

HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

March/ April 2010

PLEASE READ!

If you wish to keep receiving this newsletter PLEASE respond! In order to save money and trees, HCC News will be changing to electronic format, unless you request a paper copy.

We still want to hear about our church family but we will only run the full length newsletter every other month. In between you will receive a calendar in order to reflect any schedule changes. The newsletter for March/April will be mailed to you. The HCC Update Calendar for April will come via email. As always, our web-goddess Debbie Blair, posts the HCC News online at www.hyattstownchristianchurch.org

If you wish to receive this newsletter by email, please send an email to me at TKHEARL@comcast.net Include any changes of your contact information that might not be in the church database. Pastor Lisa sent an earlier email with the information that we have.

If you wish to receive the newsletter by mail, please return this information to me with any changes that might not be in the church database.

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Please continue to send this newsletter by mail. Thanks you.

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Birthdays / Anniversary- Month & day only:

THE PASTOR'S PAGE



I want to say thank you to you all for allowing me a Sunday and two Wednesdays off, and a special thank you to Randy for filling in last Sunday. It does seem odd to thank a congregation for something that I am already permitted to do per our agreement, and I don't believe I even asked permission to do so in the first place, but perhaps it is part of this unique experience of being a pastor that after being away and returning, even if it is for a short time, I feel gratitude towards you.

I need you . . . and for more than a home and salary. For *me* to spend the time thinking about the scriptures and writing my thoughts down, I need a structure and an audience. So that when I realize I need a bit of a break, even those breaks seems to be for you as well as for me. The bond between Pastors and their congregations is very distinctive and unique, and perhaps it is different per Pastor and per Congregation, but if it weren't for the promise of returning to you, this break would have little meaning, and for that I cannot thank you enough.

I started this Staycation, as most of us did – recovering from the blizzard winter. I started fasting on Ash Wednesday, and spent a great deal of the rest of that week, sleeping, reading, journaling, drinking teas, water, juice, and vegetable broth. Sunday while Randy preached, David and I went to the UCC church in Frederick, where my friend Rev. Barbara Kirschner-Daniels preached. And I spent the rest of the week making my nest and being a general pain to my men-folk, but am less embarrassed about having company in my home now. There is still work to do, but I return to my tasks feeling excited and energized for the tasks that lay ahead.

What lies ahead for Hyattstown Christian church in these next two months? We have 4 more weeks of Lent, Daylight savings (March 14th), Passion Week, the women's retreat, soup kitchen, Spring

break, April Fools Day, Easter, and then the Bible Study begins again on April 7th, this little church does so much and I am so in awe of you all. And then, before you know it – it will be a year that I have been called to be your pastor. I came here middle May 2009.

One year – it seems to have gone so fast. I was not sure when I was searching for a pastorate if I could do it. I am still building my confidence and getting to know the church, experiencing everything for the first time, and adjusting to so much. Each day I am thankful that you haven't given up on me yet as we all go through these spiritual days together in faith, waiting and watching for what God will be revealing to us next.

"Ask your soul!" pleads Herman Hesse in *My Belief*. "Your soul will not blame you for having cared too little about politics, for having exerted yourself too little, hated your enemies too little, or too little fortified your frontiers. But she will perhaps blame you for so often having feared and fled from her demands, for never having had time to give her..."

Blessings, Pastor Lisa

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Theological Reflections Group that meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 will begin a new session on April 7 the Wednesday following Easter. This group is led by the pastor.



Substitute Organist Needed

Barbara Lang is going to be traveling more often as she deals with her mother's estate. The pastor has contacted the American Guild of Organists and is working with them. However, results may not be immediate. Please let Pastor Lisa know if you have contacts with anyone who would be available as a substitute organist.



Liturgical Schedule — also posted on bulletin board inside front door			
			
9 am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
Feb 28/ March 4	Bill Duke	Frank Hearl	
March 14/ 21	Hugh Howard	Dana Reitman	
March 28/ April 4	Gail Howard	Eddie Flook	
April 11/ 18	Ginny Pierson	Debbie Blair	
April 25/ May 2	Robin Davis	Grace Duke	
<i>NOTE: Elders are also serving as Worship Leaders</i>			
11am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
Feb 28/ March 4	Chris Moore		Scott Stickerod
March 14/ 21	Steven Smith	Pierrette McIntire	Sandy Law
March 28/ April 4	Stacey Wilson	Becky DeLameter	Paul DeLameter
April 11/ 18	Pat Griffith	Martha Cooley	Barb Dangler
April 25/ May 2	Randy Loy	Pat Bush	Gail Knott
Liturgists will read the Epistle and Gospel selections unless contacted by the Pastor.			
Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Epistle/ Gospel Scriptures
March 7	Beth Sweeney	Pat Griffith	1 Cor. 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9
March 14	Sharron Smith	Bob Turman	2 Cor. 5: 16-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32
March 21	Frank Hearl	Randy Loy	Phil. 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8
March 28 PALM SUNDAY	Hugh Howard	Janice Seaman	Phil:2: 5-11 Luke 22: 14-23/ Possible alt. Check w/ pastor

Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Epistle/ Gospel Scriptures
April 4 EASTER	ONE SERVICE 10am Robin Davis		1 Cor. 15: 19-26 John 20: 1-18 Possible alt. Check w/ pastor
April 11	Debbie Blair	Pierrette McIntire	Rev. 1:4-8 John 20:19-31
April 18	Sarah Duke	Sandy Law	Rev 1: 4-8 John 21:1-19
April 25	Teresa Hearl	Steven Smith	Rev 7: 9-17 John 10: 22-30



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.



March Birthdays

3/8- Jessica Moore
3/14- Don Burdette
3/16- Meghan Blair
3/18- Louise Jones
3/19- Meinda Kline
3/24- Brenna Metz
3/28- Dana Reitman
3/29- Theresa Roys



March Anniversary
3/28- Larry & Janice Seaman

April Birthdays

4/3- Sharron Smith
4/15- Pat Griffith
4/16- Christopher Yankaskas
4/17- Carter Reitman
4/23- Betty Burdette


April Anniversary
4/25- Mark & Ginny Pierson

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

<p>Useful Information Hyattstown Christian Church Office: (301) 831-8184 Our Pastor: Rev Lisa Smith (513-560-8123) Email: SL87DF@hotmail.com</p> <p>Music: Barb Lang (301-)829-2527 Board Chair: Hugh Howard (301) 831-8643 Vice-Chair: Andy Blair (301) 216-2746 Board Secy: Debbie Flook (301) 695-2678 Trustees Chair: Eddie Flook (301) 695-2678</p>	<p>Treasurer: Pierrette McIntire (301) 607-4242 Financial Secy: Bob Turman (301)620-7570 Christian Service: Pat Griffith (301) 972-1316 Barb Dangler (301) 668-4194 Education/Celebration: Barbara Lang (301)-829-2527 Property Chair: Eddie Flook (301) 695-2678 Outreach/Stewardship:</p> <p>Newsletter: Teresa Hearl (301) 682-7360 Tkhearl@comcast.net SEND NEWS!!</p>
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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

 **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. We are excited to work with Rev. Smith. 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.

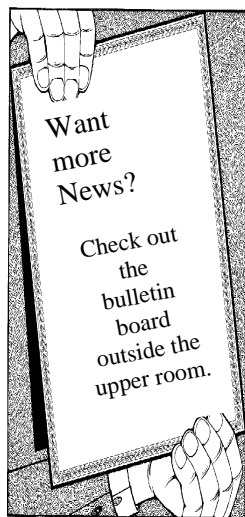
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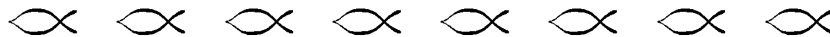
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(See John 20:1-18)

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I WANT YOU TO FOLD UP MY BURIAL CLOTHES,
WAIT FOR MARY, AND REMEMBER THAT THIS IS
SERIOUS ... NO HIDING AND YELLING "BOO"



Disciples Women Magazine

One subscription to the new DW magazine "Just Women" will be available in the church library. If you would like your own subscription, please pick up a flyer.

New Directory Coming

A new directory will be printed after the listings are confirmed and entered. The holidays have delayed progress but plans are back on track now that the new year has begun.



Lenten Soup and Study Suppers

Each Wednesday during Lent we meet for a light soup dinner followed by a study of the upcoming Sunday's scripture. Dinner begins at 6:30 Study is from 7-8. Below is the soup/study schedule.



Date	Lesson Leader	Soup	Salad	Bread & Drinks	Dessert
3/3	Frank Roys Luke 4:1-13	Flook Smith Family	Sweeney Law	Roys	Howard Flook
3/10	Sarah Pope Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Griffith Dangler	Seaman Roys	Cooley	Roys Bush
3/17	Janice Seaman John 12:1-8	Roys Moore	Sweeney Bush	Meyers	Griffith Bush
3/24	Chris Moore Luke 19:28-40	Turman Griffith	Roys McIntire	McIntire	Turman McIntire



Disciples Women's Retreat
March 20
8:30am - 3:30pm
New Market Methodist Church



WAKE TO GOD!

The Christian Women's Fellowship will celebrate Spring at our annual retreat to be held in the schoolhouse building at The New Market Methodist Church in historic New Market Md. Please plan to join us from 8:30 to 3:30 on Saturday March 20th for an exciting and uplifting program. Echoing the themes of this year's Quadrennial Assembly, we will awake to the God who is present among us. At our retreat we will celebrate the coming of Spring, the growth that is already happening in us, and growth that can be cultivated. This will be a time of recognition and celebration of how God works in us and through us. Our leader/facilitator is the Reverend Pat Risor, Senior Minister of Henson Valley Christian Church. She was so happy to accept the leadership of our retreat and I know we will have a fun spirit-filled experience.

For more information contact Janice Seaman: 301-228-2357



The HCC Choir is rehearsing every Sunday at 10.
You are welcome to join us. We will sing at both services during Lent.
The following is tongue-in-cheek, really!

Church Choir Proficiency Test

In order to measure your level of proficiency as a choir member, the following test has been carefully developed by experts. Read and reflect on each situation and then select the option that will enhance the quality of the performance.

- 1. You are entering the choir loft on Sunday morning and suddenly trip and fall down. You should:**
 - a. Assume a kneeling position and break into fervent prayer.
 - b. Pretend that you've had a heart attack.
 - c. Crawl into the nearest chair.
 - d. Sink to the floor in shame.
 - 2. You are a soprano and count incorrectly. As a result you boom out a high "C" one measure too soon. You should:**
 - a. Slide into an inspired "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."
 - b. Look triumphant and hold on to the note.
 - c. Stop abruptly in mid squawk but keep your lips moving.
 - d. Sink to the floor in shame.
 - 3. After all those long hard choir rehearsals, you show up twenty minutes late for the Christmas musical. You should:**
 - a. Climb into the back row of the choir from the baptistery.
 - b. Enter pretending to be a soundman checking cables and then suddenly slip yourself into the choir.
 - c. Turn the lights out in the church and slip into the choir during the blackout.
 - d. Read M. Stephen's pamphlet "Techniques for Tardy Appearances."
 - 4. While singing, you discover you have only one page of a two page hymn. You should:**
 - a. Hum for your life.
 - b. Sing "watermelon, watermelon, watermelon."
 - c. Try to get another hymnal out of the choir rack with your feet.
 - d. Sing the first page over again.
 - 5. Inevitably that dreaded big sneeze occurs toward the end of the choir special. You should:**
 - a. As you sneeze, come down hard on your neighbor's foot to create a diversion.
 - b. Try to make it harmonize.
 - c. Sneeze into the hair of the choir member in front of you to muffle the noise.
 - d. Sink to the floor in shame.
- Count the number of A's, B's, C's, and D's you checked and find your proficiency rating below:**
- 4 or more A's...there is nothing more you need to know to be a first rate choir member.
- 4 or more B's...your church choir reflexes are fully developed and you should do well in choir.
- 4 or more C's...your church choral experience is spotty but your team spirit is on target. You will be an asset to most any choir.
- 4 or more D's...it is recommended you take soccer or group therapy counseling.

March

Worship-- 9am & 11am



Lenten Soup and Study Supper
Every WEDNESDAY in March
March 3, 10, 17, 24- WED 6:30 - 8:00



Sunday March 14 -
Time Change--Spring Forward
Set your clocks one hour ahead
lose one hour's sleep

March 17 -
St Patrick's Day
Don't get pinched, wear green



March 20 -
Disciples Women's Retreat
Saturday -8:30am - 3:30pm
At the New Market Methodist
Church

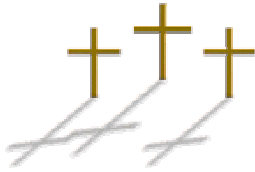
March 20-
Disciples Men's Breakfast
Saturday 7:30am -Cook,
8-9am -Meet and Eat.



March 27-
Feed the Hungry
4:30 At Frederick Rescue Mission

April

Worship-- 9am & 11am
EXCEPT EASTER



April 1 -
Maundy Thursday Service
Details to be announced

April 4 -
Easter Sunrise Service
6:15am - Details to be announced.



April 4-
Easter Service
ONE SERVICE -
10am



April 7 -
Bible Study Resumes
Wed 9:30-11



Notes from the Chair

Hugh Howard

Save these dates!

Camp Starfish - August 8-11, 2010

Regional Assembly - Oct 2 More info later.

Bethany Beach Church Retreat - Sept 24-26 in Campbell Hall.

Blessings, Hugh

Debbie Blair and Debbie Flook - Walking for a Great Cause Again

This spring, Debbie Blair and Debbie Flook will both join the thousands of men and women that walk annually in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. This year the walk is on May 1st and 2nd, starting out in Washington D.C. This will be Debbie Blair's 6th walk and Debbie Flook's 5th. They'll walk up to 26.2 miles on Saturday, and 13.1 miles on Sunday—all so that medically-underserved women and men can get the medical care they need and leading research teams can receive vital support their ongoing search for a cure. Each walker must raise at least \$1800 in order to participate in this event, and with good reason.



The Avon Foundation places a priority on returning funds to the geographic area in which each Avon Walk takes place with a special emphasis on reaching low-income, elderly and minority individuals and those with inadequate health insurance. Last year, the foundation raised \$6.8 million to advance access to care and finding a cure for breast cancer. The event attracted more than 3,000 participants drawn from 40 states, including 271 breast cancer survivors, who joined together to raise lifesaving funds and awareness for breast cancer. The Washington, D.C. walk has been giving back to great organizations like the the National Breast Cancer Coalition Fund, Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Capital Breast Care, George Washington Univerisity, Virginia Tech Foundation, and Food & Friends.

Everyone has their own personal reason for walking, volunteering and donating. This year, Debbie Blair has formed a team in memory of her former boss and mentor, Bernie Pindell, who died just after the walk last year. A fundraiser will be held at the Dogfish Head Alehouse in Gaithersburg on Tuesday, March 23. 15% of the proceeds from the day will go toward the team. Come out and support! For Debbie Flook, she walks in memories of loved ones, including an aunt, and in honor of friends that are survivors. Please support the Debbies this year in their pursuit of a cure and treatment for those less fortunate. Contact either one to make a donation - all donations are tax deductible! These are difficult economic times so any amount would be much appreciated.

Pictures: Debbie Blair with her team "Koval's Krusaders for a Cure with Moo Cow guy" and Debbie Flook with Heather and Briana Ayers, with the Girl Scout troop.



(both pictures from 2008 walk because 2009 was very rainy!)

FEED THE HUNGRY

DATES FOR 2010

- **March 27 (Sat)**
- **May 22 (Sat)**
- **September 24 (Friday)**

**Come on 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



The Food pantry is also housed here. Donate when you can.

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 2010

--March 20 --May 15 --September 18



Please send pictures and information about our church family. We rejoice in your successes and pray for your challenges. Please share. Send to TKHearl@comcast.net

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



Opportunities To Lend a Helping Hand



HCC LIBRARY NEWS



We hope everyone will take some time to investigate our library. Books are organized alphabetically by author within the Dewey Decimal system code/category.

If you find a book that you want to check out, just sign the card in the back of the book and put it in the box indicated. When you return the book, put the card back in the book, and leave it to be re-shelved.

Let us know if you have suggestions for additions to the library. We plan to have board meeting minutes available. We welcome book donations; place them in the box indicated and let us know if you need a receipt.



We need another person to help with the library. Please let one of us know if you are willing and able to help.

Pat Bush and Sharron Smith



The editor is looking for someone who would like to write the Member News. This involves listening to the news in the pews and compiling the information in a positive way for the newsletter every two months. If this is the right job for you, please contact Teresa.



Liturgists Wanted

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



Calling All Creative People!



Come join the Banner Renewal Committee!

A banner not only enhances the beauty of its surroundings, but it can also motivate and inspire, as well as call attention to specific topics or events in the life of the Church. We would like to form a group to create and/or renew our banners and alter paraments for worship and special events.

We want to give everyone who is interested the opportunity to contribute to this ministry. If you like to create or sew, please join us. If you'd like to contribute but do not feel called to create, consider becoming a "Banner Booster" to help us fund our work. Donations can be given to our Treasurer and marked "For Banner Renewal."

For more information on this ministry or to join, please contact:
Becky DeLameter
(717) 332-3213



Food Pantry

Frederick's Food Pantry is where we Feed the Hungry. Supplies are still low, and there is a big need this time of the year. 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!

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.

**YOU CAN
HELP!**



Hyattstown Christian Church

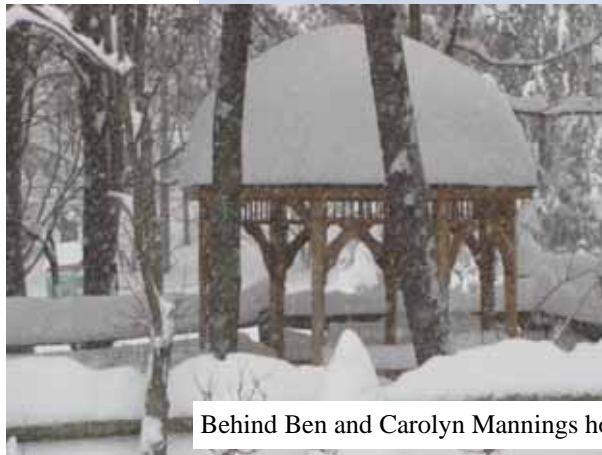


Fire Department plow at Hyattstown Christian Church.

February Fury

That's what they called it on CNN. Feb 6, round one of the Storm of the Century, forced us to cancel service on Feb 7. Round two came on Feb 9, Tuesday night on into Wednesday. So, our Church Board meeting and Bible Study was also cancelled. We were buried in 50 plus inches of snow! Winter of 2010 is now in the record books as the snowiest winter in the Washington D.C area history. Many of us were snowed into our homes. Some of us were without electricity for days. I think all of us were amazed at the awesome power of weather.

Eddie and Debbie Flook's home during round one.



There are so many pictures of our February winter wonderland. These are a sampling of the pictures received.

Behind Ben and Carolyn Mannings house after round one.



Off the deck of Frank and Teresa Hearl's home after round two

Ecumenical Advocacy Days for Global Peace with Justice

Great news!

Dr. Sharon Watkins will be speaking at this year's Ecumenical Advocacy Days for Global Peace with Justice, and will also be our guest speaker on:

Saturday night, March 20, 2010, at 7pm.

All Disciples and UCC in the Capital Area are invited to this special event, which will take place at the Doubletree Hotel Crystal City (Exact location TBA soon). Gathering and snacks will begin at 6.30 pm. There is no charge but an offering will be taken.

Please **RSVP** to DAWN at dawnccca@comcast.net



General Minister and
President of the
Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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WELL MR. PHARAOH...SIGN HERE AND YOUR
TROOPS, CHARIOTS AND HORSES WILL BE
COVERED AGAINST JUST ABOUT ANYTHING
SHORT OF AN ACT OF GOD

SMILE
God Loves you

Sunday School Lesson

One Sunday, after church, Mom asked her little daughter what the Sunday school lesson was about.

Her daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilts." Needless to say, Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea. Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said, "Be not afraid, thy Comforter is coming."

Frank & Theresa Roys have invited their church family to attend a fully orchestrated concert by the National Philharmonic Symphony and Chorale.

They have rejoined their excellent voices with this illustrious group since our Camerata is no longer available.



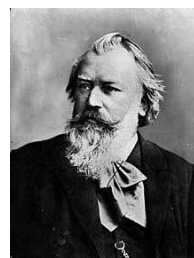
National Philharmonic: Brahms Requiem

National Philharmonic

Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 8:00 PM

Music Center at Strathmore

Audrey Elizabeth Luna, soprano
Christopher Nomura, baritone
Micheal Emery Crotty, boy soprano
Stan Engebretson, conductor



Part of the America Sings in the Nation's Capital Festival.

Written as a tribute to his mother, Brahms's *Requiem* is considered his greatest vocal work. The evening also features Bernstein's serene Chichester Psalms, based on texts from the Hebrew Bible, and the moving Alleluia by the late Washington composer and violinist Andreas Makris.



MAKRIS *Alleluia*

BERNSTEIN *Chichester Psalms*

BRAHMS *A German Requiem*



Ticket prices range \$29 - \$79 Kids ages 7-17 are free. Please call the Strathmore Ticket Office directly at (301) 581-5100 to purchase Kids free tickets. Kids free tickets are not available for online purchase. Strathmore online-

<http://www.strathmore.org/eventstickets/calendar/view.asp?id=4227>



To the Strathmore From the I-270 Spur, heading south

(From Gaithersburg, Frederick and points north)

Exit the I-270 Spur onto Old Georgetown Road (Route 187). Follow the signs to Old Georgetown Road, North. Turn left onto Rt. 187. Within a 1/4 mile, turn right onto Tuckerman Lane. Follow Tuckerman Lane for about 2 miles and cross over Rockville Pike (355), entrance to Metro Garage is on the right. Take the stairs or elevator to the 4th level and walk across the sky bridge into the Music Center's main entrance.

**Hyattstown Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**

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In order to save money and trees,
HCC News will be changing to
electronic format, unless you
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REMINDER

Spring Forward
on Sunday March 14th
Daylight Savings Time ends.
Set your clocks Saturday night so
you make it to church on time!

