

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 associate ministers. We cannot help if we do not know of a need or concern.



FEBRUARY

Worship-- 9am & 11am

Lent Begins
ASH WEDNESDAY
FEB 6

FEBRUARY 3- Choir rehearsal begins -10am
The choir will sing during Lent starting
Feb 10, through Easter. Please join us!

FEBRUARY 6 - Ash Wednesday -6:30pm
Soup & Substance dinners begin



Throughout Lent, each Wednesday evening we will meet at 6:30 for a soup dinner followed at 7:00 by a short Bible study.

FEBRUARY 14- Valentines Day
Remember your loved ones



Did you miss the January news? I hope so! We're back on track, and hopefully, that won't happen again. Thank you for all your kind wishes and prayers during my recovery from surgery. ~ Peace, Teresa Hearl, editor (send me news!)

We're on the web!
www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org

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This has been a very solemn year until now. My own solemnity comes right off the news, as we learn of the horrible violence in Prince George County and the District. The drive-by shootings are increasing, and the killing is terrifying.

We used to run around Baltimore all the time with guns. Yet they were toys. None of us thought kids would ever run around with the real thing!

We had our little bullies in Baltimore too. It was nothing like the bullying today. Many of my teenage friends carry base ball bats in their vehicles. Some have used them.

Years ago my son used to loudly criticize others driving. I was so afraid that one of these drivers would stop his truck and wipe the road with my guy. Thank God it didn't happen.

Road rage, and events like that can really be dangerous.

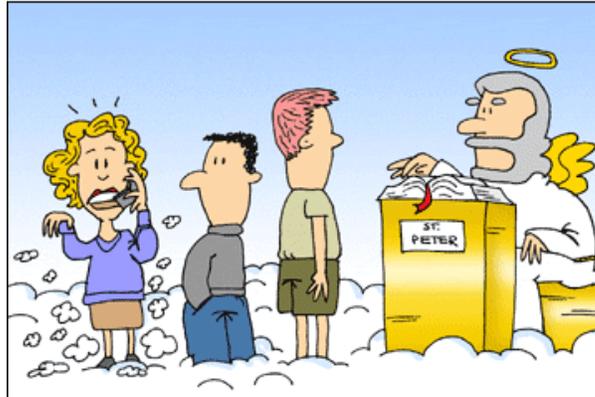
Its the time to remember the Lord's prayer: FORGIVE US OUR SINS - AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US.

I'm no better than Joe, often I'm thinking the same things he is saying. What is in your soul counts - no matter whether you say it out loud or not.

God Bless. *+ Terry*



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NO WAY AM I LETTING THIS TRUCK-DRIVER
PASS ME OR ... HELLO? ... HELLO?

Adult Education Opportunities

Wednesday Morning Bible Study — 9:30-11am Led by Pastor Reister

Monday Evening Bible Study— The pastor is also leading
the Evening Bible Study from 7:30-8:30pm.



THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR YOU TO JOIN US.

DISCIPLES WEB SITES TO REMEMBER:

Hyattstown Christian Church:

www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org

Christian Church Capital Area Disciples of Christ:

www.cccadisciples.org

Disciple of Christ National website:

www.disciples.org



(Check out our national website. You can sign up for free email
newspaper from Disciples News Service at www.disciples.org)

Liturgical Schedule — also posted on bulletin board inside front door

			<p>We are Honored to Serve at The Table of the Lord</p> 
9 am Worship	Deaconate	Elders	
Feb 3/ 10	Eddie Flook	Debbie Flook	
Feb 17/ 24	Sharon Duke	Teresa Hearl	
March 2/ 9	Sarah Duke	Frank Hearl	
11 am Worship	Deaconate		Elders
Feb 3/ 10	Walt Moore	Joe Reister	Bob Turman
Feb 17/ 24	Pierrette McIntire	Chuck McIntire	Stacey Wilson
March 2/ 9	Martha Cooley	Barb Dangler	Chris Moore
Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Scripture
Feb 3	Info not available		Matthew 17:1-9
Feb 10	PLEASE REFER		Matthew 4: 1-11
Feb 17	TO THE		John 3: 1-17
Feb 24	BULLETIN		John 4: 5-42

January Birthdays

Jan 15 -Phil Day
 Jan 16 -Brenda Yankaskas
 Jan 20 -Kelly DeLameter
 Jan 24 -Sarah Metz
 Jan 26 -Diana Covell

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

February Birthdays

Feb 2 -Barb Dangler
 Feb 9 -Kyle Davis
 Feb 9 -Harry Griffith
 Feb 10 -Peter DeLameter
 Feb 17 -Punky Knott
 Feb 22 -Kurt Yankaskas



February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>LENT BEGINS</i>		1	2
3 9 & 11 Worship 10 Choir	4 7:30pm Bible Study	5 Shrove Tuesday	6 Ash Wednesday 9:30am Bible Study 6:30 Soup & Study	7	8	9
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NEWS In the PEWS

Dear Friends,

Lent is early this year & begins on **Wednesday, February 6th**. Continuing a very long tradition, we are having **Soup & Substance** each of the **Wednesdays of Lent**. We have been passing the clipboard around & enlisting folks to make soup, salad, breads & desserts. Our sessions begin at 6:30pm & we're done by 8:00pm. On Tuesday, February 5th many people will be celebrating Mardi Gras & Shrove Tuesday. We've been invited to join our friends at Holy Family Anglican Church for a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. The cost for adults is \$2.00 + a can of food, children 12 & under are free. Holy Family meets at Milton Ridge, just up the street from us. Since the last newsletter, we have welcomed five new members: **Randy & DeBreen Loy** (outside Mt. Airy), **Frank & Theresa Roys** (Spring Ridge - between Frederick & New Market) & **Phil Day** (historic downtown Frederick).

On the Road Again: Chuck McIntire is back from Marin County California. He & **Pierrette** spent the holidays with his folks & his sisters & their families at Deep Creek Lake. **Phil Day** enjoyed almost a month in Texas visiting with his sister & friends. **Hugh & Gail Howard**

traveled after Christmas to visit son Charles in Blacksburg, Virginia & then they spent some time with friends in Atlanta. **Randy & DeBreen Loy** took two weekend trips to celebrate the holidays with each of their families in West Virginia. **Frank & Theresa Roys** took their family on a ski weekend in January. **Marian Meyers** enjoyed holiday travels to the midwest & visited family & friends in Ohio & other states. She was accompanied on her trip by grandson Josh Thom, his wife Karen & great-granddaughter Kailey.

Homeward Bound: Sharron & Bill Smith are back from the west coast & are settling into their new townhome in Urbana. **Bob & Sharon Turman** welcomed their daughter Lian for a few days over Christmas. **Andy, Debbie, Meghan & Ben Blair** hosted Andy's parents Jack & Barbara Blair who visited from Jacksonville, Florida. **Barbara Lang's** son Jim was here from Minnesota. He was also able to see her play for the Act II (high school age) production of *42nd Street* in Olney. **Chris & Walt Moore** have put out the welcome mat at their Damascus home: Chris' father Bill Masters has enjoyed an extended stay while Walt's mother Clara Moore joined them for Christmas. **Pat & Harry Griffth** have been entertaining Pat's mother who has been visiting from West Virginia.

Good News: Lt. Kevin Smith has e-mailed us that he expects to be home in about 2 weeks from his tour in Iraq. Kevin's wife **Stephanie** is due with their first child in March.

Proud grandparents **Sharron & Bill Smith** are anxiously awaiting both due dates! **Barbara Lang** was elected as the new president of our Disciple Women. She's already got plans for projects, trips & fundraisers. **Sarah & Grace Duke**, daughters of **Sharon & Bill Duke** are getting excited about their upcoming trip to Europe. We are most grateful that a number of our friends who have been under the weather (due to bouts of bronchitis, walking pneumonia & shingles) & those who have had falls & surgeries are all on the mend.

Please remember these friends in your prayers: **Cherry King, Hannah Matlock, Artye Hellner, Doris & Norman Horman, LaQuita Huntman, & Lt. Kevin Smith.**

Grace & peace,
+Janet



Call for Pictures and Stories!



As we prepare for Terry's retirement this summer, we are gathering memorabilia from his years with us as pastor. If anyone has special pictures or any stories to share, please contact Debbie Blair at 301-216-2746 or e-mail at Adblair@comcast.net. All pictures will be returned. Thanks for your help.

Pastor Terry Reister's Retirement Celebration

JULY 13
1:00pm
Urbana Fire Hall

To help, contact
Debbie Flook



Mark Your Calendar!



Donations for upkeep and paid staff are always needed. If you wish to make a monetary donation it can be mailed to:
 Hope Alive, PO box 140, Sabillasville, MD 21780.
 Donations of adult clothing are not being accepted as storage space is not available. Donations of **children's clothing** are being accepted. Donations of household supplies such as **cleaning supplies, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet tissue, etc** are always needed. If you wish to make a donation of large please call first. Volunteers are needed for many jobs. If you have a skill you would like to share please call Donna Gorgol at 301-241-4005. **Small items** can be placed in the box at the back of the church. Barb Dangler will take them to Hope Alive.

FEED THE HUNGRY

DATES FOR 2008
 --March 22
 --August 9
 --November 15

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

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



Men's Breakfast on Saturday Morning

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

Dates for 2008
 --March 15 --August 2 --November 8



If you have News from the Pew, call Janet or see her in church. Our church family cares and keeps you in their prayers!



Charitable Thoughts:

The new Pension Protection Act of 2006 contains an important change for charitable contributions. Effective as of tax year 2006, all “deductions for charitable donations of cash gifts (by cash or check) must be backed up by a bank record or a letter from the charity. If you rely on a letter, it must include the organization's name as well as the date and amount of the contribution. (Under prior law, such substantiation was required only for gifts of \$250 or more.)” The annual Statement of Giving provided by HCC’s Financial Secretary in mid-January satisfies this requirement.



(Bob Turman shared this info with us. Thanks!)

If you have updates for the address and birthday database PLEASE tell Teresa Hearl or better yet, email her at TKHearl@comcast.net I am missing a lot of birthdays and anniversaries. If I miss yours please let me know and write it down for me.



Our church is beautiful at Christmas. We now enter Lent. As with Advent, this quiet time in the church calendar is time for us to reflect on our faith, which helps us to appreciate the praise and joy of Christmas and Easter.



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"

Beth Sweeney was born on a Sunday in January 1954, in Bardstown Kentucky. Her parents married before her Dad graduated from Lexington Theological Seminary. Not long after he graduated he was called to Martinsville, Virginia. A few years later Beth's father was called to Cincinnati, Ohio where he ministered in the church that Barton Stone founded. Beth's parents stayed there until 1962; then they moved to Lorain, Ohio when Beth was in the third grade. In 1968 the family moved to Worcester, Massachusetts. The family lived there until after Beth graduated from high school.

Beth decided against going to college and instead went to work at Friendly Ice Cream; her older brother Bob also worked there, as well as her younger brother, Glenn. While working there Beth met her future husband, Jack. When Beth and Jack married her parents received a call to go to North Tonawanda, New York, so Beth and Jack moved into their first apartment; Jack was in the management training program at Friendly's.

I have often thought that children who grow-up in families who move frequently repeat that pattern after they move out on their own, and Beth's story from this point bears out my theory. Of course, I should also mention that Jack joined the military- Beth told me that during their

marriage she and Jack have lived in 17 houses in 33 years! Her story is framed by the chronology of their moves.

Beth and Jack had their first child, Ken, on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 1975. Soon after, Jack was assigned to his first Friendly's store in Herndon, Virginia. They moved with a one month old baby in October, 1975. Luckily, Beth says, she was 10 years old when her youngest brother, John Mark, was born, so she had experience caring for babies. On March 20, 1977, Jack and Beth were blessed with another son, Deacon. When Deacon was a year old Jack decided to join the Navy, which he did in 1978. Then the family really started to move!

First they went to Athens, Georgia while Jack attended Supply Corps School. After six months of training they were stationed in Norfolk, Virginia where Jack served on the USS Concord (AFS-5). Beth and Jack were blessed again, this time with a baby girl; Shannon was born April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1980. From 1981 to 1983 the Sweeney's lived in Louisville, Kentucky. On one of her birthdays Beth had the opportunity to attend the church her father had been serving in when she had been born. Beth said that there were still people there who not only remembered her father, but also remembered



Beth Sweeney

the Sunday that she was born!  
The family then moved to Charleston, South Carolina where they lived from 1983 to 1986. During that time Jack was working in Bath, Maine on a new guided missile frigate, the USS Nicholas (FFG-47). Unfortunately they also moved into much small quarters for that assignment. Relief came in 1986 when the family moved to Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. However, that was also a tough move for them because it was in the middle of the school year. Some good things about that year were that Jack stopped smoking and Beth joined the American Red Cross. She taught swimming lessons at the Morale, Welfare & Recreation swimming pool on base. That particular pool had handicapped access and the Capitol Area Intermediate Unit would bring severely handicapped children there for swimming lessons. The director of the program asked Beth to come

work with them at other pools. The other pools hosted children with handicaps that included emotional and behavioral issues, as well as deafness and Downs Syndrome. It was then that Beth discovered she had a special affinity for working with the handicapped. As she now tells her CPR class students, she feels that she found her niche in life. An added bonus was that since there are pools on every base and, for the most part, the facilities offer Red Cross swimming lessons, Beth would always have work.

In 1988 the family made a big move to a very different part of the world, to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. Beth told me that it is a very pretty country if you aren't in the slums. She said that she and the family did not go off base much, that the area is definitely a Third World country with all its attendant problems. At that time the children were 8, 11 and 12.

In 1991 Mount Pinatubo erupted near the Clark Air Force Base, so everyone had to be evacuated. Since the family had been getting ready for Jack's permanent change of station most of their belongings had already been packed up and sent off. Before they left they took a walk up their street. The rain of ashes was by that time 18" deep and Beth said that it looked like a very pretty grey snow.

Beth and the children were boarded onto an oiler and ammunition supply ship. Since there were more than one hundred extra people on board, all evacuees, there were no berths or

rooms for Beth and the kids to sleep in. Instead, they slept on flattened cardboard boxes. The boys shared one, while Shannon and Beth slept on another one that was near to a draft of fresh air coming from above decks, which helped Beth from becoming too seasick. To make things even more difficult and uncomfortable, they had only the hand luggage that they had prepared for the flight they were originally scheduled to take. The ship sailed from Subic to Cebu Island where the populace was angry with Americans and their bus was stoned as they were transferred to the staging areas for their flights back to the United States mainland. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

Their next stop was Guam where there were quarters with bedrooms and laundry facilities, as well as clean, running water. This was remarkable because they'd had only several gallons of fresh water in their house before leaving Subic. Beth and the children flew from there to Hawaii, then to Travis Air Force Base, and then to Charleston, South Carolina. A wonderful turn of events after their ordeal was that Beth's parents had arranged a family reunion at a beach house in South Carolina! After that, they all flew to Worcester where they spent some time with Jack's family. From 1991 to 1992 the family lived in Newport, Rhode Island while Jack earned his Master's degree in Strategic Studies at the Naval War College. In 1992 they moved to Columbus, Ohio and in 1995 they moved to California, Maryland. Their oldest son Ken stayed in

Columbus, and Deacon decided to attend college.

Deacon is now in a PhD program studying bioinformatics. Ken left Columbus and attended community college in southern Maryland, then transferred to UMBC-Baltimore where he is now in a similar field as his brother. He also works at the UMBC library. Shannon attended Frostburg State where she majored in mass communications. She currently lives in Normal, Illinois where she works for a publishing company.

Jack retired from the Navy in 1999. He now works at the Department of Homeland Security. He and Beth moved to New Market in 2003.

I asked Beth how she had found HCC. She said that one time when they were driving Shannon from southern Maryland up to Frostburg they stopped to get gas at the Rt. 109 exit and they passed the church then. She went on-line and found it again when they moved to New Market.

Obviously Beth was raised in the DOC Church. Jack was raised Catholic. They had agreed from the beginning of their marriage that neither of them was as concerned with the differences in their religions; the thing that was and still is important to them is that both of them have faith. They respect each other's religious practices and they both attend their respective churches.

Beth's great-grandfather on her Mom's side was a Disciple minister. Beth said that her grandparents had three children: Grace, who married a Disciple minister; Glenn, who became a Disciple minister and Joyce, who married Robert,

also a Disciple minister. Joyce and Robert are Beth's parents. I asked Beth what kind of things she had been involved in at the many churches she has attended and she told me that in Louisville she joined the choir; in South Carolina she was Chairman of the Outreach Committee. In St Mary's, where a new DOC Church was forming, Beth served on the search committee. That church was only two blocks from her house- talk about convenient!

Beth started attending HCC in 2003-04. She has served as a Deacon and is now an Elder. At the end of our talk Beth said, "I like being a Disciple of Christ. I was born on a Sunday, very early in the morning. Our church has a very healthy sense of community and I like that. As Disciples of Christ, we always have a choice."

### Liturgists Wanted

If you would like to serve as liturgist please tell Pastor Reister. You don't have to be a member, you only have to want to read the scripture on Sunday morning.

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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Genesis 6-8) 10-06-2004

GEE DAD ... I HOPE THAT PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE WON'T BE LOOKING FOR THIS ARK

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Thanks to Charles Dunleavy (See Numbers 14) 05-01-2006

GOOD NEWS, JUST 40 LAPS AROUND THE WILDERNESS FOR DISOBEYING GOD ... BAD NEWS, EACH LAP TAKES A YEAR



John 14:24-29

## What is Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shriving, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began. [Historically](#), Shrove Tuesday also marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period when the faithful were forbidden by the church to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk. However, if a family had a store of these foods they all would go bad by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday. What to do? Solution: use up the milk, butter and eggs no later than Shrove Tuesday. And so, with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in... pancakes. And lots of 'em. Today, the Shrove Tuesday pancake tradition lives on throughout Western Europe, the United States, Canada and Australia, but is most associated with the UK where it is simply known as [Pancake Day](#). In France, (as well as here in the US - or more famously - in New Orleans) it's known as *Fat Tuesday* which kicks off the [Mardi Gras](#) festival with wild celebrations just before the austere Lenten season. .

## What is Lent?

**Lent** is a time of soul-searching and repentance in preparation for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter. In the Western Church, Lent consists of the 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday. Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. In Western Christianity, [Ash Wednesday](#) marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to [Easter](#) (Sundays are not included in the count). Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on [Jesus Christ](#) - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection. It is thought that the tradition of 40 days recalls the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. The Bible does not mention the custom of Lent, however, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21.

## From Kevin Smith

Hello,  
Everything is still going great here in Iraq. This will probably be my last e-mail to everyone before I get home. I will still have this e-mail account for a day or two, but then it will be back to my account at home:

ksmith1284@ec.rr.com, or kas11@hood.edu. Things were busy throughout the deployment and time went by very fast! I got a Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal the other day for leading the Platoon out here. It kind of feels bad to get an award for all the work they did, when I couldn't give every one of them a personal medal. They were great and made all the work I had to do fun; I am sure a lot of the digging and pulling hundreds of lbs in cables wasn't as fun for them! I guess it was on the news that it snowed out here last week! I have attached a picture of the snow and one of our last awards ceremonies. I cant wait to get back to North Carolina. Steph is doing great and



everything is healthy with the baby- we expect Allison to show up some time in early March. I hope everything is going well back home, and I will see everyone sometime soon.

Semper fi,  
1stLt Kevin A Smith

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Kevin, We are proud that you serve your country, and we are praying for your safe return. We are also pleased that your parents Bill & Sharron Smith have returned to the area and are settling in their new home in Urbana. Welcome home!

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**WELCOME!**

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.

