



January/ February 2012

Worship –10am

Intergenerational SUNDAY School- 8:45-9:45am

A new lesson every week. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study & Discussion Group 9:30-11:30

SATURDAY January 7

Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY January 8

Installation Sunday

Secret Sisters Luncheon after service

Bring a light dish to share.

The “Unhanging” of the greens.

Please stay if you can help.

SATURDAY January 14

Feed the Hungry 4:30

Martin Luther King Jr Worship Service

“The Fierce Urgency of Now”

National City Church 2pm- bring canned goods.

Ask Pastor for more information.



THE PASTOR'S PAGE



This year during the period between Epiphany and Lent, we have seven Sundays. Last year there were nine, next year there will only be five. Sundays in this time period:

Epiphany -Jan 1, 2012

Baptism of the Lord- Jan 8th

Sundays after Epiphany Jan 15th- Feb 12th

Transfiguration Sunday Feb 19th

Ash Wednesday - Feb 22nd

The 1st Sunday in Lent is Feb 26th

Epiphany is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people. It is also a time of focusing on Christian community and fellowship, especially in healing the divisions of prejudice and bigotry that we all too often create between God's children.

I am including some history about Epiphany. Let's prayerfully consider what Epiphany will reveal to us in this new year.

Significance of Epiphany in the Church:

As with most aspects of the Christian liturgical calendar, Epiphany has theological significance as a teaching tool in the church. The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the child Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32),

was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

From Dennis Bratcher:

The term epiphany means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. In some Central and South American countries influenced by Catholic tradition, Three Kings' Day, or the night before, is the time for opening Christmas presents. In some eastern churches, Epiphany or the Theophany commemorates Jesus' baptism, with the visit of the Magi linked to Christmas. In some churches the day is celebrated as Christmas, with Epiphany/Theophany occurring on January 19th.

From Wikipedia:

The Time after Epiphany has anywhere from one to nine Sundays before Lent begins. The date of Easter varies from year to year, according to a lunar-calendar dating system (computus). Computus (Latin for "computation") is the calculation of the date of Easter in the Christian calendar. The name has been used for this procedure since the early Middle Ages, as it was one of the most important computations of the age. In principle, the date of Easter is defined as the Sunday following the Full Moon following vernal equinox (the so-called Paschal Full Moon). But neither the vernal equinox nor the full moon are determined by astronomical observation. Instead, a theoretical model known as the Ecclesiastical Full Moon is used, and the vernal equinox is taken to be set on 21 March. The model assumes that 19 tropical years have the same duration as 235 synodal months. The computus is thus the procedure of determining the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon that falls on or after 21 March.

Blessings, Pastor Lisa



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Jan 1	Steve Smith	Chuck McIntire & _____	Janice Seaman
Jan 8	Beth Sweeney	DeBrean Loy & _____	Steve Smith
Jan 15	Stacey Wilson	Paul & Becky DeLameter	Kelly DeLameter
Jan 22	Debbie Blair	Sandy Law & Frank Hearl	Randy Loy
Jan 29	Hugh Howard	Paul & Becky DeLameter	Bob Turman

February's schedule will be available before the end of January. Hugh Howard is working on that now.

NOTES:

If you cannot serve, please trade with someone.
 Elders also serve as Worship Leaders
 Deacons prepare and clean-up communion, and check pews.
 The scripture lessons are found in the bulletin insert. For an advanced copy please contact the pastor.



*We are Honored
 to Serve at
 The Table
 of the Lord*

THEREFORE DO NOT WORRY
 ABOUT TOMORROW,
 FOR TOMORROW WILL WORRY
 ABOUT ITSELF.
 EACH DAY HAS ENOUGH
 TROUBLE OF ITS OWN.

MATTHEW 6:34



January Birthdays

Jan 20 -Kelly DeLameter
Jan 31 -Beth Sweeney



February Birthdays

Feb 2 -Barb Dangler
Feb 9 -Harry Griffith

Feb 10 -Peter DeLameter
Feb 12 -Larry Seaman
Feb 22 -Martha Cooley

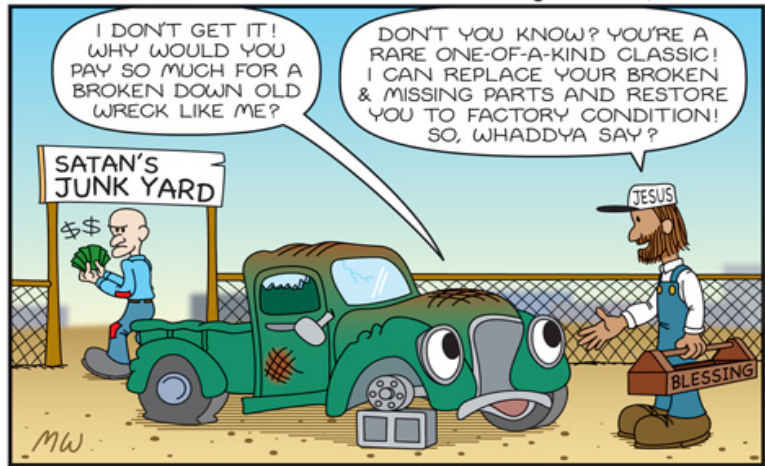
February Anniversaries

Feb 12 Rev. Ben & Carolyn Manning

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

SALVAGER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.
— LUKE 19:10 NIV

Sunday School

Becky DeLameter is looking for leaders for our multi-generational Sunday School. If you can take a week or two, she has ideas to help you with a program.

Our topic is; "Living As Peacemakers In A Violent World"



BIBLE STUDY WILL BE WATCHING DVDs
(No 'Homework') OF BILL MOYERS' INTERVIEWS WITH JOSEPH CAMPBELL FROM THE PBS SERIES, "THE POWER OF MYTH". Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30

Don't forget your Secret Sister. Keep her in your prayers.







Kelly DeLameter is the proud owner of a spiffy new red car to replace the one that was damaged when he hit a deer. Kelly spent the holidays with his family and will soon return to the NC School for the Arts. Peter will be attending FCC in the spring semester.



On 11/11/11 Steven Smith had a family gathering to celebrate his 50th birthday.



 Teresa and Frank Hearl are proud of their twin granddaughters, Hannah and Miranda, who sang solos in the 5th grade Christmas program, and also made the district choir.

Martha and Nick Cooley spent Christmas in Pennsylvania with family. 



Many of us celebrated having family and friends in our homes at Christmas. Santa made lots of children happy, including this big boy. Andy got Legos for Christmas! Andy and Debbie were blessed to have Ben and Meghan home for the holidays.

Bill and Sharron Smith returned from Seattle in time to welcome a Christmas visit from son Kevin and granddaughter Allison. Kevin and Bill had the pleasure of having club level seats at the Redskins/Vikings game, compliments of Stephanie who is in Afghanistan.



***News from
the Pews***



Sharron will have two paintings in the Frederick County Art Association 2012 Members' Exhibit at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Center January 7-29.

Theresa and Frank Roy sang in Handel's *Messiah* with the National Philharmonic at the Music Center at Strathmore. The Roys also proudly welcomed two new grandchildren just before the end of the year to give their parents another tax deduction! Wendy Elizabeth was born on December 17 to Kevin and Kim in Fredericksburg. Jarrett David Coleman was born in Plano, Texas on Christmas Day. Congratulations to all!



Frank Roys changing table

Don't laugh. I'm actually building a changing table for Wendy Elizabeth. Now if i can just get it to stand up without all the clamps!! Finished final assembly - about 80% done. Just need to stain and apply finish coat. Should be ready to deliver next week-end. Designed and made in Ed Wyatt's shop using his vast array of cool tools and his design.

One Small Change

Happy New Year! Do you have a list of New Year resolutions? Maybe you have one big resolution. Here's the big question: Is this year's list the same as last year's list?

Some of you may successfully achieve all of your goals, most of us do not. Oh, we all have such good intentions. Every year we enthusiastically tackle our ambitious lists. By February or March we half-heartedly plow forward or quit. Why is it so much easier said than done? There is a saying "If you keep doing what you're doing, you'll get what you have."

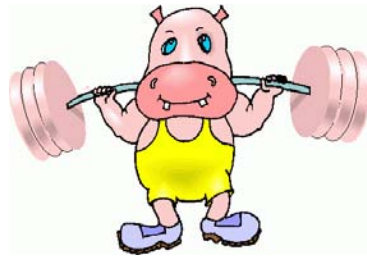
Are we all doomed to failure? No, no, no.

We just need to make the changes necessary to progress toward our goals. We know the desired end result but can be overwhelmed planning the attack.

Consider adopting this saying during January. "**One Small Change**." Make a small change to progress toward your goal. Sometimes you have to make that same small change over and over until it becomes a habit. Change is not often comfortable, but if the goal is worthy, so is the effort.

Perhaps, like many of us, you wish to become svelte as a model or as fit as an athlete. Your "One small change" may be to say no to HoHo's. Once you tackle your HoHo addiction, maybe you could consider setting the TV remote across the room. Difficult, yes, but it could help you start toward that mental picture you had on January 1.

So many of our goals are measurable that we often fail to consider the intangible. Have you set your spiritual goals for the year? Just as we need to exercise our bodies to become fit, we must exercise our minds to fully use and develop our spiritual selves. What are your spiritual goals? Do you plan on reading more scripture? Focusing on outreach? Letting go of resentment? Using your prayer-time more effectively? Whatever it is, make "**One Small Change**" today!



From Teresa's "Back of the Bulletin" collection 2009



Hope Alive

There is a list of needed items for Hope Alive by the front door as well as a box to leave your items. Please see Barb Dangler if you have any questions or would like more information about the facility. If you would like to "adopt" a consumable item during the year, or to give a month's worth, please contact Missy Miller at mmiller@hopealiveministries.org (DWF has "adopted" paper towels)

Food Pantry



Frederick's Food Pantry is where we Feed the Hungry. Supplies are still low, and there is a big need.

There is a box by the front door of the church for donations of non-perishable items. Barb Dangler generously takes these supplies to the Food Bank for our congregation on a regular basis. Thank you Barb!

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES:

CCCA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—SHARE THE LIGHT!

seeks to raise \$1.58 million dollars in a three year period for improvements to Mary Mac and Bethany. We are asking our congregation to donate their spare change each Sunday (the jar at the front of the sanctuary), and pledging more over the next 3 years.

HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH BUDGET NEEDS.

Our budget is almost barebone, and we're running behind.



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld 03-11-2004

THE DEVIL MAY BE THE FATHER OF ALL LIES,
BUT THIS SCALE IS THE UNCLE

Live for today but hold your hands open to tomorrow. Anticipate the future and its changes with joy. There is a seed of God's love in every event, every circumstance, every unpleasant situation in which you may find yourself.

Barbara Johnson



MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Here is the date for our opportunity to serve at the Frederick Rescue Mission.

“Feed the Hungry” At the Soup Kitchen: SATURDAY JANUARY 14

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 or Pat Griffith (301) 972-1316

The Food pantry is also housed here. Donate when you can.

**Come on Saturday at 4:30pm to serve, come to
the back door of the Frederick Rescue Mission**

Disciples Men’s Breakfast on Saturday Morning SATURDAY JANUARY 7



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



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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. 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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