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Worship with your church family this Sunday.

Our doors are open and you are always welcome in God's house.

We look forward to seeing you.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP Services at 9am and 11am

We are honored to have the **Rev. Lari R. Grubbs**, Regional Minister for the Christian Church Capital Area **preaching this coming Sunday (April 3).**

He will preach at **both services.**

Marian Meyers, Pat & Harry Griffith & the Reisters are hosting a **Fellowship Hour at 10:00am.** For those who attend the 9:00am service, please plan to stay a little bit later & get to know Rev. Grubbs. 11:00am worshippers will need to come early to enjoy the fellowship.



Rev. Grubbs is in his 3rd year as our Regional Minister. Previously he served Churches in West Virginia, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois & Missouri. Prior to coming to the Capital Area, Rev. Grubbs served for eight years as Area Minister for the Southeast Gateway Area in the Mid-America Region. Many of you have heard the rave reviews that he garnered when he was resource leader at our February Disciples Women Retreat.

We hope to see you on Sunday!

PS- Don't forget- Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday too! Spring forward 1 hour.

If someone you know is in need of prayer or spiritual care please call the pastor, an elder, or one of our associates.
We cannot help if we do not know of a need or concern.



THE PASTOR'S PAGE

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Minutes ago I learned of the death of the poor woman in Florida whose feeding tube and water were taken from her about two weeks ago.

I was saddened by her passing, though we are certainly aware that she did not have much of a life to hold on to.

The fact that her family had to be in such a very bitter conflict, and that the press had to invite the world into a very private crisis, did not help things either. The role of the government and of the courts was interesting as well.

A devout Christian must come to terms with the sacredness of life. Albert Sweitzer insisted on the sacredness of all life. Even animals were to be protected.

Our attitude toward life impacts our thoughts on war, on capital punishment, and now and then, on medical issues. The high costs of medical services will bring these issues even more often. More and more friends of mine have made a "living will".

Your life is a precious gift from God. Protect it, cherish it., teach your children to do the same.

God bless you as you weigh the issues of life each and every day.

+Terry



Liturgical Schedule			
Elders	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	
Mar 27/ Apr 3	G. Pierson	C. Moore	J. Seaman
April 10 / 17	D. Blair	J. Seaman	J. Reister
April 24 / May 1	S. Smith	S. Turman	B. Huntemann
Deaconate			
Mar 27/ Apr 3	T. Hearl	S. Law	P. McIntire
April 10 / 17	A. Blair	B. Sweeney	L. Jones
April 24 / May 1	M.L. Masters	J. Wilson	S. Wilson
Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Scripture
April 3	D. Blair	J. Moore	John 20: 19-31
April 10	D. Reitman	B. Sweeney	Luke 24: 13-35
April 17	S. Smith	B. Turman	John 10: 1-10
April 24	G. Howard	P. Griffith	John 14: 1-14

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



APRIL Birthdays

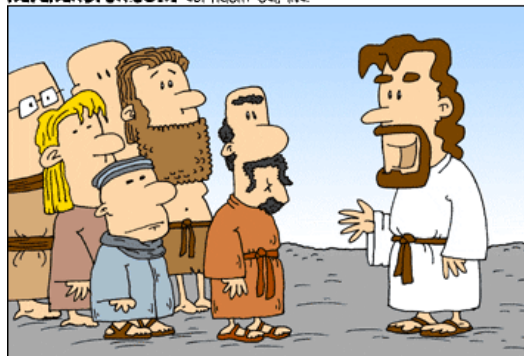
- Sharron Smith 4/3
- Pat Griffith 4/15
- Heather Ayers 4/15
- Christopher Yankaskas 4/16
- Carter Reitman 4/17
- Ann Covell 4/18
- Norm Horman 4/22
- Betty Burdette 4/23
- Chris Brown 4/28

Anniversary

- Mark & Ginny Pierson 4/25

If you have updates for the address and birthday database PLEASE tell Teresa.

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THE WINNER OF "THE DISCIPLE" WILL GET TO GIVE UP ALL EARTHLY POSSESSIONS AND FOLLOW ME THROUGH ALL LEVELS OF HARDSHIPS

Useful Information

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Adult Education Opportunities

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins at 9am. For info call Rev. Terry Reister.

Monday Evening Bible Study

The pastor is leading the Evening Bible Study from 7:00-8:30pm. We are currently studying Matthew. Begins Jan 10

Theology Study Group

Our Bonhoeffer Theology study group is meeting on alternate Saturdays. Call Janice Seaman for info. 301-831-6231

Lay Institute

Meets 8:30am - 3pm
on Saturday April 30
\$10 covers lunch and classes. Come learn more about your church and yourself.



Donation Boxes at the front door

We are still collecting old eyeglasses, school supplies and old cell phones in the boxes by the front door.

**Feed the Hungry This Month
On Saturday
April 16**



August 20/November
19 Call Pat Griffith or
Barb Dangler for info

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SACRIFICE IS BAAAAAD



NEWS AMONG THE PEWS

--**Barbara Lang** enjoyed a recent trip to Florida.

-**Pierrette & Chuck McIntire** enjoyed a long weekend in the Bahamas where they attended a family wedding.

-**The Yankaskas Family** had family visiting from New Jersey over Easter weekend.

--**Sarah & Laura Oulich** joined their family in visiting grandparents in West Virginia.

-**Jessi Moore** got her letter of acceptance to the University of Maryland, College Park.

-**Phillip York** attended a leadership training seminar in Washington, DC recently. He was also interviewed for an article in the Frederick-News Post.

-**Barbara Lang's** daughter & her family visited from Minnesota over their spring break.

-**Gail & Hugh Howard** traveled to Atlanta after Easter.

-**The Blair Family** spent Easter break visiting Debbie's parents in Massachusetts.

-**Kevin Smith** graduated for Officers Candidate School at Quantico. Congratulations **2nd Lt. Smith, USMC!**

-**Mark Pierson** recently received his Maryland Home Improvement Contractors license.

-**Keve Moore** spent spring break enjoying time with friends in Rehoboth

Beach, Delaware.

-Congratulations to **Marian Meyers** - her granddaughter Sarah was recently featured in a newspaper article that detailed her work with the uninsured of Frederick County.

-**Teresa Hearl** enjoyed a recent visit to see her daughter, son-in-law & twin granddaughters in North Carolina. **Teresa & Frank** also visited their other daughter & granddaughter Lily in West Virginia.

-**Jessi Moore** went to Florida with friends for spring break.

-**Barbara Dangler** enjoyed having her daughter Ann, son-in-law & grandchildren visiting from Alaska. The whole family also got together for a family reunion.

-**Eddie Flook** is taking a class for his real estate license.

-**The DeLameter Family** spent part of their Easter vacation with parents in Pennsylvania.

-It was great to see some of our college students visting Church these last few Sundays: **Angie Flook, Alysa Wilson, Geoff Wilson, Kev Moore & Kyle Davis.**

-**Chaplain Lorenzo York** has spent several weeks in Ashland, Ohio recently pursuing studies for his doctor of ministry degree.

-Several folks sang in the Brahms Requiem. **Becky Delameter, Guy, Jessie, & Magdalen Memott. Phil Day** was the director.

..... PRAYERS

Please remember **Earl & Hannah Matlock, Maury & Artye Hellner, Pearl Anderson, Harry Griffith, LaQuita Huntzman, Guye Memmott** & their caregivers in your prayers.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
A	P	R	I	L	1	2
3 9 & 11 Worship 10 Fellowship	4 7pm Bible Study	5	6 9am Bible Study	7	8	9
10 9 & 11 Worship	11 7pm Bible Study	12	13 9am Bible Study	14	15	16
17 9 & 11 Worship	18 7pm Bible Study	19	20 9am Bible Study	21	22	23
24 9 & 11 Worship	25 7pm Bible Study	26	27 9am Bible Study	28	29	30 8:30-3 Lay Institute

CAMP STARFISH

Our camp for the children of inmates in Montgomery County Adult Correctional Facility is called **Camp Starfish**. Bob Turman explained that the name relates to the story about the boy on the beach throwing starfish into the sea. When told that there are too many and that it wouldn't make a difference, the boy said, "It made a difference to that one."

Camp Starfish is scheduled for **August 8,9 &10**. Persons interested in serving on the committee to plan and design the camp should talk to the pastor. We need to start early and plan well to make this camp work.

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. 301-846-0654 or reitman@adelphia.net"

Last month I asked if anyone had any suggestions for people in our church that I could interview and write about. Debbie Flook approached me one day after church and said "You have just got to talk to Aunt Bertha (Thompson) and Aunt Doris (Horman)!" This wasn't the first time I had been told I had to talk to them. In fact Bertha has been on my "Must Talk To" list from the start, not the least because she is the oldest Life Member at HCC.

Bertha was born on a farm in 1919. Her Mother and Dad brought her to Hyattstown Christian Church, where they had been married. They dedicated her to the church; at that time parents would add their babies' names to the Cradle Roll. Bertha was the oldest child and as each child came along they were also added to the Cradle Roll. Her parents made sure they went to church every Sunday. They went to Sunday school, and there was also a youth choir that they all attended as well. Their minister was Reverend Barnes. Rev. Barnes' wife led the youth choir and at one point there were seven boys and seven girls in the choir. Bertha told me that when she went to Sunday school the boys and the girls were taught separately.



**Bertha Thompson**

Many of the memories Bertha shared with me from that time sound delightful! She said that during strawberry season HCC had a Strawberry Festival. What is now the paved parking lot was once a grass lawn and that was where the festival was held. People would bring cakes to the festival and then they would have what was called a cake walk. Someone walked up and down with a broom and when they stopped, whoever the broom was pointing at was someone who got to take home a cake.

As she told me more, it sounded to me as though Bertha grew up in a kinder, gentler time, which made me feel nostalgic. And clearly the churches were the center of many people's lives back then.

"In the summertime we got together with the Southern church and the Northern church. Those were the two Methodist churches in town. There would be picnics with them up at Mountain View, up above Hyattstown. There were games for children to play, and the children really enjoyed that! They had the Brownieville Band playing, and hotdog sandwiches and home-

made candy for sale. I can only remember only two kinds of soft drinks then, cherry soda and root beer." Bertha told me.

Bertha also told me a funny story about her brother George. Bertha's dad would give each of the children a quarter to spend at the picnics. Now, back then, when 5 cents bought a hotdog and a soft drink, and candy was only a penny, that quarter would go a long way. Inevitably George spent all his money and approached his father for more. Dad said "You know what I said; I can't give you any more than a quarter." To that George replied: "Well then we might as well go home!"

In the summer, in the evenings at HCC the children would also put on plays and each child would recite something, a Bible verse or other things that they had memorized. "Some of us would sing," Bertha said "and as my three brothers grew up they used to sing as a trio. The other churches heard George, Norman and Elmer Jr. were singing and asked them to come sing at their churches. They had a lot of fun!"

HCC would also have Bible school in the summer. There were also Camp Meetings in special places in the woods around Hyattstown, with the other churches. Bertha said it was really nice to get together with the other churches. She also told me that the two Methodist churches have since joined and meet in the one church, now. I asked her if there were any other churches, and Bertha said there was an African American Church up on the Long Hill; she doesn't think the building is there any longer but the cemetery is still there.

Mid-winter HCC would hold a week of services at night during which time people sometimes joined the church. It was on one of these nights in the mid-1930's that Bertha decided to join. There were 14 people that joined that night. They all were baptized by immersion in the old Baptismal, which was located under where the pulpit is now. Bertha also told me the story of her Uncle Sterling's baptism.

During the summer people were frequently baptized in the creek in Hyattstown. This is where Bertha's Uncle Sterling was baptized. He had put on boots before the event. "Rev. Barnes put his arms around him and took him under the water and then up and asked him 'Do you believe?' 'No.' Again Rev Barnes took him under the water. 'Do you believe?' 'No.' A third time Rev. Barnes took Sterling under. 'Do you believe?!' 'Yes!' and 'I think someone is going to drown!' because his boots were full of water! My mother told me that story." We had a good laugh over that.

Bertha married her husband Linwood Thompson July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1938 in the church parsonage. They had four children: one son, Bill, and three daughters, Helen, Bertie and Becky, all of whom were raised and baptized at HCC.

I asked Bertha to tell me more about her growing up years, as I knew she had lived through the Great Depression. She told me that she was born on a farm across from a one room schoolhouse, Hampton Schoolhouse. The land that schoolhouse stood on was given by her great-grandfather Horman. The records show that the Hormans came to this area from Germany in 1714. Bertha's parents were farmers and she remembers moving a fair amount as a child. Bertha at-



tended Hampton and Urbana Elementary Schools, one year at Frederick High School and she went to Richard Montgomery High School after the family moved to Hyattstown to live with her maternal grandmother.

Bertha told me she wasn't exactly sure where she first met Linwood. She said she used to run into him at the Mountain View Carnival. She also told me that he told her he was determined to marry her as she was the first girl who ever turned him down! After they were married they became dairy farmers, near Comus in Montgomery County. They worked hard, setting fence posts, milking cows, planting crops and baling hay. Even after her babies were born Bertha would help her husband. Sometimes her mother-in-law cared for the babies, but Bertha did tell me that she would fill a wheelbarrow full of straw and lay Helen in that close to her while she worked out in the barn. "We worked together and that's the way it should be." Bertha and her husband stopped farming in 1964. After that she worked in retail for 15 years until she retired.

Widowed for 28 years, Bertha has seen her share of suffering, as we all have. "The 1930's Depression was a hard time for all of us. There was a terrible drought one year, but we all managed to survive somehow. All the farmers suffered, and yet my Mom and the rest of us remained strong through it all."

On a more upbeat note Bertha recalled how her husband often took her camping. They would start out going to Skyline Drive and just go from there. One year Linwood even took her to Minnesota to visit with her father and two half-brothers. Their daughter Becky would join them and sometimes their granddaughter Christine would as well.

When asked about her church involvement over the years Bertha told me she helped with the church bazaar and Bible school, sang in the choir, served as an Elder, was Vice Chair of the Board, as well as President of the Disciples Women. In 1990 she was Chairman of the 150 Year Celebration of HCC. Even now she helps when HCC serves at the Soup Kitchen in Frederick.

Bertha still cares deeply about the church. As she says "There have been a lot of changes but this happens over the years." We also talked about something we have in common. Both of us feel God's presence in the Sanctuary at HCC. And like her husband, we also feel God's presence when we are out in the country or the wilderness. One time Bertha saw her husband stop his plowing, grab two fistfuls of the earth and hold them up as he looked skyward. Later she asked him what he was doing and he told her that he felt the presence of God and was thanking him for this good earth.

I could probably write a dozen more pages telling all the stories Bertha shared with me, but I will end this with just a few of her early memories. She remembers combing her grandfather's long, white hair and then the two of them going hand in hand for some ice cream. She remembers her grandmother teaching her how to sew a bit of a log cabin quilt. She remembers scooping snow off the roof with her Aunt Mabel and putting vanilla flavoring on it and eating it. "It's good to have memories like that," she told me, "of spending time with my family, and going to church."



## Got Recipes?



## Cookbook Cues

The Disciples Women are preparing to publish & print a new Hyattstown Christian Church cookbook & we need your help to contribute recipes in the following categories: appetizers, beverages, food children can prepare or special foods for children, cooking on the grill (marinades too), soups, salads & dressings, sauces, meats, vegetables, breakfast dishes, cooking by men & desserts. We need volunteers to:

- Contribute your favorite recipes
- Determine the recipe categories
- Information about measurements, hints & tips, substitutions, wines, etc.
- Type recipes
- Gather an assortment of favorite table Blessings
- Proofread, Design/Format & Edit
- Publish & Bind
- Sell the cookbooks



We plan to have a meeting after Easter to establish a planning committee. We invite you to bring some of your favorite Church & community cookbooks to the meeting so we can get even more ideas.



Bill & Sharron Smith sent us this information about Kevin.

Here is our son's picture taken recently at USMC



Officer Candidate School. He is scheduled to graduate on March 25. If anyone wants to send him a card, his address is:

Candidate Smith, Kevin,  
7572 Officer Candidates School,  
C Company, 3rd Platoon  
2189 Elrod Avenue  
Quantico, Virginia 22134-5033



## Our Bethany Beach

**Retreat** is coming  
Sept 30—Oct 3

We help fund this  
retreat with the

money we make serving at the Pontiac Car Show. Mark your calendar and let Hugh Howard know if you can go.

## WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

It's not too late to give to Week of Compassion. We received our annual Week of Compassion offering in February, but you can still contribute. Funds from this offering go to support relief efforts worldwide, particularly the countries recently devastated by the December 26, 2004 earthquake & Tsunami. Administrative costs for this fund are very minimal, so your gift can have a maximum impact. Please give generously to help those in need of food, shelter, clothing, medicine & much more. Checks should be made out to Hyattstown Christian Church & in the memo section indicate: Week of Compassion.





### Brahms Requiem Concert



### Bethany Beach Clean-up

Rev. Sir Walter Scott, Jr. has extended this invitation. —



You are cordially invited to the Spring 2005 Work Weekend at the Christian Church Conference Center at Bethany Beach, DE. As you may have heard, we have been experiencing one of our best years ever. The place is looking good, repairs and improvements have been made, and the staff worked very hard last season. Now is the time to schedule a trip to the beach in April to help us de-winterize and so minor maintenance that must be done to prepare for another busy summer. Please join us **April 15-17, 2005 for the Spring Work Weekend.** (Meals provided: 3 on Saturday/ Breakfast on Sunday)

Please contact Terry Reister if you are interested in attending. The conference center phone number is 1-866-539-7034. Conference Center email: [ConfcenterBB@aol.com](mailto:ConfcenterBB@aol.com). Also visit the Regional website at [www.cccadisciples.org](http://www.cccadisciples.org)

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