

HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



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If someone you know is in need of prayer or spiritual care please call an Elder. We are in a time of transition but we are available to care and uplift one another. We cannot help if we do not know of a need or concern.



October

Worship-- 9am & 11am

Oct 11- **Yard Sale**

Oct 17-18- **Regional Assembly**

Oct 26 - **Halloween Party** after second service

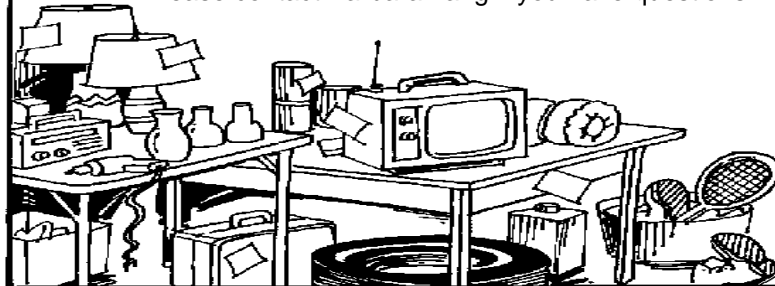
OCTOBER 11

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS AND STORAGE ROOMS!

ANNUAL YARD SALE

Start your fall cleaning early! The date for the Annual Yard Sale sponsored by HCC Disciple Women will be Sat, October 11. Items being donated can be left in the back office or lower foyer area (by the steps to the Fellowship Hall). We will also be serving lunch and having a bake sale that day.

Please contact Barbara Lang if you have questions.



Reflections Reflections

Rev York is an associate pastor with Hyattstown Christian Church. Many of you also remember his inspiring spirituality classes for the Regional Lay Institute.

Theme: **Comforting Words, Reassuring Thoughts**

Written by: Lorenzo Cooper York

“*I am with you always*’. This is the eternal source of our daily life of prayer. This is no technique. We are in deep waters of the most intimate of all possible relationships that flow to us—forever fresh and new—from minute to minute. And, as with all that lives, our relationship with the ultimate Person is organic, open-ended, unexpected, asymmetrical, and unfolding...” Source: Flora Slosson Wuellner’s book, *Feed My Shepherds*

What a picture, Wuellner paints about prayer! In a few words, she paints a picture of a loving, doting God yearning to be in intimate relationship with you and with me. These words are comforting for me and they generate reassuring thoughts.

I can recall as a child and particularly as an adult facing major transitions, I grew anxious about feeling all alone in facing my challenge. Entering my freshman year in college comes readily to mind. God was there. He promised to be there. The thought nor the words—“I am with you” helped me to avoid my own anxiety. In time, I grew to learn just how faithful God was in being there just for me. In time, I was ashamed of how little trust I placed in His promise to be there for me. As I grew older, in time, I learned to simply trust Him no matter what the circumstances alluded. In the here and now, I am still not perfected in this kind of resting in His comforting words that generate reassuring thoughts but, I am far better at it today than when I was a freshman in college or a first year seminarian or a first year pastor or a newly married man or....you get the point and you certainly have your own experiences to fill in the blank.

Jesus said, “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the

age” (Matthew 28.20). Often we fret and think that we are all alone. Often we come to the conclusion that no one understands what we face or what we are going through. Often we miss out on the fact that Jesus promised to be with us always. Always. That is a mighty long time! Rest in the reassuring thought that you are always in good company, Hyattstown Christian Church. God is with us.

Draw comfort from these words, “I am with you, always”. If it were not so, Jesus would not have offered that assurance. Aren’t you glad about it? So am I!



Blessings, Lorenzo+




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 usually assist the pastor. We are in a time of transition, our Elders are 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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Liturgical Schedule — also posted on bulletin board inside front door			
			
9 am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
Sept 28/ Oct 5	Gail Howard	Hugh Howard	
Oct 12/ 19	Ginny Pierson	Mark Pierson	
Oct 26/ Nov 2	Beth Sweeney	Andy Blair	
NOTE: Elders are also serving as Worship Leaders			
11 am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
Sept 28/ Oct 5	Sharon Turman	Pierrrette McIntire	Chuck McIntire
Oct 12/ 19	John Wilson	Martha Cooley	Barbara Dangler
Oct 26/ Nov 2	Bob Turman	Sandy Law	Gail Knott
Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Scripture
Oct 5	Andy Blair	Janice Seaman	Matthew 21: 33-46
Oct 12	Beth Sweeney	Randy Loy	Matthew 22: 1-14
Oct 19	Teresa Hearl	Chris Moore	Matthew 22: 15-22
Oct 26	Hugh Howard	Pat Griffith	Matthew 22: 34-46

October Birthdays

- Oct 1 - Pearl Anderson
- Oct 2 - Chuck McIntire
- Oct 7 - Keith Hatton
- Oct 9 - Mary Lou Masters
- Oct 17 - Bill Huntman
- Oct 28 - John Metz
- Oct 29 - Birdie Abrecht

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



October Anniversaries



- Oct 4 - Chuck and Pierrette McIntire

Liturgists Wanted

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



October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9 & 11 Worship	6	7	8	9	10	11 8-2 YARD SALE
12 9 & 11 Worship	13	14	15	16	17 Regional Assembly	18 Regional Assembly
19 9 & 11 Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9 & 11 Worship 12 Halloween Party 	27	28	29	30 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 	31	



Notes from the Chair

Hugh Howard



The car is unpacked, the clothes washed and the list of 'to-do' projects has resurfaced. This past weekend at Bethany Beach was relaxing and refreshing. We never know for sure just how many folks will be able to join in this retreat, or what we'll find as far as weather. The weather was close to what I would call 'typical' beach weather - partly cloudy, some wind, a couple of showers (very brief) but the immediate beaches had to be closed due to high waves. Turned out the beach just north of Bethany Beach was open all the time, while Bethany Beaches did open on Sunday. We took firewood, but didn't feel the need to use it due to the warmth of the weather.

Illnesses and business conflicts took their tolls on some who had planned on attending, but we did make a showing with eight folks. Another church was expected to be there with us, but they had canceled at the last minute. All this reminds me that we all make plans for what we consider to be the 'best options' for our time and efforts and then we adjust our lives to deal with the realities of the moment. I thank all who put this retreat in their plans, whether they were able to make it or not. I think the time this kind of retreat gives us is valued by a lot of folks. Our retreat is but one of several that are available to individuals and families at our Bethany Beach facilities throughout the year.

Our Regional Assembly will be held at the Frederick Holiday Inn at FSK on Friday and Saturday the 17th - 18th of October. Seeing our regional church in action at a broader level would be educational for any who want to attend. I do encourage you to consider attending this event and learning what others are doing and to perhaps get new ideas of what we can do to help others.

I have asked the Rev. Ben Manning to assist us as our 'interim' minister while the search committee does the work. Ben has been pulpit supply for us several Sundays and has been very well received. His wife, Carolyn has shared her talents with us also.

Rev. Manning indicated he would like to work with us as an 'interim' minister. We will be working up a 'contract' with him soon. In particular this contract will basically be a 'month-by-month' contract that either party can terminate. If you have specific items you would like us to ask Ben to do please let me know. And please bear with me, as I'm trying to get things done in an area I haven't worked in before.

Lorenzo will be retiring from the Navy in November and then is scheduled to receive his Doctoral degree in December. We are giving him his Doctoral robe - if you wish to contribute to this please make a note on your check and place it in the offering plate.

All our calendars are getting busy with the fall activities approaching. Our church too has a lot we will be doing and preparing for. We all need to continue to seek out ways to help out and support each other in our efforts.

C. Hugh Howard



We're on the web!

www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org

The Search & Call Committee

The Search & Call Committee would like to make sure that we have questions for our prospective candidates. The congregation is more than welcome to our list. Please feel free to tell one of the committee members or put in writing and place in the offering plate any Sunday. We are waiting for information from our regional minister, Rev. Lari Grubbs.

Members of our Search Committee are:

Chair- Beth Sweeney (Elder) phone: 301-865-9238
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)



Prayer for Cannots

By Kenneth Parsons

Taken from The Disciple 1982

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

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

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

HCC Chancel Choir CD's

Chancel Choir has produced an amazing CD with music that has been performed during church services over the past few years. We request a modest donation to cover the cost of the CD's. Please see Barbara Lang to get yours! They make great birthday or Christmas gifts.



2008 Regional Assembly

The Christian Church Capitol Region Regional Assembly will be held on



October 17 & 18

at the **Frederick Holiday Inn Conference Center.**

Attending the Regional Assembly gives you opportunity to meet Disciples from all over the area. The workshops are uplifting and meaningful to leaders in congregations. The collective worship always touches the spirit. Make your reservations and mark your calendar now!

Hugh Howard about keys:



The rear door lock was repaired and all doors were re-keyed to a single key. (I never could find the right key to all the doors anyway.) The result of this is that our church facility is now locked most of the time. If you need a key please see me. I will also be posting a list of those who have keys.

Useful Information
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Tkhearl@comcast.net SEND NEWS!!

FEED THE HUNGRY

Saturday at 4:30pm --November 15
to serve, come to the back door
of the Frederick Rescue Mission

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 one week before Feed the Hungry.

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

--November 8



HCC Member News

Randy Loy joined his parents for a wonderful 50th anniversary. **Frank Hearl** traveled to Germany. **Larry and Janice Seaman and Marian Meyers** attended Senior Camp at Bethany Beach. Larry and Janice will be the camp directors next year. **Debbie and Eddie Flook** had a wonderful trip to Alaska. **Peter Delameter** is safely back in college. **Becky Delameter** traveled with her parents to Annapolis to be at her mother's 60th high school class reunion. **Sharron and Bill Smith**, will be going to Seattle for about 3 weeks to visit their grandson and family who live there. **Hugh and Gail Howard with their daughter, Adrienne, and her fiancé, Chris, Becky and Paul DeLameter, Frank and Teresa Hearl** enjoyed relaxing by the sea and being well fed by the staff at Bethany Beach. **Joe Reister** is closer to getting settled in Towson. **Louse Jones'** brother, who is 93 years old, is in town visiting. **Phil Day, Teresa Hearl, Janice Seaman, and Peggie Hatton joined Terry Reister**



HCC Member News

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

Here are a couple of pictures of Meghan and Ben going to homecoming dance. Meghan is with her boyfriend, Andy, and Ben is with his harem - they did his hair and he went shopping with them. He looks like a punk rocker from the 80s and you may notice he has really slimmed out!

for a tasty lunch and good conversation. **Barbara Lang** is thankful that her son Jim survived a 20 foot fall at his job this past week and came out almost without a scratch! **Doris Horman** is recovering from eye surgery. She had a torn and detached retina. So far she is recuperating well.

Lord, be with us as we pray for:

*Family members in search of jobs and direction in life;
Family members and friends with health issues;
Cherry King, Hannah Matlock, Artye Hellner, Doris &
Norman Horman, LaQuita Huteman, Bob & Sharon Turman,
Barb Dangler, Doris Horman & family, Debbie Flook & the
Reister family.*

*The Pastoral Search Committee, our Deacons, our Elders,
and the HCC Church Board*

*The Disciples of Christ Church and Christ's church in the
world.*

The hurricane victims in Texas and surrounding areas.

Victims of other natural disasters who are still struggling.

Victims of violence at home and in war zones.

Our military who serve in harm's way.

Our government leaders and our political process.

All world leaders.

*Thank you for the blessings of joyous occasions,
and children growing up.*

*Thank you for the jobs we have, for activities we enjoy,
and the gifts we are able to share.*

Amen

The Reister's New Address

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The Flock's in Alaska

Eddie and Debbie have returned home from a 2 week vacation in Alaska. They spent 5 nights on land touring Anchorage where they hiked Flat top Mountain, to Denali and Fairbanks. Seeing more beauty then they had ever seen before along with wildlife including Grizzly Bears, Dull Sheep, Moose, Merlin (a small Falcon) Hare, Caribou and more. Then they went to Seward, Alaska to board their first ever Cruise Ship for a 7 night cruise. The first day of cruising took them to Yakutat Bay in Hubbard Glacier to see some of the most spectacular views of glacier scenery in all of coastal Alaska. The ice melts and breaks loose at the bottom and begins a slow motion avalanche down the mountain with loud sounds & sights of white thunder calving into the ocean. Some of their other ports were at Juneau, Skagway, and Ketchikan to name a few. In Skagway they took a 8 hour land tour to White Pass & British Columbia Yukon with more amazing scenery. They also saw Bald Eagles, Whales, and Stellar Sea Lion. The cruise stopped in Vancouver where they boarded a plane for home. Eddie and Debbie had a great time and can't wait to share some pictures and stories of their adventure. They said they were on more planes, trains boats and buses in two weeks then their whole life. What a great vacation and a blessing to have been able to witness this beauty part of God's World. Alaska is a must to see if you get the chance.

Love,
Debbie &
Eddie



Yard Sale -
October 11 8 AM to 2 PM

Have you ever wondered? What am I going to do with this? It's still good but it isn't right for me anymore. We have the solution! Bring it to the church and make someone happy. Clean your basement now!



The Annual Yard Sale sponsored by HCC Disciple Women will be on Saturday October 11. We are making great progress gathering items for sale, which can be left in the nursery area. If you are available to help organize and price our treasures, please contact Barb Dangler. We will also be serving lunch and having a bake sale table that day. Please contact Janice Seaman to let her know what you can contribute to the bake sale, or if you are available to help prepare and serve the lunch. Please call Barbara Lang if you have any other questions.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY -**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

We will be having our traditional Halloween party **after the 11 AM service on October 26**. Everyone is encouraged to attend church services in their favorite **costume!** We have had many outstanding and creative costumes over the years. The church will provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks, and there is a sign-up sheet for a planned pot luck for other ghoulish treats! There will be prizes for the best costumes, and we will also be playing some games and have a ticket drawing for door prizes. Volunteers are needed to help decorate the fellowship hall after the 9 AM service that day. Please let Barbara Lang know if you are available to help.



White House Tour - December 6, 2008

Randy Loy has generously looked into making arrangements for our church family and friends to take a tour of the White House during the holiday season!



In order to have access to the tour, we must submit some personal information for security checks. Please get a form from Barbara Lang, and return to Barbara or Randy in the envelope provided. Information **MUST** be returned by October 19th. Randy will be the only person who will view this information in order to submit our group's names for the tour reservation. What a wonderful opportunity to view one of our nation's capital's treasures!!

We will not know the time we will be assigned until our name list is submitted, but it will be sometime that Saturday morning. The church will be making arrangements to rent a bus, since parking is so limited near the White House.



In front of the DOC conference center is a huge playground maintained by the city.



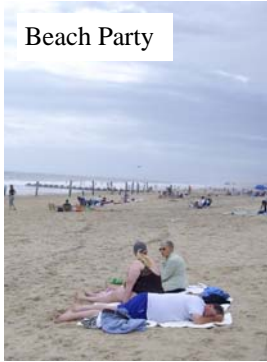
Rocking on the porch is a Bethany tradition.



Closed beach



Hurricane Party



Beach Party

This fine group of folks trekked over to Bethany Beach expecting to have a hurricane party, but it turned into a beach party. Bethany Beach was closed because of the rip tides, but Rehoboth was a wonderful place to watch the water.



Well-fed



Over-fed



Conference center

Stone House



Camp Starfish 2008 –

Wow! What a GREAT time we had at this year's Camp Starfish (August 3 – 6, 2008). We had 20 campers this year, 14 boys and 6 girls. We also had about 20 volunteers each day, which led to our great success. About half our kids were "repeats," having been with us last year. The

"repeats" really showed new leadership by helping the "first-timers" acclimate to the camp and our various activities. Per our tradition, we started the camp off this year with a rousing game of "Capture the Flag" which was led by captains Randy Loy and Philip York. We then did something a little different, and had the children define Camp Expectations and Rules of Behavior. I think this really helped in setting the "tone" of the camp and made the children more accountable for its success. Another thing that really helped was all of the youth counselors that participated, including second-year veterans Sarah and Grace Duke, Peter and Kelly De-lameter, and Megan Blair. Mary Saxon-Clipper from the Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF) also brought three youth counselors with her: Jordon, Trevin and Sherrell. Our youth counselors added extra energy, organization, and leadership. They really served as role models to our young campers, with the campers often



Science Lab



Silly Joe



Seed mosaics

responding more quickly to our youth counselors than to those of us in the "older" generation. This made the youth counselors especially beneficial in the evenings for "cabin control." Another thing that we did a little differently was include a "Pay it Forward" activity to benefit the camp, having the kids pull-up weeds and plant wild-flower seeds in front of the bath house. We were also blessed that Terry was able to join



Becky teaches sign language



Decorating Camp Starfish Tee shirts!

Waiting patiently for the next adventure.



us for the majority of the camp, including a spectacular magic act during the talent show where he cut one of our counselors in half!

Many, many thanks go to our Camp Leaders whose tireless activities make the camp possible: Stacey Wilson (Recreation), Dana Reitman (Crafts), Becky Delameter (Nature/Sign Language), Beth Sweeney (Water/Swimming Activities), Gail Howard (Talent Night/Story Telling/Various Activities), Joe Reister (Youth Lead/Director Assistance), Andy Blair (Security/CampFire Duty), and Mary Saxon-Clipper (MCCF Coordinator). I would also like to thank Joe's friend Duke Benton, who joined us for the whole time and helped keep our male campers in line. Thanks also to all the many volunteers who participated and made the camp special: Randy Loys, the York Family, Roger Reitman, Sharron Smith, Pat Griffith and Barb Dangler, Martha Cooley, Marian Meyers, Chris Moore, and "Granddad" (as the kids called him) Masters. Also Barbara Lang, (pre-camp prep), Janice and Larry Seaman (home-base support), Robin Davis (Starfish t-shirts), and the many others whose contributions and ideas helped us pull off a successful camp. We also thank Montgomery Country Recreation Department for picking up/dropping off the children at their homes, Montgomery County Safe and Drug Free Schools for once again providing the big yellow school bus to transport the children to and from the camp, and Cathy Matthews from Montgomery County Government for

joining us and talking to the children about dreams and goals. Special thanks also to Downsville Christian Church members: “Shorty” for the Wagon Ride and the Bowers Family for providing horse-back riding and instruction. And many thanks to Teresa Swihart, our cook and Mary Mac facility leader.

Whew... I knew that when I tried to list everyone I would take up a full page, and I sincerely apologize if I left anyone out. I know that we each have many special memories of the time together with our campers. I recall the excitement in camper’s eyes when they went row-boating for their very first time (and asked the second day if they could go again) or decided to be brave and try horseback riding. Other memories include the laughter during the wagon ride, the attention shown when learning about poison ivy and night-time animal sounds, and the pride displayed when finishing a craft project and receiving applause during the talent show. It was also evident how much the kids enjoyed being part of the community and helping out. And even our toughest campers (and volunteers) hugged their Camp Starfish Teddy Bears when we said good-bye.



The horses arrived and the campers loved them.

Marion! Pat! Is that you on those horses??





We haven't yet had our "Post Starfish" session, so please make some notes on what worked well and what could be improved. October is already filling up, but I will try to schedule some time for us to get together. We will soon be sending out their photos with a follow-up note and I was thinking perhaps that we could send the campers Christmas cards and other follow-up notes to keep in contact and give them encouragement and support throughout the year. Also, be sure to rest-up and get your energy back... as 2009 will be here before we know it!



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WELCOME!



WELCOME
TO
OUR
CHURCH

