

# HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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If someone you know is in need of prayer or spiritual care please call the pastor, an elder, or one of our associate ministers. We cannot help if we do not



## MAY

Worship-- 9am & 11am

Choir Practice -- 10am



**Mother's Day --May 13**

**COME  
IN MY  
SPIRIT**

**Pentecost -- May 27**  
(Wear red!!)

**Organ Dedication-June 3**

**Pontiac Show -- June 3**

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## The Pastor's Page



I enjoy Spring very much. By April 1st each year I am weary of chilly mornings and cold days. I am a Spring and Summer person. This means I have to ignore the weather much of the time.

I love to relax on the back deck and read. I must read so much that it is particularly pleasant to read on the deck.

At times what I am reading is disturbing. The recent calamity at Blacksburg was so horrible for every single one of us. One of our ministers was recently murdered in Martinsville Va. She told the thief that the offering was not kept at the parsonage, but he did not believe her.

The several murders of children by their own parents is impossible to absorb. What is happening to our country?


There is not enough religion in this nation. Any religion would help. None of them ignore the evil of violence. Those who ask if our low appreciation of religion is hurting us need only to read the news


God is everywhere. There are flowers growing on ground zero. The sun shines in Blacks burg and we know that God is watching over us. .Somehow we need to reach out more to the lonely and the isolated, For every lonely persons rescued we may be saving dozens of others.

*Blessings, + Terry*

# May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:30 am Bible Study	3	4	5
6 9 & 11 Worship 10 choir practice	7 7pm Bible Study	8	9 9:30 am Bible Study	10	11	12
13 <b>Mother's Day</b> 9 & 11 Worship 10 choir practice	14 7pm Bible Study	15	16 9:30 am Bible Study	17	18	19
20 9 & 11 Worship 10 choir practice	21 7pm Bible Study	22	23 9:30 am Bible Study	24	25	26
27 <b>Pentecost</b> 9 & 11 Worship 10 choir practice	28 7pm Bible Study	29	30 9:30 am Bible Study	31	<i>June 3 Organ Dedication Details to come</i>	

<b>Liturgical Schedule — also posted on bulletin board inside front door</b>			
			
<b>9 am Worship</b>	<b>Deaconate</b>	<b>Elders</b>	
April 29/ May 6	Dana Reitman	Sharron Smith	
May 13 / 20	Sharon Duke	Beth Sweeney	
May 27/ June 3	Mark Pierson	Debbie Blair	
<b>11 am Worship</b>	<b>Deaconate</b>		<b>Elders</b>
April 29/ May 6	Joe Reister	Walt Moore	John Wilson
May 13 / 20	Chuck McIntire	Pierrette McIntire	Janet Reister
May 27 / June 3	Barb Dangler	Martha Cooley	Pat Griffith
<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>9 am Worship</b>	<b>11 am Worship</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
May 6	Hugh Howard	Pierrette McIntire	John 13: 31-35
May 13	Frank Roys	Beth Sweeney	John 14: 23-29
May 20	Frank Hearl	Janice Seaman	John 17: 20-26
May 27	Debbie Blair	Janet Reister	John 14: 8-17, (25-27)
June 3	Teresa Hearl	Pat Griffith	John 16: 12-15

<p><b>May Birthdays</b></p> <p>5/1 - Bryce Davis            5/7 - Clay Davis            5/3 - Eddie Flook            5/4 - Odelle McVey            5/15 - Mary Lou Masters            5/19 - Grace Duke            5/19 - Colin Reitman            5/19 - Julie Yankaskas            5/22 - Guye Memmott            5/28 - Frank Hearl            5/31 - Gail Howard            5/31 - Brandel Johnson</p>	<p><b>May Anniversary</b></p> <p>5/13 - Andy &amp; Debbie Blair            5/17 - Frank &amp; Teresa Hearl            5/22 - Harry &amp; Pat Griffith</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <p>Please say a special prayer for these people on their special day!</p> </div>
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**THANK  
YOU**



The Frederick Camerata wishes to thank the good people of Hyattstown Christian Church for allowing them to rehearse regularly in the sanctuary. We are most grateful for your generosity.

**Liturgists  
Wanted**



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

**CAMP  
STARFISH**



**THE DATES  
FOR CAMP STARFISH 2007**  
will be Monday thru Wednesday  
August 5 thru August 8

**SIGN UP TODAY!**  
We especially need evening and  
overnight help. Men and women.

**Useful Information**

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If you have updates for the address and birthday database PLEASE tell Teresa Hearl or better yet, email her at TKHearl@comcast.net (new email)  
I am missing a lot of birthdays and anniversaries. If I miss yours please let me know and write it down for me.





## NEWS In the PEWS

Dear Friends,

We had 2 wonderful Easter services at Hyattstown with a number of beautiful music pieces & lots of visitors -including our Regional Minister, Rev. Lari Grubbs. The Disciple Men met for a breakfast prepared by **Frank Hearl & Bob Turman**. We were surprised when another church came to serve dinner the same night we were serving at the Frederick Community Center. **Barbara Dangler & Pat Griffith** got some of the other folks involved & they helped serve. We thought we were "the lasagna Church." But it turns out that the Seventh Day Adventist Church always serves lasagna too!

**Travelin': Andy, Debbie, Meghan & Ben Blair** were in Massachusetts visiting Debbie's parents & others in her family. **Pat & Harry Griffith** spent a glorious 2 weeks touring through Italy. They had a wonderful time & enjoyed trying different foods in the many regions they visited. **Bill & LaQuita Huntzman** enjoyed spending a few weeks at their home in the mountains of North Carolina. **Sharron & Bill Smith** are in Seattle for a few weeks with their grandson & his parents. **Lorenzo & Phyllis York** traveled to Alabama for Easter to see Phyllis' family.

**Good News: Bill & LaQuita Huntzman** welcomed out of town friends last month, just in time for the Cherry Blossom Festival. **Frank & Teresa Hearl** entertained their daughters Heidi & Renee, sons-in-law Randy & Tyson & most importantly grandchildren Hannah, Miranda, Lily & Xander for Easter. **Joe Reister** had a great time playing in a charity golf tournament near Haymarket, Virginia with a group from his job. **Debbie Blair & Debbie Flook** are participating again this year in the Avon 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer. They will be walking more than 26 miles to raise awareness & money. Debbie Flook's daughter Heather Ayers is participating as well. **Terry, Joe & I** saw this year's fabulous production of **Tasha's Follies** at the Open Door MC Church in Boyds.

**Congratulations to Our Graduates! Eddie & Debbie Flook's** youngest child **Angie** graduates with her bachelors degree from Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia later this month. **Alysa Wilson**, youngest child of **John & Stacey Wilson** & one of **David Stickerod's** grandchildren is receiving her bachelors degree from the University of Maryland at College Park on May 21st. **Stephanie Smith, Kevin's** wife & **Sharron Smith's** daughter-in-law is going to be awarded her doctor of medicine degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. The brand new Dr. Smith will then begin her residency work in family practice with the U.S. Navy.

**On a musical note:** You may have heard **Barbara Lang** humming some of the songs from *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* recently --she has been playing the piano for rehearsals almost every week night & now is playing in the orchestra for the Montgomery Playhouse production. She reports that the musical is funny, fast moving & great for children & adults. It runs through May on Friday & Saturday evenings with a Sunday matinee. Talk to Barbara for ticket ordering information. **Mark & Ginny Pierson's** oldest child **Ellen**, sang with the Frederick Childrens Choir in a Baltimore Symphony Orchestra concert at the Maryland Theatre in Hagerstown.

Please remember these friends in your prayers: **Cherry King, Bertha Thompson, Hannah Matlock, Marian Meyers, Artye Hellner, Doris & Norman Horman & LaQuita Huntman.**

Grace & peace,  
+Janet



### Adult Education Opportunities

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** —  
9:30-11am Led by Pastor Reister

**Monday Evening Bible Study**— The pastor is also leading the Evening Bible Study from 7:00-8:30pm.

THERE IS ALWAYS  
ROOM FOR YOU TO  
JOIN US.



**Mark Your Calendar!**

## Pontiac Show June 3

The Pontiac show is Sunday June 3, 2007. It will be a well advertised event this year because it is their 25th anniversary year. We run the concession stand, selling burgers, hot dogs and other goodies. This is our opportunity to raise outside funds for church activities and projects. Traditionally, this has contributed to the Bethany Beach Retreat. Details to follow.



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### Prayer Request



Paul Gue's sister, Vivian, was killed in a terrible car wreck on Monday, April 30 near Lily Pons. Please keep the family in your prayers as they deal with this tragedy.

## **SNAPSHOTS**     **By Dana Appleton Reitman**

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Dana will be returning to Malawi in late May. We will miss Dana while she is gone. When she returns we look forward to hearing about her travels and all her good works.

I am returning to Malawi at the end of May, and since I was unable to meet with Robin Davis and her family before the April deadline, Teresa said it was o.k. for me to submit one of my stories from my last trip.

The following story is about two of the poorest girls I met in 2005.

One day as we were walking through the village on our way back from visiting some of the village Elders, Davis (my translator and friend) directed our path past a very poor and run down property. It is one of the worst village places I have ever seen. There were several structures on the property in various stages of disintegration. One mud hut looked like it was still being used; it had a skeletal thatch roof that looked as if it had not been repaired in years. When Davis said that there were two sisters, two very young girls living in the house by themselves, I did not believe him.

Even by Malawian village standards two little girls living alone is shocking. I asked him how old they were and he said he thought maybe 8 and 12 years old. We knocked on the door but no one answered; we walked to a nearby house, about 60 feet away. When we got to that house, which was

also in very bad shape, we found the girls there with their aunt, uncle and young cousins. The uncle said that the elder sister, Brenda, who was lying on the ground under a bush, was sick with malaria. I took a couple of photos of the aunt and her toddler with his ubiquitous runny nose. We said that we would return one day soon.

When we finally got back to see them. The aunt, Esnot, had given birth to another baby 10 days before. Aunt Esnot was hacking away at Brenda's hair with an old pair of rusty scissors. They stopped the cutting and someone went inside to get a dirty sleeping mat from the house for us. Whenever I went to interview people they invariably brought us the best mat from inside the house for us to sit on. Brenda sat at our feet, morosely tugging leaves off of an already devastated little bush near the stoop, as her Aunt Esnot grinned at us like a pumpkin. The scene was almost surreal.

Aunt Esnot told us that she was 27 years old and that she had left school after Standard 5. I asked why and she replied "Money problems." There were two girls and one boy in her family and she was the third born. She said that her brother and sister are both dead now. Her parents died when

she was very young and she had been raised by her grandmother. Esnot is married to a man named Harold who is 38 years old. She has three children: Flossie who is 6 years old, Frances who is about 2 years old and the new baby, Tony. She is also caring for her dead sister's children: Brenda is 13 years old and Zone (pronounced Zohnay) is 7 years old.



**Brenda and Zone. Zone is in her school uniform. Most likely it is the only clothing she had.**

Brenda and Zone go to a special private school, Loyal Private Primary. It is a school only for orphans and it is free. It is owned and run by a man named Mr. Chitedzi, who teaches primary and secondary school in Nankumba. I asked how it was that he could teach in both schools at once and Esnot said that he had hired people to teach at Loyal.

Esnot told me that she spends her time brewing kachaso (home-brewed corn liquor). I asked her how she did this and she showed me all the parts to her still. When the kachaso is ready she gives it to Brenda, the 13 year old, to sell. I asked Esnot if her husband drinks and she said yes, but that he does not beat her as he is not a mean drunk. She also told me that her

**Esnot and her still.**

**Drunkenness causes many problems in the village, but the women who brew the liquor and beer have no other means of earning an income; therefore they have no incentive to stop. A small project for women, such as my friend Kitty's embroidery project, would be a much better way for the women to earn money, and would make a huge difference to the welfare of the whole village.**



grandmother taught her how to brew.

This is the recipe she insisted on sharing with me:

Put 4 bags (about 10 pounds) of sugar, some madzi (water), and some madeya (the hulls from the dried maize, left over from pounding the ufa) into a big clay pot and cover it. Let it sit for a week, stirring occasionally. When it becomes so bitter that you cannot taste the sugar any more brew it over a wood fire. Cover the big pot with a little upside down pot with a hole cracked in it. A big pipe runs from that little pot to a bucket. As the brew condenses into the covering pot it runs down the pipe and drips into the bucket.

Esnot also invited me back to watch her make kachaso the next time she brews it.

After Esnot finished showing me her still, I sat down to talk with Brenda. I don't think I have ever met a shyer or sadder girl. At 13 Brenda is clearly still a little girl inside, but her body is changing and maturing regardless of whether she is emotionally ready or not.

Brenda told us that her mother had died in 2001. Her father is still alive and he stays in Three Miles (a nearby town). He drives a mini-bus. He does not give Esnot any money for Brenda or her little sister, nor has he seen them since their mother died. Someone said that he has another wife.

Brenda said that she misses her mother. She began to cry. Esnot yelled at Brenda, scolding that she was a big girl and she should not cry. At this point I asked Davis to tell Esnot to stop yelling; I stated with the most authority I could muster that Brenda was entitled to her grief and it was o.k. for her to cry. I told them that I am over 50 years old, and I still cry for my father who died in 1999. I am not sure what tribe Esnot was from but I know that some Chewa disapprove of any display of emotion. Women are not supposed to cry out even in childbirth, and if they do they risk being hit by their birth attendants; or, if they are in a hospital they might be charged more money when it is time to pay their bill.

Davis then suggested that we ask Esnot to leave so that Brenda would feel more free to talk with us.



**Flossie and 10 day old baby Tony. 6 years old is not too young to start caring for younger siblings in Malawi.**

Esnot grudgingly conceded and moved about 35 feet down the path towards the old hut. Brenda told us her story in a hushed whisper, as though she were afraid the breeze would carry her words to her aunt, and she would be punished later.

Brenda said that even though she had previously told us she slept in the hut with her aunt and uncle, what she told us was a lie. She said that she and Zone eat dinner with the family but that unless her grandmother's worker is around, she and her little sister have to sleep in the run down hut by themselves. She goes to school hungry and no one ever gives her any clothes. When we were talking she was dressed in filthy, ragged clothes. She

said that her aunt pretends to treat her like family when others are around; when they are alone it is different. While she is not beaten physically she is subjected to emotional abuse. She is made to stay home from school and sell the kachaso when it is ready. I asked if she had ever been molested by any of the buyers and she said no, that most of the customers are "old" so they don't bother her. But to Brenda Davis is old! And he is only 28 years old.

Brenda said that she is afraid to sleep alone, but she is getting used to it now. She said that she was home today because she was chased away from school because her hair wasn't cut. I know that to relieve overcrowding teachers will ask children to leave school for various reasons, reasons a child usually has no control over, such as not wearing proper shoes or not wearing intact or clean clothes. It may be that Brenda, in fact, had head lice.

Davis and I both wondered why Thondwe Community AIDS and Orphans Care is not helping Brenda. Clearly this little girl and her sister are hopelessly needy, with no one to care for them. Davis said that everyone knows about these girls but no one is doing anything for them. (Thondwe Community AIDS and Orphan Care is a local, village-based charity I visited. While they claim to be helping orphans, as far as I can tell the charity is mostly profiting the women who are running it. While I was visiting them they hit me up for a donation. They also wanted

me to come home and ask you all to send them a donation. I declined.)

A few days later I bought Brenda and Zone some second-hand clothes at the Thondwe Market. When we took them the clothes I told Davis that I was afraid Aunt Esnot would take them for herself. He said that she would not because "These clothes will not fit her." I have my doubts. She could have sold them. Brenda and Zone have absolutely no one watching out for them. It breaks my heart.

If you feel moved to make a contribution to the needy people of Malawi I always make sure your donations are used for something much needed by the receiver: clothes, malaria medicine, school fees, food, roofing and house building supplies, or farming supplies such as seeds or fertilizer. I always give 100% of your donation to a needy person.

On the last trip I asked many of the people who received from you to write letters of thanks. Aside from a letter from Bernard Gamula (thanking the



**Brenda and Zone's Hut**

church for roofing supplies, school fees for his children and money for his business, which he used very wisely), I do not think we heard from anyone else. Perhaps they lost the address; perhaps postage was beyond their means; more likely they can't read or write, and it costs precious kwacha to hire someone to write a letter for you. In any case, there were many oral thanks given and everyone told me that what you gave to them was a blessed gift from God, and that



**When I return to Malawi this is one of the pictures I will take with me. They are curious about Hyattstown Christian Church.**



## **DANA REITMAN IS RETURNING TO MALAWI!**

PLEASE JOIN HER MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> IN THE SOCIAL HALL 10 TO 2 PM WHERE SHE WILL BE SHOWING & SELLING MALAWIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS, VARIOUS FIBER CREATIONS, AND TRADITIONAL MALAWIAN FOOD.



ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT NEEDY PEOPLE IN MALAWI!



## Greetings from the Music Director.

It has come to my attention by a number of choir members, that we not be singing again until Advent of 2007, which is several months away. They asked me if we could sing before that. I think that is a very good idea. The choir has built a comradery that is contagious. They like to meet together and sing. So, I have come up with the idea that we should not wait until Advent, but sing on May 13(Mother's Day), May 20, May 27 (Pentecost Sunday) and on June 3 (Trinity Sunday) Rehearsals will be at 10am between services. Our first rehearsal will be on May 6.



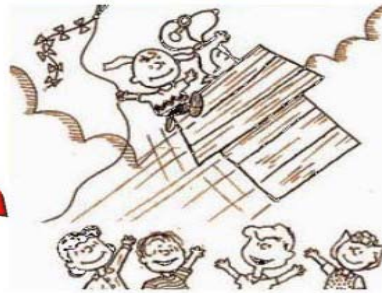
We will end the season singing at a dedication program for the church's beautiful new pipe organ on June 3. After this we will take our break until Advent 2007

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to come and join us. We have a great time together rehearsing the music for Sunday's worship. It would be just great to fill our choir loft on Sunday mornings. We will sing for both services. I am looking forward to seeing the old choir members and some new ones. Come share your God given talents by singing in the choir. If you have questions call **Phil Day** 301-693-3887



Presents

**You're A Good Man  
Charlie Brown**  
(revised)



Music, Lyrics and Book by Clark Gesner Additional Dialogue by Michael Mayer  
Additional Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lipka

**April 27th - May 20th 2007**

Performance times: **8pm Fridays and Saturdays 2pm Sundays**

In partnership with the City of Gaithersburg

Performances at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn

311 Kent Square Rd, Gaithersburg MD 20878

For reservations call 301-258-6394

Of course, the most important thing for us to know is that our own **Barbara Lang** is the pianist.

# Congratulations Kevin!



*Here is Kevin with his mother, Theresa Roys, Frank Roys, and his girlfriend, Kim Cardwell, in the Hall of Nations at the Kennedy Center after the performance.*

On April 25<sup>th</sup> Frank and Theresa Roys' son Kevin, a junior music education major, performed with the JMU Wind Symphony at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. The program was the farewell performance for Dr. J. Patrick Rooney, Director of Bands at JMU the past 25 years. Kevin was featured in several works. There was a historic aspect to the performance: the Steinway company donated a beautiful art case grand piano, customized by local Harrisonburg artists, to be known as the "Madison Bluestone Steinway." It is the first art case grand piano made for a university by Steinway. After touring the country for a year, the piano, commissioned for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University in 2008, will be sold, expecting to bring over \$1M to the School of Music. Kevin has played the euphonium for us on occasion. Congratulations, Kevin!!



## Bethany Beach Retreat Oct 5-7

If you are not familiar with this traditional getaway, talk to anyone who has been to our DOC Conference Center at Bethany Beach. The center is one block from a quiet family beach. We have this weekend opportunity to talk with church family, take reflective walks on the beach, or to find a quiet retreat along the dunes. Did we fail to mention competitive rounds of Pass the Pigs? (Ask Frank Hearl) Our meals are eaten together and are included in the registration cost.

The Bethany Beach Retreat will be held on October 5-7. We currently have 23 people signed up. The signup sheet is posted on the entry hall bulletin board at the church. This year, we'll be doing our own cooking in Stone House as the camp cook leaves after September. We're already hearing of great feast plans. Come join us for this retreat. If you have questions, call Hugh Howard. 301-831-8643



What do *you* think they could be saying???

No one sent suggestions for the photo caption last month. So, I guess we'll never know!



# Breast Cancer Walk

On May 5 and 6, Debbie Blair, Debbie Flook, and Heather Ayers will join

together in walking to fight breast cancer in the annual Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. This two day walk will take them from the Kennedy Center through the streets of D.C. on into Silver Spring, Maryland. Along the way, they will see many folks cheering on the walkers as well as many individual walkers that have personally been touched by this disease. Every three minutes, someone is diagnosed with breast cancer. Last year, the Avon walk raised over \$5.8 million in the Washington, D.C. area alone, as over 2,500 participants raised money for the cause. Walkers have a choice to walk two half marathons (13.1 miles each day) or a marathon and a half (39.3 miles total). Debbie Blair has chosen the first option for the past two years. This is Debbie's third year walking. Last year, Debbie Flook and Heather Ayers completed the walk for their first time. This will be there second year and all three will walk as a team together to stamp out this disease!

Many church members have been very supportive of this cause over the years. If you are in the D.C. area or are interested in learning more about the walk, you can contact any of the three women and they would be happy to give you more information.





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**WELCOME!**

Worship with your church family this Sunday. Our doors are open and you are always welcome in God's house. We look forward to seeing you.

