I am so proud of HCC. Congrats on the new pastor. She will do well. Her missionary background will build on Terry's leadership that encouraged HCC to do significant community outreach. Tell everyone my graduation is in two weeks. I will wear that awesomely beautiful academic robe HCC bought for me. It is impressive. The President will hood me first and then I will hood all of my doctoral students. Isn't God amazing? My graduation is also my first graduation presiding as Director of the Ashland Seminary doctoral program. My work with the students is simply rich. I am not sure where this is leading me but I can say that I am living my dream being here at Ashland. If it ends next month I am blessed for having been here. If it lasts for fifteen years I will still be pleased at what God has done to make me a part of this academic community. Marian, I have students from all over the world. Thanks to the Navy, I have friends all over the world. Seems like God is up to something with my developing strong ties with students who are or shall be significant religious leaders globally. All for now. Please pass on to all that I am blessed and happy.

Blessings. Lorenzo+

Breast Cancer Walk



Hello Everyone!

I wanted to let you know that I, with some many other special women (and one guy who was getting tired of being called a lady - "good work, ladies!" - LOL), made it through the weekend and crossed the finish line at the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer yesterday in Washington, DC. It was a very rainy day but we did make the full 13.1 miles to the finish, after taking a lunch break inside a dry, warm Einstein Brother's Bagels for lunch! I'm thrilled to say that our team of 7 made over \$20,000! We turned in about \$800 on Friday night that hasn't yet been posted. This year was especially tough for some people to give so your donations really are appreciated! The walk this year made approximately \$7 Million, a bit less than last year but still an amazing amount in support of the cause. We had 3000 participants who trudged through the streets of DC and Maryland, starting and ending at the tidal basin.

Day 1 threatened rain but we escaped the rain that day, except for a quick bit of drizzle at lunch. The temperature was cool so it was great for walking. Day 2, unfortunately, was not as kind to us with the weather - but breast cancer doesn't take a break or pick favorites so we walked in the rain, committed to ending this disease. During the walk, every three minutes a person would be draped with a ribbon that said "Every 3 minutes a person is diagnosed with breast cancer". By the end of the walk, there were a lot of these ribbons over people's necks. This is the first year no one on our team received a connection ribbon.

Thanks again so much for your support and your prayers!! Check out the page updates for some pictures. Until next year!
Love,
Debbie Blair



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Hello to All

This year's walk is over. It was a wet and chilly walk. As the most of you know, Heather and I weren't able to walk on Saturday's due to the funeral of my Aunt Doris. She died of cancer last Tuesday. This motivated us to want to walk even more! Never the less,



not walking on Saturday shaved off 13 to 26 miles we could of experience in the rain. Though I was told by other walkers the rain held off for the most part of the walk on Saturday. Heather and I hitched a ride from my dear husband Eddie on Sunday and started our walk with the rest of the walkers at Sunday's starting point in Meadowbrook Park. At first it was just light rain; no rain gear needed, but soon after the first mile or two we pulled out the ponchos and plastic bags to try to keep the sneakers dry (which only work for a few miles!). At the eight mile point we stopped at a Subway to eat and dry out a little. Lunch would have been outside in the rain so we thought Subway would be a better choice. The 13 miles including our lunch stop took us around 6 hours. When we got to the finish line at 1:30 people were loading the buses to go back to their parking garages or the hotel. Heather and I quickly decided that standing in wet sneakers in the middle of a muddy field with the rain pouring down wasn't an inviting idea. Hating to miss the Closing Ceremony we headed to the bus also to catch the metro.

It was still a very powerful experience seeing the motivation of the walkers walking in the rain in a fight against breast cancer. I'm proud to say with all of your loving support Heather and I turned in nearly 5K in donations. I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you again for all you prayers and support. Who knows maybe "2009" will be the year we find the cure for breast cancer and all cancers. Please be proud of yourselves for being a part of this year's Avon Walk for Breast Cancer with me. I'm proud of you and most appreciative too. Thank You , Thank you , Thank you!

God's Love To you

Debbie Flook

# Hyattstown Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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**Welcome! To our new pastor  
and her family! Lisa, Steve and  
David, we are so glad you are  
here.**

