

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 know of a need or concern.



MARCH

Worship-- 9am & 11am

March 5th and March 12th



Lenten Soup Suppers

continue Wednesdays at 6:30

March 15 -Men's Breakfast 7:30-9am



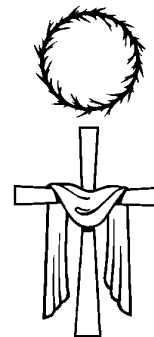
March 16 - Palm Sunday

Concert by Frederick Camerata -3pm

HOLY WEEK -MARCH 17-23

March 20 -Maunday Thursday

Service at 7 pm location to be announced



March 21 - Good Friday

March 23 -Easter

Sunrise service- 6:00 location to be announced

Worship services -9am & 11am



March 22 -Feed the Hungry 4:30pm

The Pastor's Page

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The Pastor's Page will return next month.

God Bless. *+ Terry*

We are called to Prayerful Consideration.

So many good causes. We are so blessed. Hyattstown Christian Church offers many ways for us to give. We must prayerfully consider how we are called to do the work of Christ in the world. Special offerings help our denomination build churches, compassionately help persons in need, and contribute to education through camps and regional meetings. Our gifts to Malawi are a direct helps for a hurting people. Our Christmas gift to the Clarksburg Elementary School is a direct help to children in our community. Time and money that we give to Feed the Hungry bless those who come for meals at the



Frederick Rescue Mission. We are ministering to children at Camp Starfish. And there are other causes. We are called to individual missions as well. That mission may be intercessory prayer or building a church. One of our congregants helps build homes in Mexico.

Yes, we are often asked to give. And we are richly blessed to be able to answer the call in our own way. **Christianity is not passive.** In our church we look to nurture our individual needs and challenge ourselves to look outward. Each of us has God-given gifts to use. God grant you grace and peace as you consider your contribution of money, time and prayer.

Useful Information

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Tkhearl@comcast.net SEND NEWS!!

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 7:30-8:30pm.



THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR YOU TO JOIN US.

DISCIPLES WEB SITES TO REMEMBER:

Hyattstown Christian Church:

www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org

Christian Church Capital Area Disciples of Christ:

www.cccadisciples.org



Disciple of Christ National website:

www.disciples.org

(Check out our national website. You can sign up for free email newspaper from Disciples News Service at www.disciples.org)

Liturgical Schedule — also posted on bulletin board inside front door

9 am Worship		Deaconate	Elders
March 2/ 9	Sarah Duke	Frank Hearl	
March 16/23	Hugh Howard	Gail Howard	
March 30/April 6	Mark Pierson	Ginny Pierson	
11 am Worship		Deaconate	Elders
March 2/ 9	Martha Cooley	Barb Dangler	Chris Moore
March 16/23	Sandy Law	Gail Knott	Janice Seaman
March 30/April 6	Joe Reister	Walt Moore	Sharon Turman
Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Scripture
March 2	Peggie Hatton	Chuck McIntire	John 9:1-41
March 9	Andy Blair	Sharon Turman	John 11:1-45
March 16	Sharron Smith	Janice Seaman	Matthew 21:1-11
March 23 EASTER	Dana Reitman	Frank Roys	Matthew 28:1-10
March 30	Hugh Howard	Pat Griffith	John 20: 19-31

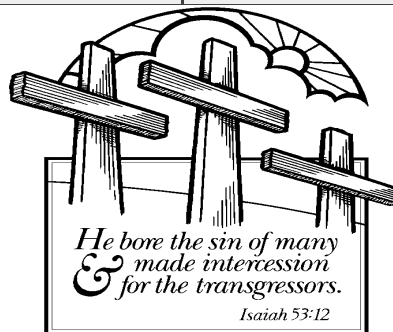
March Birthdays

March 16 Meghan Blair
 March 24 Brenna Metz
 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 & Janice Seaman



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9 & 11 Worship 10 Choir	3 7:30pm Bible Study	4	5 9:30am Bible Study 6:30 Soup & Study	6	7	8
9 9 & 11 Worship 10 Choir	10 7:30pm Bible Study	11 7:30pm Board Meets	12 9:30am Bible Study 6:30 Soup & Study	13	14	15 Men's Breakfast 7:30 - 9
16 PALM SUNDAY 9 & 11 Worship 3pm CONCERT	17 7:30pm Bible Study	18	19 9:30am Bible Study 6:30 Soup & Study	20 Maunday Thursday 7:00 service	21 +++ GOOD FRIDAY	22  Feed the Hungry 4:30
23 EASTER Sunrise 6:00  9 & 11 Worship	24 7:30pm Bible Study	25	26 9:30am Bible Study	27	28	29
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NEWS In the PEWS

Dear Friends,

Some people like to travel for excitement, it turns out I'll settle for a roadtrip 3 miles from home! Watching your car in flames on the side of the interstate helps put life into perspective. I remain deeply grateful to all of the generous people who helped us that chilly Saturday afternoon & made the practice of "pay it forward" even more of a reality for me (Remember the movie with Kevin Spacey & Haley Joel Osment?). So now I will help someone as I recall the lady from Gettysburg who stopped & offered her car for warmth, as I remember the dedicated volunteer firefighters from the Urbana Fire Department & of course the efforts of Jack McDonough who came to tow what was left of my car & give us a ride back to Hyattstown & my waiting rental car. Here's to paying it forward & those wonderful people! May God bless them all!

We've enjoyed the **Lenten Soup Suppers** again this year & we are most appreciative of our volunteer study leaders: **Frank Hearl** -ably assisted by **Teresa, Chris Moore, Janice Seaman & Frank Roys**. We look forward to presentations in March by **Peggie Hatton & Chuck McIntire**. Plans are still in the works for the Holy Thursday service on March 20 & the clergy are still

discussing who will preach & where we will worship -we'll keep you posted.

On the Road Again: **Marian Meyers**

spent a long week in Georgia visiting friends & her granddaughter Sarah. Sarah & her husband Tom have relocated to Atlanta from Frederick while he pursues his masters of Divinity from Emory University.

Good News: **Lt. Kevin Smith**, son of **Sharron & Bill Smith**

returned home from Iraq to his wife **Stephanie** at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina in early February! They are anxiously awaiting the birth of their first child. **Martha Cooley** was an honored guest of Mrs. Roscoe Bartlett (yes, the Congressman's wife!) for a private tour of the White House & Capitol. Following the tours, the group enjoyed lunch at a popular Capitol Hill restaurant. They rode in a stretch limousine from Frederick to Washington, D.C. **Dana Reitman's** costumes were seen nationwide on public television in early February. Last summer she worked for several weeks as the set seamstress for the documentary *Prince Among Slaves* which was produced by her sister-in-law. Her nephew appeared in the role of the prince as a young boy. **Debbie Flook** performed her famous man/woman song recently at a gathering of Frederick County realtors. **Teresa Hearl** helped her with her men's suit/ladies dress costume. We heard from **Hannah Matlock's** son Earl that Debbie did a fantastic job. **Kelly DeLameter** youngest son of **Paul & Becky DeLameter** sang with the

all-county high school chorus (Frederick) & was asked to audition for the statewide chorus. No news yet on the results of his audition -we've known for a long time about his wonderful voice. **Kevin Elkins** son of **Theresa & Frank Roys** has been hard at work preparing for his senior recital at James Madison University. He will complete his academic work in May & then begin student teaching this coming fall. **Barbara Lang** is busy working on the music for the play *The Secret Garden* for the Damascus Theatre Company. Shows will be near the end of April. **Phil Day** has the Frederick Camerata practicing at our church every Sunday afternoon. They are rehearsing for their annual Palm Sunday Concert on March 16. Camerata members from Hyattstown include: **Teresa Hearl, Frank & Theresa Roys, Becky & Kelly DeLameter, Peggie Hatton, Guye Memmott & Jesye Havrilla.**

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

Grace & peace,
+Janet



Call for Pictures and Stories!



As we prepare for Terry's retirement this summer, we are gathering memorabilia from his years with us as pastor. If anyone has special pictures or any stories to share, please contact Debbie Blair at 301-216-2746 or e-mail at Adblair@comcast.net All pictures will be returned. Thanks for your help.

FYI

We are sad to note that the QLF Quality Language program will be closing in May. We have enjoyed the smiling little faces of children in the church and we will miss them.

Pastor Terry Reister's Retirement Celebration

JULY 13 1:00pm
Urbana Fire Hall
To help, contact Debbie Flook





Donations for upkeep and paid staff are always needed. If you wish to make a monetary donation it can be mailed to:

Hope Alive, PO box 140, Sabillasville, MD 21780.

Donations of adult clothing are not being accepted as storage space is not available. Donations of **children's clothing** are being accepted. Donations of household supplies such as **cleaning supplies, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet tissue, etc** are always needed. If you wish to make a donation of large items please call first. Volunteers are needed for many jobs. If you have a skill you would like to share, call Donna Gorgol at 301-241-4005.

FEED THE HUNGRY

DATES FOR 2008 Saturday at 4:30pm
--March 22 to serve, come to the back door
--August 9 of the Frederick Rescue Mission
--November 15

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 2008
--March 15 --August 2 --November 8



The Search & Call Committee

The **Search & Call Committee** is putting together a survey for the congregation. We will need your input for statistics about our church as well as your thoughtful and prayerful concerns and comments. More to be announced.



Members of our Search Committee are:

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

What's Different?

Stormy weather after soup supper on Wednesday night led to a new look in front of the parsonage. The big pine is no more! We were blessed indeed that there was no damage or injury from the fall.



If you have News from the Pew, call Janet or see her in church. Our church family cares and keeps you in their prayers!



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



SNAPSHOTS **By Dana Appleton Reitman**

"Is there someone in the congregation you would like to know more about? Is someone you know involved in something really interesting? Do *you* want to tell your story? Please call or email Dana Appleton Reitman. 301-846-0654 or reitman@adelphia.net"

This month I finally caught up with Robin Davis. I have been trying to talk with her for months! I had noticed from her email address that her name is also Susan. Robin explained that both she and her husband Clay were given first and middle names at birth and that both of their families called them by their middle names. But she also goes by Susan and said that she has learned to answer to just about anything. Robin said that she will sometimes call Clay by his first name, Jonathan, and it frequently confuses people who know him as Clay.

Robin was raised in the Southern Baptist Church. She grew up in Burtonsville, Maryland. Clay attended the same church in Burtonsville, though he lived with his family in nearby Laurel, Maryland. Robin said that she met Clay at that church. When she went away to college Robin decided that the Baptist Church wasn't a good fit for her. She attended a Lutheran Church with friends for a while. When Robin and Clay moved to Ijamsville Robin said that they looked around for a church and found HCC. "One Sunday Terry came up to me and asked 'Are you going to join?', so we did!"

Born in Prince George's County, Maryland, in the town of Cheverly, Robin maintains ties to that area.

Her mother's family still lives in PG County and her grandmother, who is 92 years old, still lives in College Park. Robin said that no one in her Mom's family has ever moved further than 20 miles from Cheverly.

Robin's parents moved to Burtonsville when she was four years old. She graduated from Paint Branch High School. "Burtonsville was all cow pastures back then." I told Robin I remembered that, too, because I went to high school near there as well, and then lived very near Burtonsville when I was in my early 20's. As Robin told me more of her story I couldn't help but think that she and I may very likely have crossed paths many times during the course of our lives.

Clay, on the other hand, was born in Portland, Maine. His Mom is from Maine and his Dad was from Beckley, West Virginia. Clay's father was in road construction and worked for the company that built Interstate Rt. 95. Clay's Dad met his Mom in Maine when he was up there working. From that point on they moved every two years as new sections of the road were built. When it was completed they settled in Laurel. Clay is the oldest of six children; he has four sisters and one brother.



Robin Davis

An only child, Robin told me that she inherited some step-siblings after her father passed away and her mother remarried. She was in high school by that time; her step-father's children were even older, all grown-up, and she was "the baby". Nevertheless, they all came home at one point or another and Robin said that they "blended" well. After graduation Robin went off to her first year of college in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Before her second year she transferred to what was then Western Maryland and is now McDaniel College. (She also did undergrad work at the University of Maryland). She graduated in 1979 with a double major in English Literature and Elementary Education.

Clay went to technical school in Baltimore where he studied computers and electronics.

Robin told me: "After we got married

we had a little apartment above a Southern States store in Howard County, on the corner of Rt 29 and Johns Hopkins Road. Our landlord was Mr Wessels. He owned all the farmland around there. When we went to see the apartment he told us he wouldn't rent to unmarried couples and we assured him we were married! Mr. Wessels was 80 years old, but he was so tall, over six feet tall, and still going strong. When I told him I would like to have a garden he plowed me an area that was over $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre! The apartment was really nice. It had a huge kitchen and a balcony with a clothesline. There were two bedrooms and a living room. We lived there and worked while we saved our money for a house."

Unfortunately interest rates back then were very high, about 17%, so even though they had worked to save Robin and Clay weren't having much luck finding a house. Then one day some friends who lived down near Deale, Maryland called them and told them about a house, a "fixer-upper" in a little place called Tracy's Landing. When she told me that, I blurted out "Calvert County!" "So you must be from there?!" Robin laughed, "Because no one else pronounces it that way." I told her that, no, I wasn't, but my parent's had owned a cabin down in Calvert County, and I spent a lot of time down there and learned the proper pronunciation from the true locals.

When Clay and Robin bought the house it was basically a shell It was one-wall construction and

they worked on it for 5 years; it needed heat, insulation and a new roof. Robin and I reminisced about what Calvert County looked like back then- tobacco farms and fields as far as the eye could see; beautiful old tobacco barns and not a McMansion in sight. I told her how I used to leave the porch light on at night at the cabin and usually we would find at least one bright green Luna moth on the wall in the morning. If we were lucky it might stick around all day. Now that the tobacco fields are gone so are the Luna moths.

After college graduation there were no teaching openings in the public school system so Robin worked at a private Montessori school in Columbia, and then in Laurel. After that she was hired to teach in Montgomery County in Wheaton Woods Elementary School. "That school was one of the best kept secrets! All the children walked to school except one lone child who rode the one bus. Most of the kids even walked home for lunch. It was such a great school, and the principal was so good. I was willing to drive from Tracy's Landing every day. Yes, that was 100 miles a day!"

Clay wasn't around much in the early days in Tracy's Landing because he was working for AT&T where he was training to run their main frame computers used for long distance communications. They had moved in to the house on Aug 8th, which is Robin's birthday. She said "I learned a lot while living in that little house. We had a woodstove so I learned to chop wood. We had an old well that would lose prime, so I learned how

to prime the pump. I was alone a lot of the time so I became very independent."

The Davis' son Kyle was born on February 9th, 1985. Robin said that it was a bit of a wake-up call to have a newborn baby in a place where nearly everyone left after Labor Day. At that time there was also no hospital nearby. They decided that Tracy's Landing was a little bit too remote so they moved to Cheverly. At least Clay then had a much shorter commute! They lived there for about three years, and were very near to family, which was great. All the while they were looking for a house in Montgomery County and not finding anything.

One day a secretary from school overheard Robin talking about how hard it was to find a house. She suggested that they buy land and build a house. They bought land in Ijamsville, moved into their new house in 1988 and started attending HCC in 1992. Bryce had been born May 1, 1990 at Montgomery General Hospital (where both Carter and Colin were born). Both the Davis boys went to Green Valley Elementary School.

After leaving Wheaton Woods, Robin taught at Sequoyah Elementary, then Rockwell in Damascus, then Brooke Grove Elementary School. She has taught all grades and is now teaching 5th grade.

I wanted to hear more about how Robin and Clay met so she told me this story: "Even though we attended the same small church we only knew of each other. That church was really small. It was in a

teeny white clapboard building; our church was a very tight-knit community. Still, I didn't really know Jonathan." (The man we know as Clay!)

"When I was a teen I became much more aware of him, of course. I saw this guy and I thought what I really wanted more than anything was to get a ride on his motorcycle! So I made sure I was in the right place at the right time. We went out on our first date on Dec 23rd, which was a cold day to take a motorcycle ride!"

"We rode around for about three hours in 30 degree weather. We went down Rt. 1 and back, and then we ended up going out to Brighton Dam, in Brookeville, Maryland. When we came back to the motorcycle it had a flat tire! This was before cell phones. So Jonathan asked 'How's your right thumb?' We hitch-hiked home! It took us three rides to get home. I never told my Mom this story!" Robin laughed. But they made it home just fine.

Clay has always had a motorcycle and now he has a Yamaha Maxim. Neither of their boys have motorcycles. Yet!

Robin has served at HCC as an Elder and as a Deacon. She really wanted to help with Camp Starfish but was unable to attend because of commitments to workshops for school. Instead she got her friend to design and print the great tee-shirts we have had every year.

At the end of our talk Robin had this to say about HCC: "I never

leave a service without feeling my faith restored, either by the fellowship or Terry's message, which is always timely. It is important to be cognizant of what society needs right now; it's important to grow with the times. It's hard to get people to go to church in this day and age. HCC is involved with so many positive things; I'm proud to be associated with this church, and I love what I get out of it."

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.

Looking Ahead



The Damascus Theatre Company will present:

The Secret Garden

April 24, 25, 26, & 27 at 8pm
Matinees April 26 & 27 at 2pm
At the Damascus Fire Dept
Activities Center

We're on the web!

Newsletters and other information
www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org



Breast Cancer Walk



On May 3 & 4, Debbie Blair, Debbie Flook, and Heather Ayers will be 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 their 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.

2008 Regional Assembly

The Christian Church Capitol Region Regional Assembly will be held on October 17 & 18 at the Frederick Holiday Inn



Frederick Camerata
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A PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

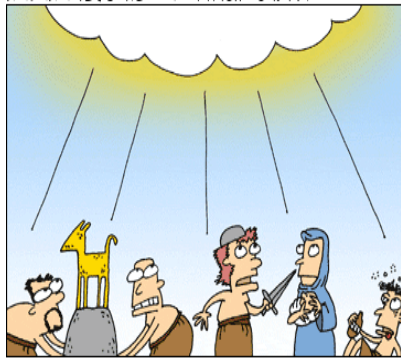
Date: _____ March 16
Location: _____ Hyattstown Christian Church
Time: _____ 3 pm



Cantata #78 by J.S. Bach
Cantata # 106 by J.S. Bach
Frederick Camerata, soloists & orchestra

Stabat Mater by Francis Poulenc
Frederick Camerata & soloists
Philip A. Day Jr, at the piano
Suggested Donation \$10 per family

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(See John 20:1-18)

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I WANT YOU TO FOLD UP MY BURIAL CLOTHES,
WAIT FOR MARY, AND REMEMBER THAT THIS IS
SERIOUS ... NO HIDING AND YELLING "BOO"

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

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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.

