

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.



September

Worship-- 9am & 11am

Sept. 9- 7:30 Board Meets

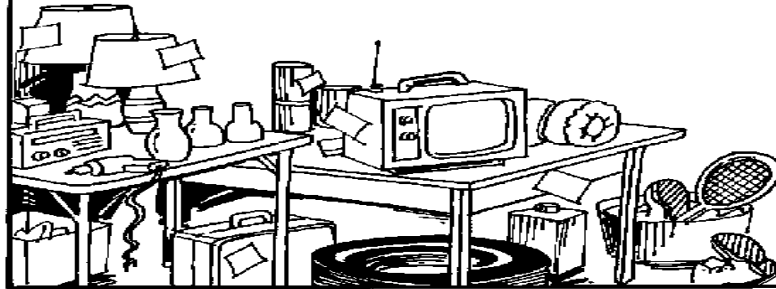
Sept 24-26 - Bethany Beach Retreat

ANNUAL YARD SALE

OCTOBER 11

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS AND STORAGE ROOMS!

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. A list for volunteers to sign up will be circulated during September.



Reflections Reflections

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

“Knowing God Intimately”

Source of Inspiration: George Barna, [A Fish Out of Water](#)

by Lorenzo Cooper York

Do you know God well enough to trust Him when things are not going well at all? I am talking about the “dark night of the soul” times when prayer, studying the Bible, attending worship just does not make things better. I am talking about the times when you were so low that you had to look up to see down. What do you do?

Maybe, just maybe, knowing God intimately is not about doing those things that we think it takes to be classified a good person or a holy person in the eyes of the worshipping community. Maybe, just maybe, God wants us to simply seek time to BE with Him so that He can BE with us. Saint Augustine talks about a restlessness of his soul that was so great that only God could fill it. But the satisfaction of that restlessness came at a price of feeling like a “fish out of water”! You know, the flopping around, getting nowhere real fast kind of antics that we find ourselves involved in from time to time. You know, the I want what I want when I want it syndrome.

The Holy Bible teaches that God loves us with an everlasting love. Genesis affirms we are special because we bear the image of God. Theologians wrestle with what it means to bear the image of God. And while the scholarly debate goes on, God simply wants us to spend time with Him.

Knowing God intimately means knowing that His desire for us requires that we get intimately connected with Him. It begins with prayer—we need to have heartfelt conversation with the One Who can make the difference. It is sustained in quiet time—we need to be still and know that God is. It is reinforced with Bible study—we need to know in Whom we believe. It is energized in worship—we need each other. Now, more than ever, Hyattstown Christian Church members need each other. Let’s draw near to God and to each other as we face the dawning of a new day—full of promise, possibilities and wonderment.



Notes from the Chair

Hugh Howard



Church facilities:

I took this time of transition to get the rear door lock repaired and while the locksmith was here I asked him to re-key all doors 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.

Pastoral supply:

We are using a variety of persons to fill our pulpit on Sundays. The Reverend Susan Spurgeon and the Reverend Ben Manning have been, and will be with us the Sundays of August. In September we will continue to use Susan and Ben and will look for others to assist us in the pulpit.

'The Big Move':


I think we all know how much fun moving is - especially when you've had almost 25 years to collect important 'stuff'. From what I hear, Terry, Janet and Joe (and Louise) expect to have the 'final' moving truck loaded up and moved the 22nd of August. Please keep the Reisters in your prayers, especially for all the traumas of moving and also the joys of finding new ways to rearrange what's important to them.



CAMP STARFISH

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with this year's Camp Starfish. The camp was marvelous, with 20 campers and about the same number of volunteers each day. A great time was had by all and you could truly see the impact that our camp is having on these children. A full article with pictures will be in next month's newsletter! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!


Liturgical Schedule — also posted on bulletin board inside front door

			<p>We are Honored to Serve at The Table of the Lord</p> 
9 am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
Aug 31/ Sept 7	Frank Hearl	Sharon Duke	
Sept 14/21	Teresa Hearl	Sarah Duke	
Sept 28/ Oct 5	Gail Howard	Hugh Howard	
<i>NOTE: Elders are also serving as Worship Leaders</i>			

11 am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
Aug 31/ Sept 7	Chris Moore	Gail Knott	Sandy Law
Sept 14/21	Janice Seaman	Walt Moore	Joe Reister
Sept 28/ Oct 5	Sharon Turman	Pierrrette McIntire	Chuck McIntire

Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Scripture
Aug 31	Teresa Hearl	Frank Roys	Matthew 16: 21-28
Sept 7	Grace Duke	Randy Loy	Matthew 18: 15-20
Sept 14	Debbie Blair	Chris Moore	Matthew 18: 21-35
Sept 21	Gail Howard	Stacey Wilson	Matthew 20: 1-16
Sept 28	Beth Sweeney	Pat Griffith	Matthew 21: 23-32

September Birthdays



William Smith Sept 2
 Teresa Hearl Sept 7
 Doris Horman Sept 10
 Lon Pierson Sept 10
 LaQuita Huntzman Sept 15
 Joe Reister Sept 20
 Ben Blair Sept 21





Janice Seaman Sept 24
 Paul Delameter Sept 25
 Ginger Memmott Sept 25
 Matthew Schaeffer Sept 28

September Anniversaries

Jack and Beth
 Sweeney Sept 8

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

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 9 & 11 Worship	8 7:30 Bible Study	9 7:30 Board Meets	10 9:30am Bible Study	11	12	13
14 9 & 11 Worship	15 7:30 Bible Study	16	17 9:30am Bible Study	18	19	20
21 9 & 11 Worship	22 7:30 Bible Study	23	24 9:30am Bible Study	25	26 Bethany Beach Retreat 	27 Bethany Beach Retreat 
28 9 & 11 Worship Bethany Beach Retreat 	29 7:30 Bible Study	30	School's Open Drive Carefully 			

NOTICE TO THE ELDERS

The Christian Church Capital Area (CCCA) DOC Regional Office is assisting the Hyattstown Christian Church board with pulpit supply.

During this period of time when we have visiting pastors filling the pulpit on Sundays, we ask that the **Elders also serve as Worship Leader at the services when they are scheduled**. Since visiting clergy will not be familiar with our "normal" worship service, this helps provide continuity for our church family, and gives each of you the opportunity to participate in the work of the Lord.

Please arrive a few minutes early to introduce yourself to the visiting pastor and go over the Order of Service with them. The Elder is in charge of making the announcements, and will handle the Intercessions & Joys. The visiting pastors will provide the pastoral prayer, will deliver the sermon, preside at the communion table, lead us in the Lord's Prayer, and send us forth with a benediction at the end of the service.

Please make arrangements with another Elder if you are not available for your scheduled Sunday!

Visiting Pastor Schedule:

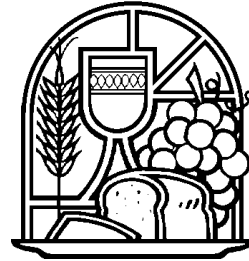
9/7 - Rev. Lorenzo York

9/14- Rev. Ben Manning

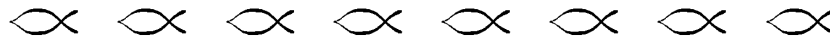
(his wife may do some puppet ministry with us)

9/21- Rev Susan Spurgeon

9/28- Rev. Ben Manning



The Elders will continue to be available as spiritual support for the congregation. This may involve hospital visits and being available to visit and pray with those in need.



Hope Alive needs donations of shampoo and/or conditioners. Any size. Deliver to Hyattstown Christian Church. To donate other items, see the list in the church vestibule. Please make a note saying that they are not yard sale items.

The Search & Call Committee

The 'church profile package' has been delivered to the Regional office and should be posted on our national web page. We now must do some 'waiting' while candidates consider what we have said we are looking for. Lari Grubbs will be involved with getting us names and resumes of candidates.



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)

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 where the pastoral leadership is not yet in place. However, our Eldership is. 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.

Hugh Howard 301-831-8643

Gail Howard 301-831-8643
Debbie Blair 301-216-2746
Robin Davis 301-865-5285
Debbie Flook 301-695-2678
Frank Hearl 301-682-7360
Teresa Hearl 301-682-7360
Ginny Pierson 301-865-3750

Beth Sweeney 301-865-9238
John Wilson 301-253-1807
Stacey Wilson 301-253-1807
Bob Turman 301-620-7570
Sharon Turman 301-620-7570
Chris Moore 301-414-5493
Janice Seaman 301-228-2357

When God leads you to the edge of the cliff, trust Him fully and let go, only one of two things will happen, either He'll catch you when you fall, or He'll teach you how to fly!





Bethany Beach Church Retreat September 26-28



The Disciples of Christ have a beautiful conference center one block from Bethany Beach. We rent one of the lodge size houses and run away. The weekend is heavy on free time to take long walks on the beach or sit in the rocking chairs on the porch. Meals are included in the cost. We have been fed very well by the kitchen staff at Bethany.

Bethany Beach retreat currently has 14 confirmed attendees and three more folks have said they 'intend' on going. We typically find that 20 some folks can and do actually attend. If you want to join us please let us know as soon as possible.

Reminder that we will want to let the Bethany Beach staff know what our expected attendance numbers will be by September 12th so they can do food planning.

We have the space to house you and the beach will not be crowded - I also have it on good authority that the weather will also be great. Please consider this event for your family or just yourself.

Sign up in the vestibule to join us for a relaxed, fun weekend. For more info call Hugh Howard (301) 831-8643



There's a sea breeze and a rocking chair waiting for you.

Useful Information
Hyattstown Christian Church

Office: (301) 831-8184

Spiritual Formation:

Lorenzo York (301) 831-4305

Biblical Studies:

Jim Cole (301) 706-7404

Music:

Philip A. Day, Jr. (301) 693-3887

Barb Lang (301-)829-2527

Board Chair:

Hugh Howard (301) 831-8643

Vice-Chair: Andy Blair (301) 216-2746

Board Secy:

Debbie Flook (301) 695-2678

Trustees Chair:

Eddie Flook (301) 695-2678

Treasurer:

Pierrette McIntire (301) 607-4242

Financial Secy:

Bob Turman (301)620-7570

Christian Service:

Pat Griffith (301) 972-1316

Barb Dangler (301) 668-4194

Education/Celebration:

Barbara Lang (301)-829-2527

Property Chair:

Eddie Flook (301) 695-2678

Outreach/Stewardship:

Doris Horman (301) 662-8740

Newsletter:

Teresa Hearl (301) 682-7360

Tkhearl@comcast.net SEND NEWS!!

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.



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! Our

Rummage Sale is scheduled for **October 11**. So set aside those goodies that can be someone else's treasure. Bring them to the church and make someone happy. Clean your basement now!



SNAPSHOTS By Dana Appleton Reitman

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"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.  
Phone : 301-846-0654 email: dareitman@verizon.net

If you have updates for the address and birthday database PLEASE tell Teresa Hearl or better yet, email her at [TKHearl@comcast.net](mailto: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.



## DISCIPLES WEB SITES TO REMEMBER:

Hyattstown Christian Church:

[www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org](http://www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org)

Christian Church Capital Area Disciples of Christ:

[www.cccadisciples.org](http://www.cccadisciples.org)

Disciple of Christ National website:

[www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)

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

## HCC Chancel Chour CD's



Although they will most likely never appear on "America's Got Talent" or make the "Top Ten," our Chancel Choir has produced an amazing CD with music that has been performed during church services over the past few years. Many thanks to Keith Hatton for doing the technical work to record the music and create the CD's (and also to Peggie for helping assemble them!). Kudos to our talented Director of Music, Phil Day, Jr. for organizing this effort. 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!



# HCC Member News

If you have news please send the information (and a picture if you have it) to Teresa at **TKHearl@comcast.net**. Or tell Barbara Lang. It's the little things that make our congregation a family. We rejoice in your successes and pray for your challenges. Please share.



Many members traveled in August to see family and go on vacation. Soon school is starting and we return to our fall routines. Share your happenings!

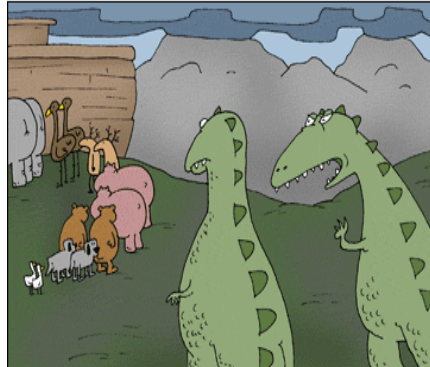
**Prayer Requests:** Cherry King, Hannah Matlock, Artye Hellner, Doris & Norman Horman, LaQuita Huteman, Bob & Sharon Turman, Barb Dangler, Debbie Flook & the Reister family. Victims of violence at home and in war zones. All world leaders. The Pastoral Search Committee, our Deacons, Elders, and the HCC Church Board

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study —**  
9:30-11am will resume in September

**Monday Evening Bible Study—**  
7:30-8:30pm will resume in September

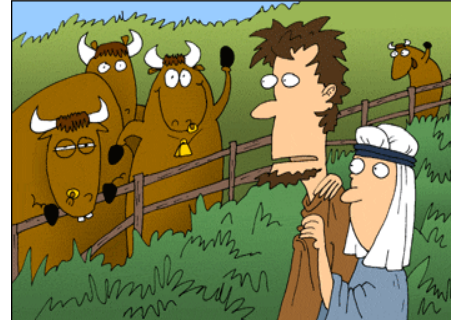


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(See Genesis 6-8) 10-19-2006  
NO WAY MAN ... YOU KNOW I DON'T WAIT  
IN LONG LINES

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(See Daniel 4:31-33) 05-31-2006  
I SUPPOSE IT'S TIME I EXPLAINED THAT  
YOUR SWEET, LOVING NEBUCHADNEZZAR USED  
TO RUN WITH A DIFFERENT CROWD

See Daniel 4: 31-33

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