

# HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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## MAY

Worship-- 9am & 11am



May 9 - White House Tour



May 10-- Mother's Day

May 12 - Board meets 7pm



May 16 - High Tea  
at the Mannings 1pm

May 24 - Farewell luncheon  
for the Mannings  
-After 11am service



May 31 - Pontiac Show

### GREAT NEWS!!

Our new Pastor arrives in June!

Read more inside.

## Reflections

“STAY... WAIT... GO FORTH!” by  
Pastor Ben Manning



We are smack dab in the middle of the Easter Season. These are seven Sundays (hence the white vestments) beginning with Easter Sunday and ending on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The very next Sunday (May 31<sup>st</sup>) is the Pentecost festival day and the only Sunday our vestments are the color “red,” at least in the liturgical calendar. Red, of course, is a festive color that also reminds us of the Holy Spirit’s tongues of fire that descended on the gathered Disciples on the Day of Pentecost (see Acts, Chapter 2). It is a day we generally commemorate the beginning of the Church following our Lord’s ascension.

I always appreciate the opportunity to worship and preach on Pentecost Sunday. It will also be a “bittersweet” time for the Mannings since it will be my last official Sunday with Hyattstown Christian Church as her Interim Minister. We will celebrate both our time with this congregation and the special joy of having your new “Settled Minister” join your ministry team.

This mid-Easter Season leading to Pentecost experience that we have been reflecting each Sunday during the Easter Season is somewhat of a metaphor of the experience this congregation has been going through during her Search and Call process. Can you not relate to the same feelings the Disciples must have felt as they tried to make sense of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection? And then all of those appearances to the Disciples? In last Sunday’s sermon I talked about the confluence of feelings such as “being stunned, startled and confused, despairing, yet hopeful and joyful, overjoyed, obtuse and baffled, feeling washed up, worn down and bummed out...” Don’t read anything negative into these feelings. They are only natural when going through a transition.

The metaphor continues as Jesus bids the Disciples to stay together and wait. And finally, the waiting is over and they experience new spirit, new direction, new marching orders, new sense of calling, and POWER beyond belief.

The Day of Pentecost comes and the Church becomes ALIVE and it is no longer a matter of “stay... wait... but rather GO FORTH.”

Hyattstown Christian, your time of waiting is over. Prepare for a new day with new power, new sense of calling and get ready to go forth in the spirit of which Jesus promised. Prepare to “go forth” and make Disciples of others out of your new sense of empowerment and the shared leadership with your new Pastor. It is indeed a time of joy and celebration!

*Blessings, Pastor Ben*

#### SERMONS DURING MAY 2009

The following sermon topics are planned through the Month of May as we continue through the final part of the seven-Sundays of the Easter Season up to Pentecost Sunday. Note that all of the Lectionary Scriptures for each Sunday are listed at the request of our Elders and liturgists in order to help them prepare for each Sunday.

As an additional feature during May, we will focus a lot on some transitional issues. HCC will transition from an “interim minister” at the end of May to the calling of your new “settled minister” in June. Pastor Ben will spend some time prior to each Sunday’s sermon talking about some transitional “hints” intended to assist in this time of transition.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 03, 2009

Readings: Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18  
“Experiencing the Shepherd's Leading” John 10:11-18

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 10, 2009

Readings: Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8  
“Celebrating our Connectedness” John 15:1-8

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 17, 2009

Readings: Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17  
“Fruitful Christians” John 15:9-17


Last Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 24, 2009

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19  
“Jesus Prays for His Disciples” John 17:6-19

Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2009

Readings: Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27;  
16:4b-15  
“Empowered” Acts 2:1-13

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

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			<p>We are Honored to Serve at The Table of the Lord</p> 
<b>9 am Worship</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deaconate</b>	
April 26/May 3	Gail Howard	Sharon Duke	
May 10/ 17	Ginny Pierson	Andy Blair	
May 24/ 31	Debbie Flook	Sarah Duke	
<i>NOTE: Elders are also serving as Worship Leaders</i>			
<b>11am Worship</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deaconate</b>	
April 26/May 3	Pat Griffith	Barb Dangler	Martha Cooley
May 10/ 17	Randy Loy	Walt Moore	Sandy Law
May 24/ 31	Janice Seaman	Pierrette McIntire	Chuck McIntire
<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>9 am Worship</b>	<b>11 am Worship</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
May 3	Mark Pierson	Chris Moore	John 10:11-18
May 10	Frank Roys	Pat Griffith	John 15:1-8
May 17	Grace Duke	Pierrette McIntire	John 15:9-17
May 24	Hugh Howard	Bob Turman	John 17:6-19
May 31	Gail Howard	Randy Loy	Acts 2:1-13

**May Birthdays**

5/1 - Bryce Davis  
 5/7 - Clay Davis  
 5/7 - Eddie Flook  
 5/10 - Odelle McVey  
 5/12 - Chris Metz  
 5/15 - Rick Masters  
 5/19 - Grace Duke  
 5/19 - Carter Reitman  
 5/19 - Julie Yankaskas  
 5/28 - Frank Hearl  
 5/31 - Gail Howard



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

**May Anniversaries**

May 13 - Andy & Debbie Blair  
 May 17 - Frank & Teresa Hearl  
 May 22 - Harry & Pat Griffith

**Our new Pastor and her family  
Rev. Lisa Smith, Steven Smith,  
And David Smith**



It is with great honor, and a unanimous vote in the affirmative from the Board that we presented Rev. Lisa Kay Comingore Smith to the congregation on 26Apr09 as our new Pastor. After a brief explanation of the process in evaluating candidates and how we chose Rev. Smith, there was some discussion and Hugh went over the financial package and once again a unanimous vote in the affirmative to call Rev. Smith to be our Pastor. Rev. Smith, husband, Steven and son, David will be moving into the parsonage. David finishes 5th grade in Ohio in May. He is willing to attend school here in Hyattstown (Clarksburg) to the end of their school year mid-June. (What a guy!) Consequently, Rev. Lisa will be able to move into the house and have things ready for Steven and David to arrive later. Steven is fluent in German and is polishing his resume. Rev. Ben Manning will work with Rev. Lisa during this transition through the end of May. There is still quite a bit of planning to work through, so stay tuned.



Blessings, Beth Sweeney-- Search and Call Committee Chair

**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.

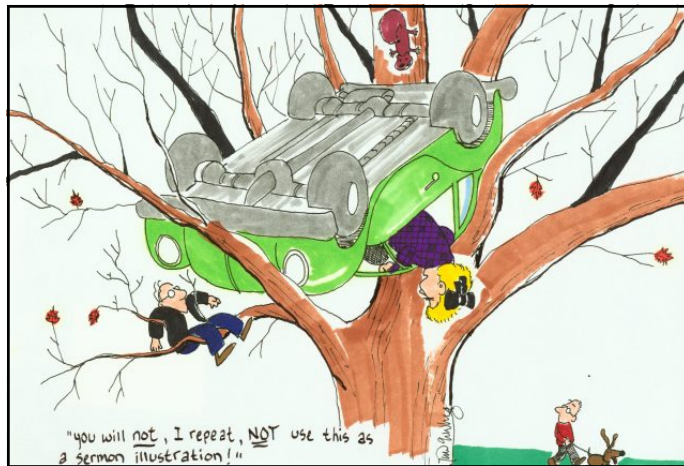
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[www.cccadisciples.org](http://www.cccadisciples.org)  
Disciple of Christ National website:  
[www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)



Smile, God Loves YOU



## NEW BOOKS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY...

### **“Lay Pastoral Care Giving” by Timothy M. Farabaugh (Discipleship Resources, 2009)**



Expressing care to someone in need — whether within the community of faith or beyond — may seem the most natural thing in the world. For some, it is; for others, it's less so. All can improve. Learn to reach out with God's love and care for others as outlined in this practical book. Farabaugh offers a systemic path for pastoral care using the gifts of the laity in the church. "At a ... Ministries' meeting, our conversation focused on the realization that most of the clergy had no assistance in the area of pastoral care and felt overwhelmed by their many, sometimes conflicting, responsibilities," writes Farabaugh. "Most of the churches did not train *anyone* in caring ministries. Today it is time for clergy and laity to partner in caring for one another." Unique to this book is the ongoing training and accountability meetings outlined for those in this invaluable ministry. During the monthly meetings, participants report on what they have learned and also learn about aspects of caring for situations and conditions of life, such as illness, suffering, grief and loss. This book was donated to HCC's library by Randy Loy who states "this is a perfect follow-up to the pastoral care discussions we had recently during our Elders' Training."

### **“Good Grief” by Chaplain Granger Westberg (Fortress Press, 1986)**

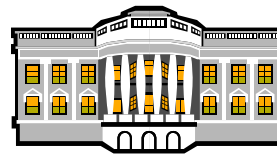
Granger writes: "The theme of this booklet is really 'good grief,' because we shall try to explore the good aspects of grief. And since everyone in a lifetime must from time to time confront the loss of something or someone he or she loves, this booklet is for everyone." In *Good Grief*, Granger E. Westberg uses gentle wisdom and acute insight into human nature to guide readers through the ten stages of grief: shock, emotion, depression, physical distress, panic, guilt, anger, resistance, hope, and finally, acceptance. *Good Grief* helps readers develop a path through life's



small losses as well as the grief experiences that can overwhelm us. Pastor Ben Manning donated this book to the HCC library. It was required reading during his early clinical training days and can easily be read in a few hours. "A helpful read for those experiencing grief and facing loss."

## White House Tour

White House Tour: Will be May 9. We have 44 people signed up, and Debbie Flook has reserved a school bus for us. Unfortunately, they have not given Randy the time for our tour yet. He will notify Barb Lang as soon as he knows. Barb will call and/or e-mail everyone with the time so we know when to meet at the church to get on the bus.



## **Debbie Blair and Debbie Flook - Walking for a Great Cause Again**

This spring, Debbie Blair and Debbie Flook will both join the thousands of men and women that walk annually in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. This year the walk is on May 2nd and 3rd, starting out in Washington D.C. This will be Debbie Blair's 5th walk and Debbie Flook's 4th. Also, if Heather Ayers feels up to it, she will join the walkers as well! They'll walk up to 26.2 miles on Saturday, and 13.1 miles on Sunday—all so that medically-underserved women and men can get the medical care they need and leading research teams can receive vital support their ongoing search for a cure. Each walker must raise at least \$1800 in order to participate in this event, and with good reason.



The Avon Foundation places a priority on returning funds to the geographic area in which each Avon Walk takes place with a special emphasis on reaching low-income, elderly and minority individuals and those with inadequate health insurance. Last year, the foundation raised \$8.1 million dollars in the Washington, D.C. walk alone, giving back to great organizations like the Translational Breast Cancer Research Consortium in Baltimore, Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Capital Breast Care, Adventist Health Care, George Washington University, University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, and Friends of Cancer Research.

Everyone has their own personal reason for walking, volunteering and donating. Debbie Blair's mother-in-law, aunt, and cousin are all survivors. Last year's walk was in memory of a co-worker who did not win her battle - both her husband and daughter were present at the end of the walk as the team crossed the finish line. For Debbie Flook, she walks in memories of loved ones, including an aunt, and in honor of friends that are survivors.

Please support the Debbies this year in their pursuit of a cure and treatment for those less fortunate. Contact either one to make a donation - all donations are tax deductible! These are difficult economic times so any

## **Farewell to the Mannings**

We have enjoyed Ben and Carolyn Manning so much that we regret seeing them go. We will have a congregational lunch after the 11 am service on May 24 to thank the Mannings for their time with us this past year. Sandwiches, chips, drinks and cake will be provided by the church. If anyone wants to bring an extra side dish, they are welcome to do so. If you are bringing something extra, please let Barbara Lang know.





## Notes from the Chair

Hugh Howard

One of the side effects of acting as your board chairman (and living so close to our church) is that I am often in the church at all hours during the week, doing one thing or another. I often take this time to enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary and facilities in all sorts of natural lighting.

We do have a beautiful facility and one which offers a quiet solace from the busy-ness of life. This evening I happened to be there for a brief moment and reflected on all we have accomplished this past month and how much change we are expecting in the next month. We have prayerfully celebrated Sharon Turman's recovery from a long-standing illness and we continue in prayer for Doris Horman and her family. We have culminated our search by calling a new pastor, Lisa Kay C. Smith, and look forward in anticipation for all the newness and expectations that go with this calling.

The month of May will surely bring both joys and sorrows, excitements and frustrations. But these are all part of our human condition - which we all will eventually experience. Our church family offers each of us both consolation and concern through prayers and individual intercessions. We are a caring community that will be there to support each other. My prayers continue for all of us.

Blessings, Hugh



## It's Pontiac Show Time!

Hyattstown Christian Church will once again man the grill and concession booth for the Pontiac Show on May 31st. There will be sign-up sheets in church. We need grillers and servers. We need set-up and clean-up helpers. Barb Dangler and Pat Griffith are organizing the event this year. It is a great fund raiser and is always a lot of fun. Join us, sign up!

## Memorial Day



This year we celebrate Memorial Day on May 25. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in military service to their country. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War (it is celebrated near the day of reunification after the civil war), it was expanded after World War I to include American casualties of any war or military action. Take a moment to remember the brave men and women who served then, and those who serve today.

## **Doris Horman**



We are very sad to announce the death of one of our beloved members of Hyattstown Christian Church. Doris Horman died Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, approximately 10:30 p.m. at Citizen's Rehabilitation Center in Frederick, MD. She passed away in the presence of several of her family members after several months' battle with cancer.

The Funeral Service for Doris Horman will be Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at Stauffer's Funeral Home located at 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702. The phone number there is (301) 663-1690. Visitation with the family will be at the funeral home on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Burial will take place following the funeral at Rest Haven Cemetery.

There will be a reception with meal for the family following the funeral and graveside services. Friends are cordially invited to attend this luncheon reception. Food will be provided by members of Hyattstown Christian Church. The food is being coordinated by Barbara Lang, Barbara Dangler and Martha Cooley. They are asking for donations of desserts and side dishes. (Main entrées of Ham and Chicken will be provided). If you have questions about food or want to donate food please contact one of the food coordinators.

The luncheon reception will take place at Calvary Assembly of God Church, located at 8234 Woodsboro Pike, Walkersville, MD 21753. Again, family and friends are invited to attend.

Our hearts go out to Doris' husband Norman and their large extended family. Doris and Norm had been married 51 years. She was born September 10<sup>th</sup> 1934 and became a member of Hyattstown Christian Church in 1957. She continued in an active leadership role at HCC in spite of the onset of her illness several months ago. This lovely person was once quoted as saying: "I don't know anyone I don't like.... I don't have any complaints." She was described as a "real-life angel." We will miss this beautiful person!

Pastor Ben Manning, Interim Minister at Hyattstown Christian Church is coordinating the funeral service for Doris. Also taking part will be Rev. Dr. Terry Reister and Rev. John Powell (former ministers at Hyattstown Christian Church).



**Norm & Doris Horman**

## **SNAPSHOTS**

**By Dana Appleton Reitman**

### **Interview MAY 2005**

“I don’t have any complaints about my life”. In the 9:00 a.m. service at HCC Terry usually goes around the room asking attendees how their week has been. Doris Horman almost always replies with some variation of that first sentence.

I had the pleasure of meeting with Doris in her spotless, yet inviting and comfortable home in Frederick, where she has lived for 28 years. The house is filled with pictures of her many nieces and nephews and their children, as well as pictures of Doris’ parents, brothers and sisters. One picture I really loved is the one of Doris and her husband Norman taken on their wedding day in 1957. Doris also has a large angel collection, an

interest that I think reflects Doris’ nature perfectly.

Doris was born on Chestnut Grove Road, about 5 miles from where she currently lives. The fourth of nine children, Doris grew up in a very close-knit family. She is still very close to all her remaining brothers and sisters. “We had a good life. My father was the disciplinarian, and my mother was the authority figure. We had what we needed. Maybe not everything we wanted, but what we needed and that makes me appreciate what we have now.”

Doris told me that she was quite large as a child. “I was what you would now call obese.” Looking at Doris now that is hard to believe! Nevertheless, she suffered a lot as a child and young adult as a result of people’s reactions to her weight. “I don’t think the schools allow those kinds of things to be said or done now, but back then I would board the bus for school and not be allowed to sit, things of that nature. In high school I would put on my gym uniform and the boys would laugh. When I went out looking for secretarial jobs after high school, I was not hired, even though I was clearly qualified for the positions.”

I agreed that children and sometimes even adults can be quite cruel to people who are different and asked Doris how this affected her world view. She replied “I think it made me determined to work harder to prove myself. I took a lot of knocks. By my junior and senior years in high school I was the second fastest typist in my class. I was the type of person who thought if anyone else could do something, then so could I.” Incredibly, the discrimination did not make Doris bitter. “I think it made me more

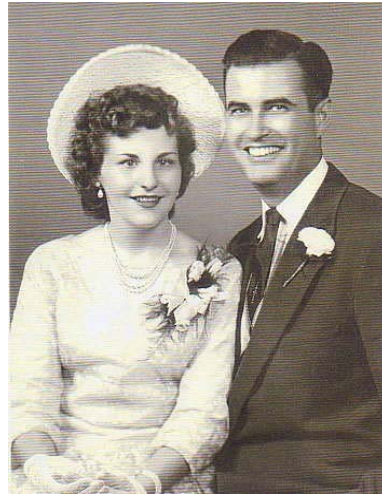
determined to show people that I could be and do just as anyone else could do.” It was this same determination and strength of will that led Doris to a doctor the day before her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. “I decided I was going to lose the weight, and I did.”

It wasn’t long after that Doris met her husband Norman Horman at a dance. Norman later told me that the moment he saw Doris, it was “love at first sight.” He turned to the people he was with and said “See that girl? That is the girl I am going to marry.” Married on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1957, they have been married 48 years and are clearly still in love. It doesn’t hurt that Norman is a helpful as well as loving husband. “Norm is an excellent husband. He even cleans house with me.” All of you husbands reading this take note!

I asked Doris about her life at Hyattstown Christian Church. “When I was child I attended Mt. Zion Methodist Church; when I was 16 I joined the Mt. Pleasant Evangelical and Reformed Church. I also took piano from the nuns at St. Peters in Mt. Pleasant.” Doris still loves to play the piano.

Shortly after meeting Norman in 1956 Doris began attending HCC with his mother, Mildred Price Horman. Norman’s family is one of the founding families of HCC, which includes the Burdettes, the Prices and the Hormans. Doris attended sporadically until she joined HCC in 1957. “Back then when you joined you had to be immersed in the Baptistery. That was a beautiful experience.”

Over the years Doris has had a rich and varied experience at HCC. Her church contributions have included singing in the choir, playing the organ, teaching Sunday School, church Treasurer for nineteen years, publishing the newsletter and the church bulletin. She also told me that one of her most rewarding experi-



ences was serving as an Elder for 30 years at HCC. “I used to say that church was my first priority. Norm always fully supported my church life. Now I feel as we have grown older and are retired I need to spend more time with my husband.” That said, Doris is still Chairman of the Stewardship Committee as well as a Board Trustee.

Doris loves all of her family members, especially her oldest sister’s children, Tommy, Jenny and Kim. She also is particularly close to and loves Debbie Flook, Norman’s sister’s daughter. Doris said “Debbie is the daughter I never had.” In March Debbie and Doris sang a duet together at HCC and it was beautiful! Doris and Norman are also very proud of being God parents to former minister John Powell’s and his wife Katy’s daughter, Janice Powell, who is now in college. All the “kids” and “grandkids” know they can come to Doris and Norman for advice and help anytime they need it. Their clan is now very large. Doris told me that when what she calls her “immediate family” gets together for Thanksgiving they have to rent a hall for the

dinner, as there are usually 75 to 90 people in attendance!

One area of advice that Doris is very good at dispensing is in any realm of finances and banking. Though she had her first job sewing at Frederick Tailoring Company located on Fourth Street in downtown Frederick, by 1960 Doris was working in the banking field. She started as a file clerk and ended her career at Maryland National Bank as a Financial Services Manager and Senior Officer. Her trajectory took her through many positions as well as classes at Frederick Community College. Debbie calls Doris “a human calculator”. In the course of our conversation I told Doris how old I was and how old my children were. Quick as a flash she told me how old I was when I had my boys, Colin and Carter. I was impressed!

Doris always loved any new machine that she was shown at work. She always felt that she could learn anything new if she wanted to. In her career Doris went from calculating by hand to teller machines to calculators and computers. I was a bit surprised to learn that Doris does not have computer in her home now, but was not surprised to hear that Debbie’s son Steven will be setting her up with one soon.

When I asked her to tell me more about HCC Doris replied “Over the years we have had some great ministers. Arthur Mott was our pastor when I joined. But Terry, he was so wonderful and such a big help when my parents were ill. No other minister has the love for his parishioners; Terry really gets to know the Congregation.”

As our time together wound down Norman came home and Martha Cooley, a friend from HCC and neighbor for many years, came by to pick up a cake Doris had gotten for her out at the bakery in Mt Pleasant. “I don’t know anyone I don’t like. We have a good life and we do what we want. I don’t have any complaints.” That’s Doris in a nutshell: a real-life angel.

### **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 our new pastor 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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Frank Roys 240-357-0989

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# HCC Member News

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

**Gail Howard** had a successful show at Poolesville High School - Beauty and the Beast. **Cherry King** had a wonderful family gathering for her birthday. There was a great turnout for a scouting project at Catoctin. **Becky and Kelly DeLameter** participated in this effort. **Becky DeLameter** attended the work weekend at Bethany Beach, and had a great time of fellowship (besides working hard!) She also made the banner for Easter. Busy, busy! **Paul DeLameter** has been notified that his assignment in Georgia will end on May 29 and he will be coming home! **Becky DeLameter** has a new teaching assignment for next year, so will not be laid off. **Frank Hearl** is running again. This time in a half-marathon (13.1 mi) in Frederick. **Teresa Hearl** is using a cane, temporarily, she says she played too hard. **Theresa Roys** was featured in a newspaper article for her work with cancer patients. **Randy Loy** has been corresponding with **Lorenzo York** by e-mail, and that Lorenzo sends his greetings to our congregation. **Pearl Anderson** still enjoys our church newsletter every month. **Pat Bush's** grandson will graduate and has earned his Master of Divinity degree. **Ben Blair** is now taller than his dad! **Barb Lang's** son, Bob, is visiting. It's great to have **Larry Seaman** back in church and moving around so much better. And great to have **Sharon Turman** back in church too! The Frederick Camerata Palm Sunday concert set the tone for Holy Week. Several of our members participate in the Frederick Camerata - **Phil Day, Theresa and Frank Roys, Teresa Hearl, Becky, Peter, and Kelly DeLameter. Barb Lang** played continuo beautifully for their concert. **Terry Reister** was able to attend the Palm Sunday concert and enjoyed visiting with many people afterwards in the "new" Upper Room. It was also a blessing that Terry was able to participate in the Maunday Thursday service.

This month we say goodbye to Ben and Carolyn Manning, and look forward to June when we greet Lisa, Steven, and David Smith. Our prayers are with them in this time of transition.





**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;*

*Cherry King, Hannah Matlock, Norman Horman, LaQuita Huteman, Bob & Sharon Turman, Barb Dangler, Louise Jones, several members of the Flock family, Chris Moore & the Reister family.*

*\*We keep Doris Horman's extended family in our prayers. Her passing is a great loss to many people.*

*We keep Larry Masters' family in our prayers. He was Rick Masters and Chris Moore's brother.*

*\*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. Like the floods in the Red River Valley or New Orleans.*

*\*Victims of violence at home and in war zones. Like the widows in Iraq, the refugees in Africa, and the abused women and children in our neighborhoods.*

*\*Our military who serve in harm's way. A peaceful resolution to conflict. Wisdom for our government leaders. Wisdom for all world leaders.*

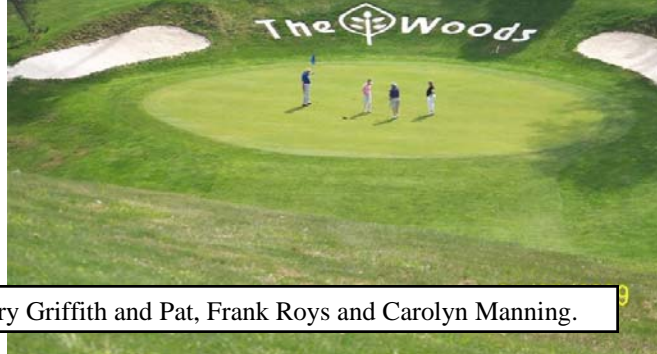
*\*We are humbled by the magnitude of your grace. Thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers, O Lord. **Amen***



## Our Duffers!



Ben Manning



Harry Griffith and Pat, Frank Roys and Carolyn Manning.

### FIRST ANNUAL HCC GOLF OUTING

Hyattstown Christian Church members and friends enjoyed several hours of “Best Ball” golf hosted by Pastor Ben and Carolyn Manning at the Stony Lick Golf Course (The Woods Resort) on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>. This little tournament enabled golfers of all level of experience to play and we had some new players. Great fun was had by all, starting with the Donuts and Coffee, the 12 Holes of Golf and followed by a cookout the Mannings. The winning team (based on lowest strokes) consisted of Frank Roys, Pat and Harry Griffith, and Carolyn Manning. Prizes were also awarded to Bill Hall, Larry Seaman and Benchuck Manning. Carolyn Manning made special tote bags for everyone and Theresa Roys provided some gag gifts. Everyone was in agreement that we need to do this again sometime and try for some more teams from among the congregation.

## Camp Starfish

Our 5th Annual Camp Starfish! will be held **August 9-12 at Camp Mary Mac**, near Sharpsburg, MD. As you may know, Camp Starfish is a camp for the children of inmates (who have at least one parent incarcerated in a correctional facility). This is a very high-risk group of children, with statistics indicating that over 70% will become incarcerated themselves. Camp Starfish hopes to make a difference in the lives of these children by offering them a summer camp experience that includes wholesome activities and good fellowship in a safe setting. It also offers great fellowship for our volunteers, who spend four days and three nights together working with these children in this wonderful setting. People should mark their calendars. Pierrette also mentioned that we need to build our funds back up a bit. The jail wasn't able to subsidize as much of the expense this past year, so if we plan ahead and donate now, it will be less painful for everyone!



## 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 for 05/10 (Mother's Day) 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.

Since May is a "packed" month (holiday, Pontiac Show, tours, etc.), I will be using e-mail to send out Camp Starfish updates, etc. At this point, one our of priorities is to get our volunteer list together and start outlining the schedule. So please contact me to let me know your participation plans! 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](mailto:pierrette_mcintire@msn.com)



### **On Easter**

The music was uplifting - Thank you to Phil Day and the choir. The banner was beautiful- Thank you to Becky DeLameter!

The Upper Room was filled with smiles, coffee cups, and coffee cake- Thank you to Barb Lang for her wonderful goodies!.





### **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES THROUGH MAY**

Bible Study meets at Hyattstown Christian Church each Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. We meet in the Church Parlor. We will continue with the study on “Peter – Learning to Be Like Jesus” and should end this series on the last Wednesday in May. We will combine some of the lessons in order to finish at the end of this month. Pastor Ben Manning currently leads the study group. The Bible Study Group will decide the direction they will take for future studies as this series comes to a close.

### **High Tea**



Carolyn Manning will be hosting a High Tea for the HCC ladies on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 p.m. This event will be at the Manning’s home at The Woods Resort near Hedgesville, WV. A sign-up sheet started making the rounds during the two worship services on April 26<sup>th</sup> and we will have it available through Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. When you sign-up there will be a place to indicate if you can bring one of the following: salad, cucumber sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, dessert or scones. This is for the “ladies” but there is also a place for the men to sign up as a “server.” Hint—this job is not for the faint-hearted! Soon after May 10<sup>th</sup> we will send out detailed instructions via mail or email on how to get to the Manning’s home. If you have questions, please call or email Carolyn through Pastor Ben at 301-412-6675 or [pastorbenchuck@mac.com](mailto:pastorbenchuck@mac.com)

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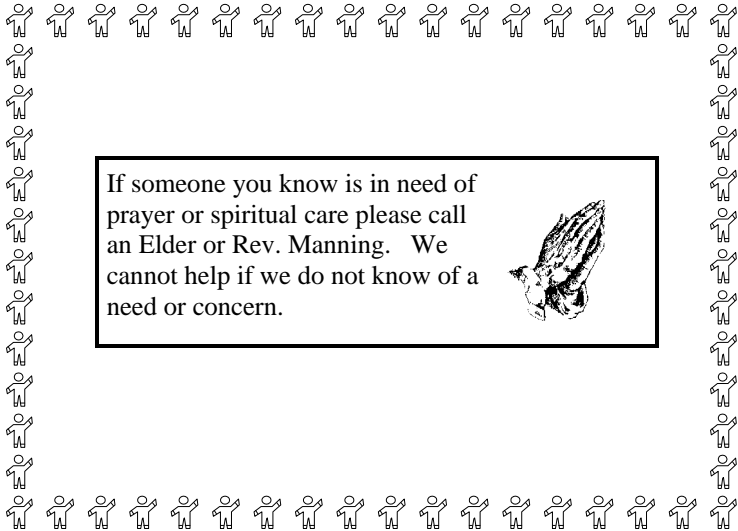


### **Bethany Beach Retreat**

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.

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

