



**October 2011
Worship –10am**

**October 15th Saturday
HCC Yard Sale and Auction
Time
Goodies galore!**



**October 30th Sunday
Trunk or Treat 12-2
Dress up yourself, your car trunk, &
bring your candy for the kids.**

November 9 Wednesday 7pm Board Meeting



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Editor's Note: The next newsletter will not arrive until mid-November. There is plenty of time to send news and pictures from your October activities and events. There is no news without you! ~Teresa

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

What a summer we have been having . . . as I recall somewhere towards the beginning of the summer there was a tornado nearby, then came an earthquake, remnants from Hurricane Irene, a flood that washed out the bridge at the bottom of the hill by the Fire department . . . it has been an eventful weather-based summer!



But we had a wonderful Starfish camp, and are back focusing on the Fall events. Wednesday morning Bible Study has started back up - Sunday school will be starting soon, as well as Choir practice, the Public Relations group is getting a new brochure made for our church, our DWF yard sale and silent auction is taking place on the 15th of this month, we are doing a Trunk or Treat for Halloween on the 30th of October; and Matthew Dohm's talent on the piano, his sense of humor and his depth of spirituality have boosted our spirits. . . our Transformation is starting to gain ground!

Sometimes it is darkest right before the dawn and that is my sincere hope for our congregation. We are experiencing financial challenges as well as membership challenges, and yet those of us still here are so full of hope and enthusiasm! There is so much joy and love that we offer each other everyday, and such a desire to share this experience with more people.

People - there is much to share! The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) may not be very well known by many -

but what an opportunity to share. It is a great hidden secret - who we are - and if someone doesn't know - share us with joy! We are an all-American denomination - one of, if not THE, first denomination founded in the new land. We have always stood for those aspects of faith that are gaining acceptance today - non-denominational common sense approach to the faith focused on acceptance and faith - focused on the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, accepting of diversity! And our little church in Hyattstown has been here longer than most!

We may never know all that this church has done for the people in the area since it was founded, but in walking Dara through part of the Little Bennett Regional Park recently, I ran across a sign at Froggy Hollow by the Kingsley Schoolhouse which said that the white children were educated there, and the African American Children were educated in "the old Hyattstown Christian Church." I don't know which building that was referring to - but it gave me such a thrill to know that our church was taking courageous steps toward justice for so long! May she continue doing so for Centuries to come!

Blessings, Pastor Lisa

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



PASTOR LISA IS REQUESTING HELP
to feed
the Christian Church Capital Area
Regional Commission for Mission
on Saturday October 22nd, 2011 from 9:30-12:00.
Please contact her ASAP if you can help.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR



Date	Elder	Deaconate	Liturgist	Date
Oct 9	Randy Loy	DeBrean Loy & _____	Steve Smith	Oct 9
Oct 16	Teresa Hearl	Paul & Becky DeLameter	Beth Sweeney	Oct 16
Oct 23	Larry Seaman	Sandy Law & Frank Hearl	Stacey Wilson	Oct 23
Oct 30	Sharron Smith	_____ & Scott Stickerod	Debbie Blair	Oct 30
Nov 6	Frank Hearl	Martha Cooley & Barb Dangler	Debbie Flook	Nov 6
Nov 13	Hugh Howard	Pat Bush & Gail Knott	Teresa Hearl	Nov 13
Nov 20	John Wilson	Chuck McIntire & _____	Teresa Hearl	Nov 20

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.



October Birthdays

10/1 Pearl Anderson
10/9 Mary Lou Masters
10/28 John Metz
10/29 Bertie Albrecht



October Birthdays

11/2 Gail Knott
11/4 Andy Blair
11/5 Stephanie Smith
11/6 David Stickerod
11/10 Kris Wilson
11/11 Steve Smith
11/15 Mark Pierson
11/19 Ellen Pierson
11/19 Magi Memmott
11/22 Sandy Law
11/27 Kevin Moore

October Anniversary

11/9 Paul & Becky DeLameter

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

FINDING ELIM

By Dave Nelson



THESE FAKE EVELASHES ARE YOUR BEST IDEA EVER!



A Little More?



We wish money grew on trees, but we know it doesn't. We wish that our church didn't require operating expenses, but it does. Our budget is almost barebone, and we're running a bit behind. We must continue most of our outreach because we are called to do that, but we need to consider the physical needs here at home. We need a voluntary additional stewardship contribution to make our budget. Please prayerfully consider if you can do a little more.

News from the Pews,

Andy and Debbie Blair have Ben and Meghan settled in Boston. Both are in college now.

Kelly DeLameter is in college in North Carolina. Becky and Paul have been road warriors, too.



Gail & Hugh attended niece's wedding in Wisconsin.

They also went to Georgia for a reunion.

Teresa Hearl read from her work in progress at the Baltimore Book Festival.

Frank and Teresa Hearl went to Teresa's 40th high school reunion in Coshocton, Ohio.

Our new accompanist is Matt Dohm, who is a student at U of M.

Andrew Turman and Nick Cooley joined our congregation this month. Welcome to our congregational family!

Theresa and Frank Roys recently spent time with daughter, Bree, when she had surgery.

Andreas Reich visited the Smiths and joined us at Bethany Beach.

Not much news! But I bet lots happened.

Next month, drop a note and let us know.

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.

We rejoice in your successes and pray for your challenges. Please share. Send congregational news before the end of the month to ssmith@hood.edu; pictures encouraged. Thanks-Sharron Smith

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



Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee has scheduled a meeting for 23Oct11 after church service to discuss information necessary for the 9Nov11 Board Meeting.

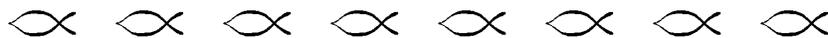
We would greatly appreciate information from everyone on ways to cut some costs in our budget. While there are so many things that will not be cut and please be reassured that line items in our budget will always have funds, we still have some expenses that carry us over what we bring in each Sunday offering.

Our community of faith has lost some very dear members of our congregation. While they may not have been contributing financially of late, they were dearly loved and will be missed. As we move forward into another year in a difficult economy, we make every commitment to our pew-mates to give of ourselves – emotionally, for the long haul, and to the best of our ability. If we are able to contribute just a few dollars more in our Sunday offering we will be able to sustain, as we look for new members to help us grow.

I, personally, do not know why others attend church. When Jack & I were just married and Ken was born, I felt like something was missing. For the longest time I couldn't figure out what it was. We had moved from Worcester, MA to Herndon, VA by then and I had not even looked for a church to attend. There happened to be a United Church of Christ close to home and I found out that's what was missing. Sunday morning worship of our Lord God. There's more to it than just the worship of God, isn't there? It's the community of faith, sharing our fortunes and misfortunes, community of prayer, communion shared at God's table. I like our worship service.

May we all search our hearts for the things we can do without until we grow enough to add them back in.

Blessings to All, Beth Sweeney



DWF NEWS

For interesting information about the International Disciple Women's Ministries go to www.discipleswomen.org From there you can download their newsletter "Disciple Women's Voices." We also have copies of Disciple Women Magazine available on the table outside of the Upper Room.



Opportunities For Service

SPARE CHANGE MINISTRY:

Reminder that we are asking our congregation to donate their spare change each Sunday (the jar at the front of the sanctuary). We are now collecting for **Share the Light** for improvements to Mary Mac and Bethany.



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!

CCCA REGIONAL RETREATS and EVENTS for 2011

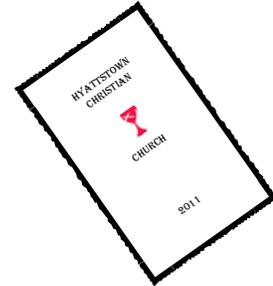
MM-Merry Mac BB-Bethany Beach

Fall Retreats and Events:

MM October 14-16 Chi Rho Fall Retreat
BB Oct. TBD Closing weekend



**Yard Sale and Catalog Auction
on Saturday October 15th.
8a.m.—2p.m.**



**There are still some items available in the auction catalog.
Here's a link to the catalog if you're viewing this online.**
www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org/2011%20catalog%20web.pdf

Email Sharon with your bids. sharronlwsmith@gmail.edu

**Come on down to the yard sale
Find a new treasure**



Blessings, Janice Seaman and Pat Griffith
* Co-Chairs DWF



Becky was one of the few who saw a sliver of sun on our Bethany Beach Retreat



No sun?
Time to play with the computer.



The Dining Hall



Sunday Worship



Teresa read from her WIP at the Baltimore Book Festival
That was not the children's story that she wrote for the auction!



Frank and Teresa journeyed to mid-Ohio for Teresa's high school reunion

The Great Blue Crab Experience

The crabs arrived and the beating commenced. This was the beating table.



Frank took on the role of teacher when Andreas said he'd never eaten crab like this.



This was the non-beater table



Frank said, Do like I do



It took a long time before they finally said "Enough"



Maybe he ate too much because then he went Crab Crazy

Fun Pages

Old Testament Trivia, answers included, if you look them up.

Where was Joseph a slave? Gen. 39:1

How long had Joseph been in prison when Pharaoh called him to interpret his dreams? Gen. 41:1,14

What was the eighth plague? Ex. 10:13-14

How long did the darkness last? Ex. 10:22

Which of David's sons rebelled against him and sought to take over his throne? 2 Sam. 15:14

Who made a gold statue of himself to be worshiped that was ninety feet tall? Dan. 3:1

INNER LIGHT

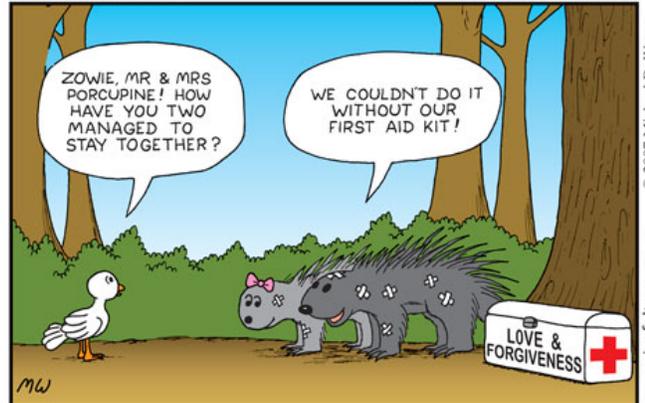
A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. - 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 NIV

PORCUPINES

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.
- 1 PETER 4:8 NIV

A new pastor was doing his rounds visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it was evident that someone was within but no one answered his repeated knocks. Eventually he wrote on the back of a calling card: 'Revelation 3:20' and stuck it to the door. The following Sunday he was surprised to find his card in the offering plate. Below his writing was scrawled: 'Genesis 3:10.' He reached for his Bible and thereafter broke into gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock..."
Genesis 3:10 - "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked..."



Smile, God Loves YOU!

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Thanks to Richard Germain (See Job 1) 12-17-2007
JOB HOPED THAT THIS WASN'T THE BEGINNING OF A BAD DAY

Announcements & Activities

Hi there! I'm Teresa the editor and I would love to have your input. If you have an article on something everyone in the congregation would find of value, let me know. I can't include everything, but I look at everything. I love getting pictures. If you know of anyone not receiving the newsletter who would like to be added to our email list or our mailing list, please let me know. -Teresa Hearl
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I am looking for co-editor to take on the newsletter every other month. Must have some basic computer skills but I will train you and bring you coffee and chocolate.

Disciples Men and Women to Study Human Trafficking at Joint Gathering in the Fall of 2011!

The Disciples Men and Women will join forces for their Annual Fall Gatherings!

They are planning a joint meeting to study human trafficking and the great need to work hard to combat this growing problem.

The meeting will be held at the Springfield Christian Church from 9 am to 3 pm.

The Church is located at 5407 Backlick Road in Springfield, VA, just inside the beltway. Details will come in later communications!

DISCIPLES WEB SITES TO REMEMBER:

Hyattstown Christian Church: www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org

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www.cccadisciples.org

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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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The Disciples of Christ logo

The chalice and St. Andrew's Cross, symbol of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was adopted by the church's 1971 General Assembly. The logo is comprised of a red chalice, with the white cross of St. Andrew superimposed. The choice of a chalice (communion cup) reflects the centrality of the Lord's Supper in our worship, and our commitment to remembering that Jesus' life was given for the redemption of all. The chalice is red, which symbolizes vitality, spirit, and the sacrificial blood of Christ. The cross of St. Andrew is X-shaped, as tradition relates how Andrew did not feel worthy to be crucified on the same form of cross as Jesus. This cross is white, to represent the purity of spirit of one willing to follow Jesus. The Cross of St. Andrew, national cross of Scotland, focuses attention on the Presbyterian roots of the Disciples. St. Andrew has been identified with the laity and with evangelism, both of which have been prominent Disciples' emphases.