



N o v e m b e r

Worship-- 9am & 11am

Nov 8 - Noon - Nominating Committee

Nov 10 - 7pm - Board Meets

Nov 15 - Noon - Deaconate Reflections

Nov 25 - Wed - 7:30 - Thanksgiving Service at HCC

Nov 26 - Thurs - Thanksgiving Day 

Nov 28 - Sat- Noon - Hanging of the Greens Party

Nov 29 - Sun - Advent Begins 



9:30 - 11 Wednesdays - Bible Study



10 to 10:30 Sundays - Choir Rehearsal

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THE PASTOR'S PAGE



The longer nights and colder days are slowly coming upon us. Dark days can be dreary, but blessings *can* come during these days. The trees are either bald or glorious –

that last flourish as though wanting to give a final impression before going to sleep until Spring. We enjoy warm drinks more, curl up under cozy blankets, snuggle with our favorite buddy – human or animal - and enjoy the slower paced days and long nights. The excitement of Thanksgiving, Advent and with that, Christmas, is drawing near, too.

In November we find ourselves preparing for the end of the church year and the beginning of the new one. This month has five Sundays, the last one being the first Sunday in Advent – the beginning of a new Church Year. And the sermon texts for November seem to be preparing us for the end.

On the first Sunday of November we will hear about the Days of Judges for the Israelites – and Naomi (Mara) and Ruth in particular. Where we come to understand the true meaning of family and loyalty and what binds us to each other.

The second Sunday we stay within the context of the Book of Ruth and witness the restoration of Ruth and the birth of King David's father, which begins to direct us to another sort of leadership – the time of the Kings.

The third Sunday we witness another birth – the birth of Samuel, the prophet who is called to bring in the era of the first

King, Saul. Throughout all of these we witness God's hearing and answering of prayers of women, which brought about great men.

The last Sunday of the church year the sermon text deals with death, in a way. We contemplate the last words of David. They are words of praise, an affirmation of life and project into the future; which of course, leads us to the first Sunday in Advent. Jeremiah's text is a clear moment of anticipation for a time of righteousness. And that is what Advent is all about, waiting in anticipation for something amazing.

The Sister of Loretto who led our seminarians' Advent retreat once described Advent as that moment on the diving board when you spring up – and you haven't quite reached the top of your jump, and haven't started your decent yet. That millisecond of a moment is the feeling of Advent. We anticipate the birth of our beloved Savior and brother, we aren't quite there yet, and our hearts are filling with a bit of a thrill.

That is what I wish for all of us this November.

Shalom, Rev. Lisa Kay Comingore Smith



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Theological Reflections Group that meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 will begin a new book on November 18th and continue for 12 weeks. We have chosen Eckhart Tolle's Book, "The Power of Now". It is a highly spiritual book reflecting various disciplines. We will be reading his writings with the Bible as our foundation. If you want to join us, please contact Pastor Lisa so she can order enough books. The price of the book depends upon how many are ordered.



Liturgical Schedule — also posted on bulletin board inside front door

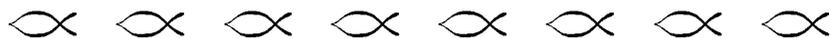
			
9 am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
Oct 25/ Nov 1	Teresa Hearl	Debbie Blair	
Nov 8/15	Bill Duke	Eddie Flook	
Nov 22/29	Hugh Howard	Sharon Duke	

NOTE: Elders are also serving as Worship Leaders

11am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
Oct 25/ Nov 1	Randy Loy	Sandy Law	Walt Moore
Nov 8/15	Janice Seaman	Pierrette McIntire	Chuck McIntire
Nov 22/29	Sharon Turman	Becky DeLameter	Paul DeLameter

The Pastor is reading the sermon scripture
Liturgists read the Epistle and Gospel selections.

Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Epistle/ Gospel Scriptures
Nov 1	Frank Hearl	Randy Loy	Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12: 28-34
Nov 8	Beth Sweeney	Robin Davis	Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12: 38-44
Nov 15	Gail Howard	Pat Griffith	Hebrews 10: 11-14,(15-18), 19-25 Mark 13:1-8
Nov 22	Grace Duke	Bill Huntzman	Rev. 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37
Nov 29	Frank Roys	Ginny Pierson	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21: 25-36



Deaconate Reflections & Instructions

On November 15th after the second worship, body and soul will be fed as Randy Loy and Pastor Lisa Smith will offer a course for those who are interested in becoming a Deacon, or already are one. There will be historical and ecumenical reflections on the position, a look at what has been expected of the Deacons of Hyattstown, and then time to reflect on those and discuss further implications! Pastor Lisa will make a warm lunch as well. Plan on staying until at least 2 pm.



Nominating Committee



There will be a nominating committee for new Elders & Deacons after the second worship on November 8th. A light lunch will be offered.

HCC CHANCEL CHOIR has resumed rehearsals from 10 to 10:30 am each Sunday and will be participating in the morning worship services again this fall. Everyone is invited to come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



November Birthdays

Nov 2 - Gail Howard
Nov 4 - Andy Blair
Nov 6 - David Stickerod
Nov 10 - Kris Wilson
Nov 11 - Steve Smith
Nov 19 - Magdalen Memmott
Nov 19 - Ellen Pierson



Nov 21 - Jack Sweeney
Nov 22 - Sandy Law
Nov 27 - Kevin Moore

November Anniversaries

Nov 9 Paul & Becky DeLameter

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

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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 as she gets to know us. 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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FEED THE HUNGRY
Saturday at 4:30pm
to serve, come to the back door
of the Frederick Rescue Mission
-November 14

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
November 7



Great Yard Sale!

We had a great Fall yard sale and bazaar despite the dreary weather. A steady stream of stalwart, hungry shoppers helped us to have a great return for our time and efforts. Thanks to the many donations of items for the yard sale, bakers of something for every sweet tooth, the great lunch room fare, handmade items for the craft table and the many volunteers for pricing, setting up and breaking down, we were able to raise \$1,365.00 for outreach and special gifts to programs of the church. A special thank you to all who helped to make the day so successful.





For those of you I haven't sung the praises of Hope Alive to, Hope Alive is a home for homeless women and children. It is located in a bucolic setting in Sabillasville MD and dedicated not only to supplying shelter for the homeless, but also teaching them the skills they need to become self supporting and good parents. A mother and her children can stay at Hope Alive for two years and then receive support for their first year on their own.

2009 has been a tough year at Hope Alive. Due to financial constraints, two members were cut from the staff. The work of those two members was then distributed among the remaining staff members and with the help of God and volunteers the work continued uninterrupted. Recently the director of the Children's Development Center left and Hope Alive is now looking for a new director of CDC. If you know a kind compassionate teacher that could fill this vacancy, let them know it is available.

For the first time since opening in December of 2006, the house is full. Hope Alive currently houses nine mothers and 16 children. Two mothers are new and in the orientation stage, two mothers are studying for their GED and 5 mothers attend FCC, learning skills to make them productive members of the community.

In addition to their studies most of the mothers work (one has two part-time jobs). They also have jobs within the household and the care of their children. They are busy.

As you can imagine the upkeep of the house and CDC is very expensive and Hope Alive can always use your help, whether it is in donating supplies, donating money or volunteering of your time to help with the many activities involved with the smooth operation of this wonderful organization.

Barbara Dangler

Food Pantry

Frederick's Food Pantry, where we Feed the Hungry, is still running low. We have a box in the foyer to collect non-perishable goods. Barb Dangler has volunteered to deliver them to the Food Bank.

Hope Alive

A list of items needed at Hope Alive is in the donation box near the front door of the church. Ask Barb Dangler if you have questions.

**YOU CAN
HELP!**

HCC Member News



If you have news please send the information (and a picture if you have it) to Teresa at **TKHearl@comcast.net**.

Or tell Barbara Lang. It's the little things that make our congregation a family. We rejoice in your successes and pray for your challenges. Please share.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service

There will be an ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service at Hyattstown Christian Church at 7:30 PM on Wednesday November 25th. Details to come.



Advent Moments

On each Sunday in Advent someone(s) from the congregation will light the Advent candle for that day and share a reflection about Advent. If you or your family is interested in leading that moment, please contact the Pastor.



Church Year's 'Eve' and Hanging of the Greens

On Saturday November 28th at 12:00 PM, the Wednesday morning group is offering an end of the 2009 church year, beginning of the 2009-2010 church year party. It will begin with an Advent meditation by the Pastor and then lunch will be served. Advent booklets will be passed out and then followed by the Hanging of the Greens! All are welcome and more details will follow.

Bits & Pieces



Friends worshiped with us in October-- John Powell, former pastor here, Marlys Guildner and Beverly Preece, Barbara Lang's mother and her friend visiting from Minnesota, and Ben and Carolyn Manning.

Peter DeLameter is doing well at school and will be traveling with a special group dancing in Panama over the Christmas holidays.

The DeLameters, Hearls and Roys saw Kelly DeLameter perform in "The Producers." Great job, Kelly!

Barbara Lang has a new grandson, Alexander Robert Johnson, born Sept. 28, which was his mommy's birthday too! Everyone is doing great.

Bill Duke took a group of scouts on a camping trip. And David Smith went on a special camping trip with the principal of his school. Hope you stayed dry.

Meghan Blair came home over the Columbus Day holiday weekend. Sandy Law had a wonderful time visiting her two new granddaughters. We are thankful to have her back with us! Teresa Hearl went to see her mom and sisters in Morgantown, then flew to Wisconsin to visit a friend. Turmans had a great visit with their daughter in Los Angeles - but they will NOT consider moving to California! The Davis family had a great time with family and friends at Penn State. Walt and Chris Moore spent time in Harrisonburg, VA with their daughter, Jessie.

We are thrilled to learn that Lorenzo York will be moving back to this area in November. We celebrated Joyce Cook and Bob Cook's birthdays. Good to see them!

Steven and Heather Ayers came through their procedures fine, and also for Sy who is doing well after his tonsillectomy. Debbie Flook is OK after being rear-ended. She stopped in time to avoid hitting a deer, but the bus that was behind her wasn't able to stop and hit her car.

Debrean Loy was also rear-ended by a car this week. She will be OK, but is moving slowly and wasn't able to be at church.



Lord, be with us as we pray:

**Thank you for the blessings of joyous occasions. Thank you for the jobs we have, for activities we enjoy, and the gifts we are able to share.*

**We pray for family members in search of jobs and direction in life, also for family relationship issues. For those with financial struggles. We have so many concerns, Lord.*

**We pray for family members and friends of our church family who are dealing with cancer, death of loved ones, Alzheimers, anorexia, and other debilitating diseases, and for family members left behind after a suicide. Also those dealing with depression, injuries, and heart problems. Be with us as we accept the challenge of dealing with aging parents and troubled youth, and for college students learning to face the world. Help us understand that it is not your will for your children to suffer.*

**We pray for family members and friends with health issues; Hannah Matlock, Norman Horman, LaQuita Huntman, Bob & Sharon Turman, Barb Dangler, Louise Jones, several members of the Flook family, Terry Reister & the Reister family.*

**For our Pastor, Lisa Kay C. Smith, and her family, our Deacons, our Elders, and the HCC Church Board, The Disciples of Christ Church and Christ's church in the world. Be with Larry Brown, who is the Moderator of the Disciples of Christ.*

**Be with the families of all prisoners, Lord. Help them see hope for the future.*

**Be with victims of natural disasters who are still struggling after the reporters leave. Especially with the victims of the tsunami.*

**Be with victims of domestic violence, gang violence, and the violence of war. Heal the hearts of those who commit such acts.*

**Be with victims of prejudice, and with the narrow minded.*

**Be with our military who serve in harm's way. Please show us how to find a peaceful resolution to conflict.*

**Give wisdom to our government leaders and wisdom for all world leaders.*

We are humbled by the magnitude of your grace. Thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers, O Lord. **Amen*

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