

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

Jan 29 Deacon Training 10 am
Feb 5 Elders Training 10 am

Feb 12— After the 11am service
VALENTINE LUNCHEON



Feb 18 –Saturday 8:30am—3:30pm
WOMEN's RETREAT

March 1 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30—8:00pm
LENTEN SOUP DINNER
Each Wednesday during Lent



For the body and
Food for the Soul



(Details inside)

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

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This is a sacred, curious, and very demanding time of the year. Already we are planning for the events of LENT. The season of LENT has very significant importance in our congregation. WE WILL PREACH the six sermons of LENT (at twelve services) on the Old Testament lessons. This will be a new discipline for all of us.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS FOR LENT:

MARCH 5 GENESIS 9: 8 - 17

MARCH 12 GENESIS 17: 1 - 7, 15 - 16

MARCH 19 EXODUS 20: 1 - 17

MARCH 26 NUMBERS 21: 4 - 9

APRIL 2 JEREMIAH 31; 31 - 34

APRIL 9 PSALM 118: 1 - 2, 19 - 29

There will be six WEDNESDAY LENTEN meals and fellowship opportunities. Each evening we will have members who lead the meditation (about three to five minutes) and another member to take the Lesson. Volunteers are still needed as we go to press. The meals are also provided by volunteers, who produce the best soups we enjoy all year.

At the close of LENT we will observe Holy Week. There will be services MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 13. We anticipate all three Hyattstown Churches will take part. There will almost certainly be a sunrise celebration EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16th. There will probably be but one celebration Easter at 11:00 AM .


The greater your preparation during LENT, the greater will be the spiritual benefit at Easter!

+Terry



Liturgical Schedule			
9 am Worship	Deaconate	Elders	Note: Change in Table Format And Single Servers for Second Service
Jan 29/ Feb 5	A. Blair	D. Blair	
Feb 12/ 19	B. Yankaskas	S. Smith	
Feb 26/ Mar 5	T. Hearl	F. Hearl	
11 am Worship			
Jan 29/ Feb 5	B. Dangler	B. Turman	
Feb 12/ 19	S. Law	L. Seaman	
Feb 26/ Mar 5	G. Knott	J. Wilson	
Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Scripture
Jan 29	F. Hearl	B. Delameter	Mark 1: 21-28
Feb 5	D. Reitman	P. McIntire	Mark 1: 29-39
Feb 12	D. Flook	C. Moore	Mark 1: 40-45
Feb 19	S. Smith	B. Sweeney	Mark 2: 1-12
Feb 26	D. Blair	B. Huntemann	Mark 9: 2-9
Mar 5 LENT	T. Hearl	S. Turman	Genesis 9: 8-17


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



February Birthdays


Barb Dangler	Feb 2
Harry Griffith	Feb 9
Peter Delameter	Feb 10
Larry Seaman	Feb 12
Bill Knott	Feb 17
Seldon Jackson	Feb 17
Martha Cooley	Feb 22
Kurt Yankaskas	Feb 22

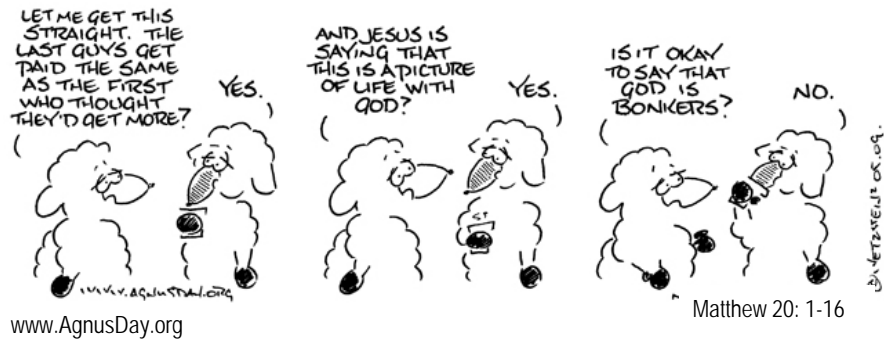
If you have updates for the address and birthday database PLEASE tell Teresa Hearl. I am missing a lot of birthdays and anniversaries. If I miss yours please let me know.



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

<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 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. If you don't see a box, look in the closet, or tell Teresa or Janet.</p>
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FEED THE HUNGRY Saturday at 4:30pm

At the Frederick Rescue Mission

We are known as the "Lasagna church" To those who come for a meal. Serving at this meal gives us a greater appreciation for the many physical blessing we have. Join us to gain a new perspective.

For info Call Barb Dangler 301-668-4194

Dates for 2006 Jan 21 April 15
August 19 November 18



Men's Breakfast

This year Men's breakfast will be the Sat morning preceeding the "Serve the Hungry" weekend.

7:30 cooking & talking
8:00 eating & talking
In the church basement
Come Join us!

Dates for 2006
Jan 14 April 8
Aug 12 Nov 11

If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

Matthew
10:42




Camp Starfish 2006 August 13, 14, 15, 16

More information to come Please mark your calendar now

This year the warden has asked to include children of inmates for the past year, not just children of the current inmates. We are pleased that the program is so well received.



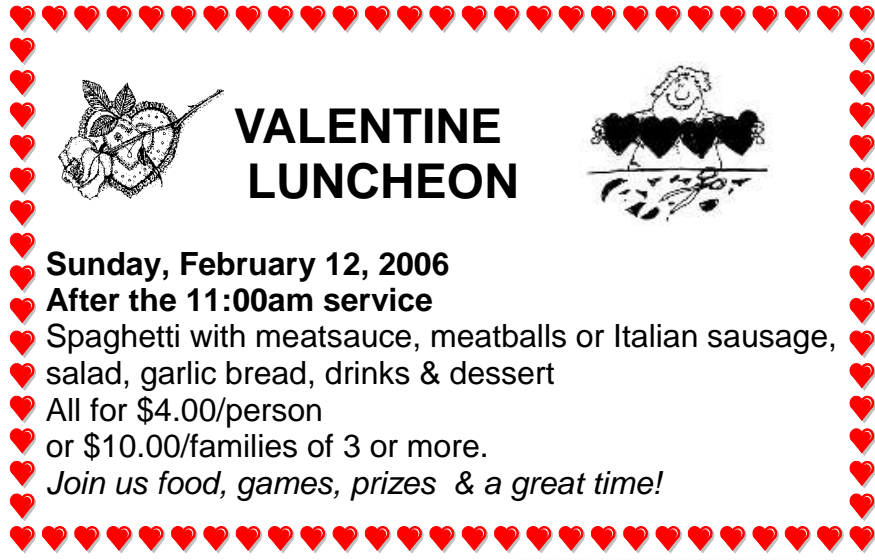
February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am Bible Study	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4
5 9 & 11 Worship 10- choir	6 7pm Bible Study	7	8 9am Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9 & 11 Worship 10- choir <i>Valentine Luncheon</i>	13 7pm Bible Study	14  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 9am Bible Study	16	17	18 Womens Retreat CSI : Hyattstown
19 9 & 11 Worship 10- choir	20 7pm Bible Study <i>President's Day</i>	21	22 9am Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9 & 11 Worship 10- choir	27 7pm Bible Study	28	ASH WEDNESDAY LENT begins Soup Dinner 6:30			



Come into His presence with singing. Psalm 100
Join the Choir!

Choir practice meets between services at 10am
The choir will be singing each Sunday during Lent.



VALENTINE LUNCHEON



Sunday, February 12, 2006
After the 11:00am service
Spaghetti with meatsauce, meatballs or Italian sausage, salad, garlic bread, drinks & dessert
All for \$4.00/person
or \$10.00/families of 3 or more.
Join us food, games, prizes & a great time!



Thanks to George H. Dudley 02-19-2002

**POOR OL' ATHEIST JOE ... ALL DRESSED UP,
AND NOWHERE TO GO**

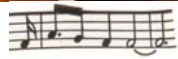


CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp

FOR OUR BAPTISM SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY
BE SURE TO CHECK THIS TIME, AND MAKE
SURE NONE OF THE BOYS SLIP ANY
ALKA-SELTZERS IN MY POCKETS!

After Church

We have such a beautiful church family !



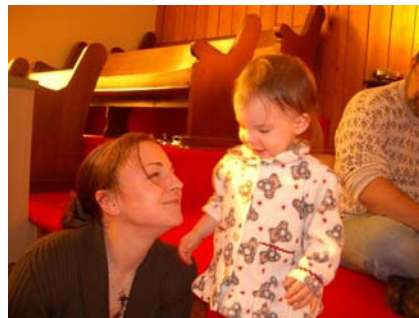
Lorenzo listens



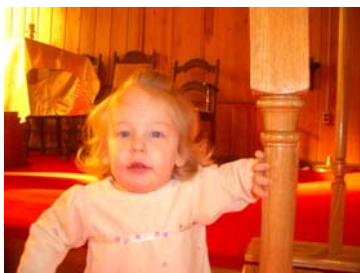
Got her hands full



Catch me if you can



Hi Mom



Don't stop me now, Grandma

If you have pictures of church activities or members of our church family doing exciting things, please send them to Teresa Hearl at TKHearl@adelphia.net or see her in church.





Oh so soft



Say cheese



Writing notes in church



What a smile

CSI*: Hyattstown
***Critical Spiritual Insights**
Disciples Women of Hyattstown Christian Church

Please join us for our 2006 Winter Retreat
Saturday, February 18, 2006, 8:30am-3:30pm
Resource leader: Chaplain Lorenzo C. York
Anticipated location: Grace Trinity United Church of Christ
(east of Frederick on Rt. 144)
\$10/person



News in the Pews

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Dear Friends,

December & January flew by for me, as I'm sure it did for many of you. In January we installed officers for 2006, had a Board meeting, fed 83 hungry & homeless in Frederick, & planned Deaconate & Elder Training, along with scheduling our 6th Disciples Womens' retreat. The Choir is practicing again -new members always welcome (rehearsals: Sundays at 10:00am). And some of us are still keeping those New Year's resolutions. Whew!

Kudos to **Geoff Wilson**, son of **John & Stacy Wilson**, on his December graduation from Salisbury State where he majored in English & folk lore. Geoff is currently working in the Salisbury area, but manages to make it home now & then.

Congratulations to **Janice Seaman** on her retirement from Record Street Home after almost 20 years of nursing. Now she'll have some well-deserved time to pursue her hobbies. It looks like some people aren't waiting for Valentine's Day to propose. **John & Stacy Wilson** report that their oldest son **Kristopher** got engaged Christmas week (they just

happened to be in the Dominican Republic at the time!). And **Dan & Kathy Benson** have reported that son **Corey** got engaged to a young lady from the Czech Republic. Congratulations all around!

And the stork didn't want to be left out either. We have a number of members who are preparing to be either first-time grandparents or adding to their numbers. **Sharron & Bill Smith** reported that daughter Dian & her husband are expecting their first child early this summer. **Frank & Teresa Hearl** told us that daughter Renee & her husband Tyson are expecting in June. **Dan & Kathy Benson** excitedly told us that daughter **Hilari** & her husband are expecting their first child this spring. We will have add these 3 young women to our prayer list.

Congratulations to **Debbie Flook** who passed her real estate exam with flying colors! She's looking for listings & recently held her first open house.

Our members like to travel: At a recent 9:00am service 3 women (**Teresa Hearl, Sharon Duke & Debbie Blair**) reported on sending their husbands west on business travel, all in a 2 week period. **Frank Hearl** went to Irvine, California. **Bill Duke** was in Washington state & **Andy Blair** has traveled to Vancouver, British Columbia. **Hugh Howard** continues to travel many weekends in his consulting/installation

work. Some folks actually traveled for fun (& some business): **Frank & Teresa Hearl** were in San Juan, Puerto Rico in December. Williamsburg, Virginia was the destination (albeit separately) for **Janice Seaman & Rick & Mary Lou Masters**. Christmas in Massachusetts (visiting the Isaacs family) was the setting for **Andy, Debbie, Meghan & Ben Blair's** vacation. **Bob & Sharon Turman** headed to Connecticut for the holiday season & enjoyed time with daughter Lian. **Hugh & Gail Howard** have made several trips to Georgia recently. **John & Stacy Wilson**, along with **Kristopher, Geoff, Alysa** & other family members traveled to the Dominican Republic for a vacation after Christmas. **David Stickerod** joined in on the fun too & reported that it was great to have 14 members of his family in that splendid setting. **Pierrette & Chuck McIntire** started the New Year off right by visiting Puerta Viarta, Mexico. **Phil Day** is back after spending a long overdue vacation with his sister in Texas.

Several people at Church have been "under the weather" these past 2 months: **Janice Seaman, Harry Griffith, Betty Jane Loeb, Barbara Dangler, Louise Jones & Bob Turman**. Others we need to remember in our prayers include: **Kathy Benson, Jerry King, Earl & Hannah Matlock**.

Peter DeLameter, son of **Paul & Becky DeLameter** worked on his Eagle Scout project in January. He is constructing a turtle habitat near Cunningham Falls (just south of Thurmont). Some of his helpers included: **Kurt Yankaskas, Michael Yankaskas, Christopher Yankaskas & Joe Reister**.

We've enjoyed having some retired clergy visit us for worship, including: **Mac & Fran Smith & Beth Sweeney's** parents **Bob & Joyce Cook**.

Barbara Lang played not 1 but 2 keyboards in January for a youth production of Disney's *Beauty & The Beast*. It was phenomenal! And the music was spectacular! We were lucky enough to sit next to the costume designer & enjoyed talking with her about making some of those outstanding costumes!

Folks from the Midwest, or at least west of us, seemed to be traveling to Maryland for the holidays: **Barbara Lang's** daughter & her family came from Minnesota. Jennifer Dolan, also from Minnesota visited **Rick & Mary Lou Masters**. **Haley Hosey** & her new husband Brian came from Chicago to visit mom **Sandy Law** & her sister **Brandel** & husband Neal. Renee & Tyson Reike & Lilly, along with grandmother Priscilla Powers traveled from West Virginia to visit **Frank & Teresa Hearl**.

Grace & peace,
+Janet

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"

When I first met Larry Seaman at Camp Starfish this past summer I learned that not only is he a people-person with a big heart, he is someone who truly enjoys helping others. Then, when Roger and I went down to the Bethany Beach Retreat in October, I had the chance to meet and get to know Larry's wife, Janice. She and I immediately hit it off, and we thoroughly enjoyed indulging ourselves by "power shopping" in many of the cute stores in downtown Bethany! When I asked them if they would like to be interviewed I was delighted that they agreed.

Both Larry and Janice were born in Washington, D.C. In fact, they were both born in Providence Hospital, albeit 6 months apart. If that weren't enough of a commonality, both their families moved out of DC to Prince George's County, where they ended up attending the same school, High Point High School, in Beltsville. Janice's mother came to Washington, D.C. during World War II when there were many jobs for women because so many men were overseas. Janice's father worked for the Navy as a civilian. Their family moved to Maryland when she was eight years old. Larry's family moved to the suburbs when he was sixteen.

Larry and Janice were in the same home room at High Point when they were sophomores but they did not meet there. It wasn't until their junior year that they met in Spanish class.

In that Spanish class Janice was seated at the front of the room and Larry was seated at the back. Larry told me that Janice talked a lot with the boy who sat next to her, the teacher didn't like it, and so she made Larry and the boy exchange seats. To be fair, Janice told me that the class didn't have enough books and they had to share, so of course she had to talk to the person she was sharing a book with! I don't know if Larry and Janice then got in trouble for talking, I just know that they hit it off well enough to start dating. They dated through their senior year, but after they attended the Senior Prom Larry broke things off.

Janice had plans to go away to college anyway. She entered Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Richmond, Virginia. At the end of the summer Larry realized that he may have made a mistake. He called Janice at school and they decided that they would date again, but also date other people. About the time Janice was going to graduate from nursing school they got engaged. After graduation Janice was hired by the Prince George's County Health Department as a public health nurse. Larry and Janice were married in March of 1966.

By this time Larry had finished his apprenticeship as an iron worker. Since he is primarily an auditory and kinesthetic learner this was the perfect job for him.



In the first year of their marriage the Seaman's had a baby girl, Laura. Janice stopped working for the Health Department and started working in a podiatrist's office. Then they had a son, Andrew. Working outside the home when the children were little was very difficult, so Janice stayed home until the children were in Middle School. In 1978 the family moved to Frederick.

Janice was working at an insurance company doing physicals, as well as for a home health agency as a private duty nurse. One family in particular really liked her so they bought out her contract. She stayed with them until her patient passed away. It was longer than anyone expected; during those ten years she and Larry became very close to the patient's family.

After that Janice went to work at the Record Street Home, a retirement residence for older ladies. Janice had told me a lot about the home when we were in Bethany Beach and it really does sound like a nice place. It is also obvious that Janice really enjoys working with the elderly. Unfortunately, in the last few months Janice has had a recurring back injury that has forced her

into early retirement.

But before that, back in the 1980's, a daycare center for the elderly was opened and Janice was hired away from the Record Street Home. At the daycare center she acted as a social worker, bus driver, activities director, as well as the nurse. A job with that many responsibilities can easily lead to burn-out, which it did. Janice was fortunate when she was rehired by the Record Street Home.

When she worked at the senior daycare Janice became interested in Alzheimer's disease. She ended up working with the AZ Association and managed their lending library. During this time Larry continued his work as an iron worker, as well as working in sales. As Janice told me, "Larry could sell a refrigerator to an Eskimo." He was such a good salesman that he once won a vacation cruise as a prize in a sales competition!

Both of Larry and Janice's children attended college. Laura earned a degree in Physical Therapy, then met and married her husband, Dr. Bill Hall. Andrew graduated with a degree in Engineering and then married his wife Jill. Between the two families they have given the gift of four grandchildren to Larry and Janice: Kayla is 11, Helena will be 8 on February 1st, Peyton is 6 and Parker is 3 1/2.

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When I asked about their religious history Larry said that he was born into the Disciples of Christ Church. Janice was born and raised a Presbyterian and converted to CC, DoC when she married Larry. They told me that they like the Disciples of Christ church because not only does no one tell us what to believe, our church encourages self-education. "We all have to think for ourselves," Janice said. They also like our weekly Communion. Larry said "Through church activities you can get to know people for who they are. We do not define people by what they do for a living."

Janice mentioned that when their children were small many of their social activities were centered on the church. Over the years they enjoyed attending and helping with church camps and conference programs in the Washington D. C. area. As they pointed out, not many churches have a beautiful beach complex like the one at Bethany.

Over the years Larry and Janice have both served as Elders, helped with vacation Bible school and church camps. Larry served as the board Chairman, and Janice was once involved in parish nursing. Larry was also in the church choir. Janice has recently volunteered to serve on our new Malawi committee.

Janice is also currently on the Christian Church Disciple's Home Board. The board provides housing stipends for the elderly in the Capital area and has recently begun awarding scholarships for those who want to study in nursing fields that serve the elderly. They award as much as \$2000 a year to five students.

Back when they were involved in church camps the Seaman's liked to camp out in a tent. Even though they still enjoy being out in nature and the fresh air, they decided that sleeping on the ground was not for them and they bought a pop-up camper. After a few years one thing led to another, and they bought an RV! Now they belong to a Good Sam's Club. They meet with the club and go camping about once a month from April to October.

Knowing them as I do, I was not surprised when Janice and Larry told me that the Good Sam's have a code of ethics that states if you are on the road and see someone in distress, you must stop and help that person if it is safe for you to do so. They also do good works such as helping with the upkeep of parks and camping areas.

Last summer Janice and Larry downsized and moved into a lovely condo in Worman's Mill. Larry is active in the new community and was recently elected vice-president of the condo association. Even though he says he is semi-retired, Larry also still works for Best Auto Parts.

Larry and Janice's plan for the near future is to travel the United States in their "rig". I know they will enjoy it as much as they have enjoyed all of their past adventures and will come back to us with many good stories to share!

Great Church Signs—

**Try Jesus. If you don't like him
the devil will always take you
back.**

Week of Compassion

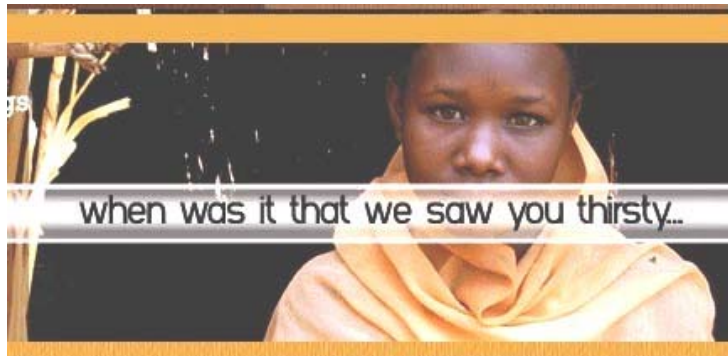
Special offering during February 2006

When was it that we saw you weak & thirsty?

Help fund humanitarian efforts to benefit those in need:

- earthquake victims in Pakistan & India
- hurricane victims in the southern United States
- victims of wildfires on the Pacific West Coastwestern United States

Please give generously. Mark your checks:
Week of Compassion.



We are called to Prayerful Consideration.

So many good causes. We are so blessed. Hyattstown Christian Church offers many ways for us to give. We must prayerfully consider how we are called to do the work of Christ in the world.



Here are some of the ways we serve. Week of Compassion is our denomination's mission outreach. Our gifts to Malawi are a direct help for starving people through a missionary based there. Our Christmas gift to the Clarksburg Elementary School is a direct help to children in our community. Time and money that we give to Feed the Hungry blesses those who come for meals at the Frederick Rescue Mission. We are ministering to children at Camp Starfish. And there are other causes. We are called to individual missions as well. That mission may be intercessory prayer or building a church.

Yes, we are often asked to give. And we are richly blessed to be able to answer the call in our own way. Christianity is not passive. In our church we look to nurture our individual needs and challenge ourselves to look outward. God grant you grace and peace as you consider your contribution to Christ's call.

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