

HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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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 con-

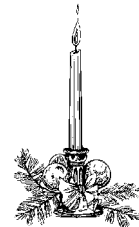


SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
Services at 9am and 11am

ONE SERVICE at 10 a.m.
December 25 and January 1

Christmas Cantata
Dec 18
9am & 11am

CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
Dec 24
7:30 pm & 11 pm



THE PASTOR'S PAGE

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This is my very favorite time of year. I love Advent and its unique opportunities to meditate upon what the Christian faith means to us. I am astounded at what we rediscover every year. The wisdom of the Church shines through every now and then. We need this month to prepare and the early Church fathers recognized this. Its not too early for this kind of thing. You will already hear Christmas music in the stores. I heard it before Thanksgiving.

How I hate this effort to commercialize Christmas! We are sympathetic with the retailers, but it makes our work much more difficult. Christmas is the celebration of the gift of the Christ child. It is not about reindeer, candy canes, evergreen trees, Santa Claus or fruitcakes. Nobody who knows me thinks I do not enjoy all the secular fun of this holiday.

But I am far more concerned about lonely and hungry folks at Christmas. I hope we will remember the needy children in a nearby elementary school. I pray we will remember those who can not make the connection with the birth of our Lord.

It is not wrong to enjoy Christmas, but it is sad to celebrate without peace, good will, and generosity. Please don't spend so much on Christmas that you have nothing to give to the poor this year, and remember he was born in a manger surrounded by poverty, not in a store window surrounded with merriment.

Noel! + *Terry*



Liturgical Schedule			
Elders	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	
Dec 4 / 11	R. Masters	S. Turman	B. Huntman
Dec 18 / 25	E. Flook	L. Seaman	B. Turman
Jan 1 / 8	D. Blair	C. Moore	J. Seaman
Deaconate			
Dec 4 / 11	F. Hearl	B. Yankaskas	B. Dangler
Dec 18 / 25	H. Howard	J. Moore	S. Wilson
Jan 1 / 8	T. Hearl	B. Sweeney	L. Huntman
Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Scripture
Dec 4	Debbie Blair	Stacy Wilson	Luke 1: 39-45
Dec 11	Pierette McIntire	Bob Turman	Luke 2: 1-7
Dec 18	Frank Hearl	Chris Moore	Luke 2: 8-20
Dec 25	Hugh Howard		John 1: 1-14
Jan 1	Beth Sweeney		

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

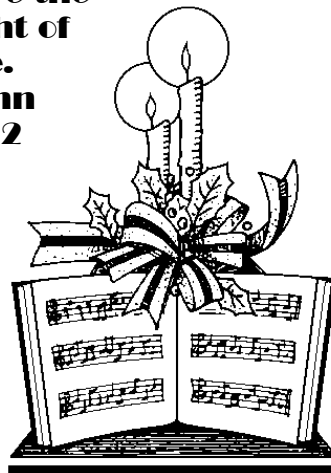



December Anniversary
Roger & Dana Reitman Dec 24

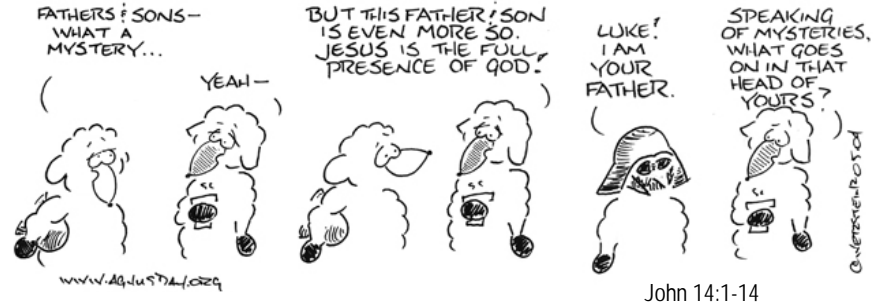
December Birthdays
 Artye Hellner Dec 3
 Angela Flook Dec 10
 Chris Moore Dec 10
 Kalista Brown Dec 13
 Lorenzo York Dec 20
 Hugh Howard Dec 22
 Sharon Turman Dec 25

If you have updates for the address and birthday database PLEASE tell Teresa Hearl. I am missing a lot of birthdays and anniversaries. If I miss yours please let me know.

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.
John 8:12



<p>Useful Information</p> <p>Pastor Terry Reister: Office: (301) 831-8184 Home: (301) 831-8679</p> <p>Spiritual Formation: Lorenzo York (301) 831-4305</p> <p>Biblical Studies: Jim Cole (301) 706-7404</p> <p>Music: Philip A. Day (301) 693-3887 Barb Lang (301)-829-2527</p> <p>Board Chair: Hugh Howard (301) 831-8643</p> <p>Vice-Chair: Andy Blair (301) 216-2746</p> <p>Board Secy: Debbie Flook (301) 695-2678</p> <p>Trustees Chair: Eddie Flook (301) 695-2678</p> <p>Treasurer: Pierrette McIntire (301) 607-4242</p> <p>Financial Secy: Bob Turman (301)620-7570</p> <p>Christian Service: Pat Griffith (301) 972-1316 Barb Dangler (301) 668-4194</p> <p>Education/Celebration: Chair: Janet Reister (301) 831-8679</p> <p>Property Chair: Eddie Flook (301) 695-2678</p> <p>Outreach/Stewardship: Doris Horman (301) 662-8740</p> <p>Newsletter: Teresa Hearl (301) 682-7360 Tkhearl@adelphia.net SEND NEWS!!</p>	<p>Adult Education Opportunities</p> <p>Wednesday Morning Bible Study Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins at 9am. For info call Rev. Terry Reister.</p> <p>Monday Evening Bible Study The pastor is leading the Evening Bible Study from 7:00-8:30pm. We are currently studying Matthew.</p> <p>Theology Study Group Our Bonhoeffer Theology study group is meeting on alternate Saturdays. Call Janice Seaman for info. 301-831-6231</p> <hr/> <p>If you would like to serve as liturgist please tell Pastor Reister.</p>  <p>Donation Boxes at the front door</p> <p>We are still collecting old eyeglasses, school supplies and old cell phones in the boxes by the front door. Also collecting travel size personals, i.e. soap, shampoo, etc.</p>
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John 14:1-14

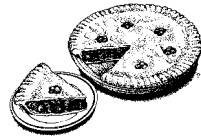


CHRISTMAS CANTATA
Sunday Dec 18
9 am & 11 am

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD, ALL
THE LANDS! SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!
COME INTO HIS PRESENCE WITH SINGING!**
PSALM 100

JOY TO THE WORLD

Cookbook Progress



We are slowly gathering the recipes we need to put together a terrific cookbook. (I've even been testing a few.)
Of course we need all your recipes, recipes, recipes!
We also plan to include blessings in our cookbook.
And how about recipes for kids? How about grilling recipes?
We can't do it without you. How many have you sent?







Barb Dangler has graciously agreed to collect and type recipes. Gals, guys too, get out those recipe cards and make a copy to give to Barb.

Even better, email your recipes to Barb or Teresa.
Barb— BJDangler@aol.com
Teresa— at TKHearl@adelphia.net



December 2005

JOY TO THE WORLD


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 4 9 & 11 Worship 10- choir	 5 7pm Bible Study	 6	 7 9am Bible Study	1	2	3
11 9 & 11 Worship 10- choir	12 7pm Bible Study	13	14 9am Bible Study	15	16	17
18 9 & 11 Worship 10- choir	19 7pm Bible Study	20	21 9am Bible Study	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 7:30 & 11pm Worship 
25 Christmas 10am Worship 	26 7pm Bible Study	27	28 9am Bible Study	29	30	31 New Years Eve



Special Christmas Offering
Please support this important offering that directly impacts & benefits our Capital Area Region. Note: CCCA offering or Capital Area on your checks. Thank you!

2005 Christmas Special Offering


**GO TELL IT
ON THE MOUNTAIN**



“God sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. We saw his Son and are now telling others about him”
— 1 John 4:14 (CEV).

Give generously to support the ministry of your Region.

DISCIPLES MISSION FUND This special offering, part of the Disciples Mission Fund, is collected and distributed for Disciples through the Church Finance Council.



**Contribute to Week of Compassion
to Aid Hurricane Relief Efforts**

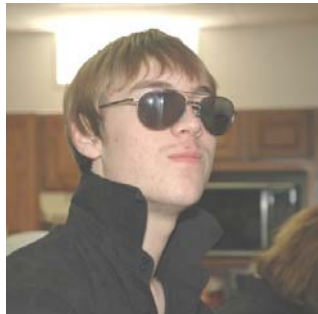
Your check can help many regain some of what they have lost. It will take a long time to recover.

Make checks payable to Hyattstown Christian Church
& in the notes section indicate:
Hurricane or Week of Compassion

95% of monies contributed go to people, only 5% is used for administrative purposes.

Flashback to Halloween

What fun it is to dress up and have a party. Halloween was a great excuse.



SNAPSHOTS By Dana Appleton Reitman

"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"

Snapshots is on vacation this month, we look forward to next month's interview.



(See Luke 2:1-16)

WHEN CHRISTMAS PLAYS COLLIDE



Thanks to Duane Garman (See Luke 2:1-16)

12-27-1995

LITTLE DID THE SHEPHERDS KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON WHILE THEY WERE VISITING BABY JESUS IN BETHLEHEM



12-19-1997

I'M SORRY GUY, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A GOOD HEALTH PLAN AND YOU GIVE OUT FREE GIFTS AND ALL, BUT JESUS REALLY DOES HAVE A MUCH BETTER PLAN



News in the Pews

Dear Friends,

We had a fantastic November filled with lots of activities including the annual bazaar & yard sale, a board meeting, choir practice, the community Thanksgiving service, the annual Congregational meeting, an Advent luncheon & the hanging of the greens. We were busy! And while all of this was going on, our new sound system was installed, & the painting crew came in & painted the Sanctuary

& Narthex (exterior & roof -next spring).

Special thanks to: **Eddie Flook** for his work in getting estimates for the paint job & finding a great company! *Scalera Painting* did wonderful work & finished in less than 5 business days. **Kurt Yankaskas & sons Michael & Christopher** who installed the wonderful new sound system. *Mr. Noise* certainly knows what he's doing! And **Hugh Howard** crafted the stands for the 40+ lb. speakers. The sound is spectacular!

Welcome to our new members **Jerry & Cherry King, Barbara Lang & David Stickerod.**

Jerry & Cherry King were very active members at University Christian Church & have known **the Seamans & the Moores** for a long time. The Kings are temporarily in Frederick while they await the building of an addition to their daughter's home in Mt. Airy. **Barbara Lang** is not a new face, but we are thrilled that she made it "official". She transferred from a Methodist church in New Market. **David Stickerod** is **Stacey Wilson's** father & we extend a warm welcome to him. He lives in Rockville & transferred his membership from a church there.

Kevin Moore is enjoying deer hunting with his uncle **Rick Masters** & his grandfather Bill Masters. He has gotten his first deer. After hearing about the oysters Rockefeller, prawns & rockfish that they serve for the meals, we suspect that Kevin is not just interested in the hunting.

Congratulations to **Debbie Flook** on her success with the real estate class! We knew you could do it! She & Eddie will make a dynamic team.

Our members like to travel: **Andy Blair** took a brief respite from work & enjoyed a road trip to Florida. He reports that *South of the Border* didn't live up to the hype. But he did enjoy some time with his brother before returning home. **Barbara Lang** spent a week watching her grandchildren in Minnesota. She saw lots of relatives & several old friends. Then it was back home to rehearsals for *"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"*. **Beth & Jack Sweeney** took an overdue vacation to St. Augustine, Florida where they enjoyed the beach, going on a ghost walk & time with her parents. She also told us that Rev. & Mrs. Cooke are moving in with them temporarily & then will be relocating to Crumland at Homewood in Frederick. **Gail & Punky Knott** traveled to Ohio for their annual visit to the Longaberger Basket headquarters. **Pierrette & Chuck McIntire** spent a long weekend at Deep Creek Lake. **Joe Reister** spent several weekends on the road; first to Atlantic City for a bachelor party & then to Warrenton, Virginia where he was a groomsman in a friend's wedding. **Chaplain Lorenzo York** continues to travel for work & said he has enjoyed some time in San Antonio & San Diego. **Dana Reitman** traveled to California to spend time with a seriously ill friend. **Teresa Hearl** spent a week in Wisconsin. **Betty Jane Loeb** took the train to Connecticut to visit family.

Mary Lou Masters is teaching quilting classes at *Capital Quilts* in Gaithersburg (off Shady Grove Road). You can see some of her work & read about the classes at: www.capitalquilts.com

Several people at Church have been "under the weather" this month: **Lon Pierson** (tonsils), **Barbara Lang**, **Janice Seaman**, **Betty Jane Loeb**, **Jerry King**, & **Bob & Sharon Turman**. Others who are recuperating include: **Betty Burdette**, **Doris Horman** & **Barbara Dangler**.

Joe Reister was very impressed with the Ben Folds & the Baltimore Pops Orchestra concert at the Strathmore concert venue.

Sarah Oulich is enjoying her contact lenses. And while she was at it, she got a snazzy new haircut -courtesy of **Jesy Memmott**.

Many people were busy with Thanksgiving plans: **Barbara Dangler's** daughter Liz & her family came down from New Jersey. **Hugh & Gail Howard**, accompanied by **Adrienne**, along with **Antoinette & Angela & Kayla** went to visit Charles in Blacksburg, Virginia. **Bertha Thompson** is spending Thanksgiving & Christmas with her daughter Helen in West Virginia. **Frank & Teresa Hearl** entertained their daughter Heidi's family. **Doris Horman** reported they had 70+ for dinner (so many they have to rent a hall). **Gail & Punky Knott** were in Pidgeon Forge, Tennessee for the holiday. The **Yankaskas family** were in New Jersey & the **Piersons** went to be with family in Pennsylvania.

Meghan Blair along with a girlfriend got to enjoy her first limo ride. She had a terrific time.

Eddie & Debbie Flook are busily remodeling their first floor. They hope to be done before Christmas.

Rick & Mary Lou Masters went with friends to see the Baltimore Ravens play (& win).

Gail Howard directed "*A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight*", two western-themed plays at Poolesville High School.

Kudos to **Angie Flook** in directing the orchestra in concert on November 10 at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Dana & Roger Reitman were featured in a recent article about the famine in Malawi in the *Frederick News-Post*. Our Church continues to support efforts to feed, clothe & educate some of the children there.

Company! We had company! **Bob & Sharon Turman** had a visit from son Andrew & his family. Congratulations to grandson Harper on his outstanding report card! **Dana Reitman's** brother came to Frederick. **Frank & Teresa Hearl** hung out the "bed & breakfast sign" this month. Along with daughter Heidi & family, they also had a visit from daughter Renee & her family, & Teresa's mother Priscilla Powers came for a week too.

Phil Day is directing & presenting the opera, "*Amahl & the Night Visitors*" with the Frederick Camarata. **Gail Howard** is directing the acting portion of the opera & **Joe Reister** is working on the set. Participants from the Church include **Guye & Jesye Memmott**, **Becky DeLameter** & **Teresa Hearl**. The opera will be presented the first weekend in December.

Grace & peace,
+Janet

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