

HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

October 2009 Volume 8 Issue 10

October Worship-- 9am & 11am

October 4 - Great communion Sunday



October 10 - Annual Yard Sale
Bring stuff, buy stuff!

October 9&10 - Disciple Men's Retreat



October 25 - Halloween Party
After the SINGLE SERVICE 10a.m.



9:30 - 11 Wednesdays - Bible Study



10 to 10:30 Sundays - Choir Rehearsal

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I also check the church phone daily.
Thank you for your patience.

THE PASTOR'S PAGE



October is the month of Job. The sermon texts for the four Sundays in October are all from the book of Job, one of the 'Poetical Books' or 'Writings', the third and final part of the Hebrew canon. Job has been known for dealing with faith in the midst of suffering and/or the suffering of the just. It is a challenging book for a preacher, and I'm auspiciously looking forward to discovering what will be coming out of my mouth during this next month!

October is also the month of our yard sale and the famous Halloween service. The Halloween service will be on October 25th and there will be one service at 10 am with a potluck following. I have to say, the closer we all get to that day the more anxious I become. I've never 'done' a Halloween service before, but I love Halloween. My understanding of the roots of the tradition (and there seem to be quite a variety of them) was that it was an ancient Celtic custom that the innocent children (who would be free of any danger because of their innocence) go door to door dressed in scary costumes to frighten away any evil spirits, so that on the next day, 'All Saints Day', the good spirits could return without being encumbered by the evil ones, and as a thank you to the children doing this, they were given treats. Much like the role of the gargoyles outside the great cathedrals who were to scare away the profane so that the place inside remain sacred. The children are like mobile gargoyles.

With that in mind, that our sanctuary is a sacred space, may I be so bold as to request that as many dress up as are comfortable but please refrain from dressing up as witches or demons or vampires or zombies and such. Be gentle on me - it is the

first time I've experienced this and need some gradual adjustments. We have a Pumpkin head, Mr. Fishman costume and an Alien Head (I'm sure it's a Christian alien) costume available – and may be making another one for this year! If you want to see pictures of them, let me know.

In the meantime the congregation will be busy on other levels. My hope is that soon each committee will plan a meeting on a day outside of Sunday and invite me to attend so that we can focus on what their roles are and start coming up with goals. We cannot start short and long term planning until each committee is confident in their role and when I was interviewed for this position there was verbal excitement at the wonder of what would come from such planning.

Randy Loy and I also plan on having guiding and inspirational meetings for the roles of Elders, Deacons and even Liturgists. The Acolytes will also be having instructional classes, but when is up in the air for right now.

I close this month's word from the pastor with my sincerest prayer that as we grow in knowledge and in trust with each other that our love will grow; as inspired by our mentor, the suffering servant, Jesus Christ, our brother and redeemer. Amen

**Shalom,
Rev. Lisa Kay Comingore Smith**



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.



Liturgical Schedule — also posted on bulletin board inside front door

			
9 am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
Sept 27/Oct 4	Gail Howard	Andy Blair	
October 11/18	Frank Roys	Sarah Duke	
Oct 25/ Nov 1	Teresa Hearl	Debbie Blair	

NOTE: Elders are also serving as Worship Leaders

11am Worship	Elders	Deaconate	
Sept 27/Oct 4	Bob Turman	Becky DeLameter	Paul DeLameter
October 11/18	Pat Griffith	Martha Cooley	Barb Dangler
Oct 25/ Nov 1	Randy Loy	Sandy Law	Walt Moore

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

Liturgist	9 am Worship	11 am Worship	Epistle/ Gospel Scriptures
Oct 4	Beth Sweeney	Janice Seaman	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
Oct 11	Bill Duke	Stacy Wilson	Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31
Oct 18	Bill Duke	Stacey Wilson	Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
Oct 25	Frank Hearl	Robin Davis	Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

<p>October Birthdays 10/1- Pearl Anderson 10/2- Chuck McIntire 10/7- Keith Hatton 10/9- Mary Lou Masters</p>		<p>10/17- Bill Huntemann 10/28- John Metz 10/29- Birdie Abrecht</p> <p>October Anniversaries 10/4- Chuck and Pierrette McIntire</p>
<p>Please say a special prayer for these people on their special day!</p>		

HCC Library Updates

Books continue to be added to the library in the room off the entrance at the back of the church. We have a new system for checking out books. There is a box of index cards on the bookshelf. If you check out a book, please put your name, the name of the book(s) and the date on a card and put it sideways in the box. When you return the book, just take the card out and throw it away. If you know the proper place for the book(s) you return, put it away; otherwise just leave it on top of the bookcase.



We hope you will continue to make suggestions for a “wish list” for books to add to the library.

Please send suggestions to: sharronlwsmith@gmail.com We also hope a larger bookcase will be purchased when the “decorating committee” continues its work in that back room.

The book *Lay Pastoral Care Giving* by Timothy Farabaugh was checked out before our system was in place. Please return this soon, as there are others waiting to read this book.



Annual Yard Sale

HCC WOMEN will be hosting our annual Yard Sale on October 10. We will also be serving lunch, and selling craft items and bake sale items as part of our fundraising effort. Items can be left in the lower foyer by the side door. This is also a good time to start working on craft items for our event! Everyone is encouraged to participate. We will be having a brief planning meeting Sunday October 4 at 10:30 in the Upper Room.



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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 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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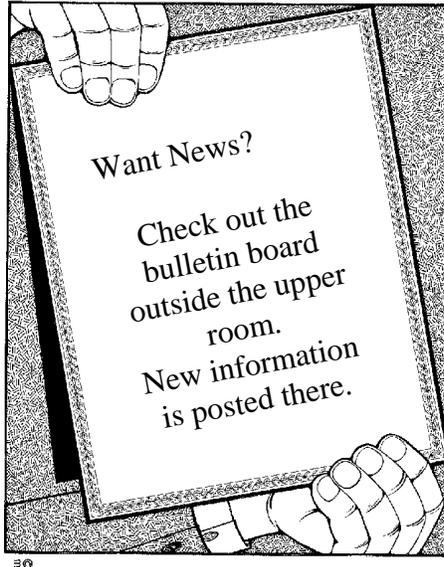
Food Pantry

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.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wed morning Bible Study group meets Wednesdays at 10am. The Pastor is leading a discussion of the book "The Ten Commandments" by Joan Chittister. You are welcome to join us.



Halloween Party

**October 25th
single service at 10a.m.**

We will be having our traditional Halloween party following the **October 25th single service at 10a.m.** Sloppy joes, chips and drinks will be provided by the HCC women, and a donation basket will be out to help cover the cost of the food.

Everyone is encouraged to bring finger foods to share (*but no real fingers!!*). We will also have door prize tickets and prizes for the best costumes. (Read the Pastor's Page, please.)

DISCIPLE MEN will be having a Regional Retreat October 9 & 10, which will be held at the National 4-H Headquarters. Hugh will be posting a flyer with more information on the bulletin board.

GREAT COMMUNION SUNDAY is October 4, 2009. There will be a special Celebration on the 200th Anniversary of the signing of Thomas Campbell's Declaration and Address at Mountain Christian Church in Joppa, MD at 4 PM. This will be a multi-denominational celebration of the Stone-Campbell movement. Parishioners from DC, VA and MD are invited to attend. Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more details.

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.

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!



Presents **LITTLE WOMEN**
the Broadway musical

Book by Allan Knee Music by Jason Howland
Lyrics by Mindi Dickstein Based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott

Kevin Kuchar, Director
Megan Hartten, Music Director and Conductor
Barbara Lang, Producer

PERFORMANCES:
September 25, 26, October 1, 2, 3, 2009 at 8 pm
September 26, 27 and October 4, 2009 at 2 pm

WHERE:
Olney Theatre Center - Multz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab
2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, MD 20832
Tickets: \$18 Adults, \$15 Seniors and Students K-12

Order tickets online through our website:
www.damascustheatre.org
For group ticketing, call 301-253-6210

Bits & Pieces



The installation service was beautiful. Special thanks to Pat Bush and Becky DeLameter for the decorations and pediments. The service was followed by a scrumptious lunch.

Pat Bush and Sharron Smith continue to make progress in the library.

The Sweeney's had a great trip to the Grand Canyon. Frank Hearl travelled to Germany and returned with pictures of Berlin that Lisa and Steve enjoyed seeing while at Bethany Beach.

Meghan Blair is safely at college in Boston. Peter DeLameter is doing well at Butler University, and received a merit scholarship based on his dance audition. Kelly DeLameter will be performing in "The Producers" in Frederick. Grace Duke attended CYF.

Several people have been able to visit Terry as he recovers at the rehab facility -The Blairs, Marian Myers, and Randy Loy. Ben and Carolyn Manning joined us for Lisa's installation.

Yea, weddings! The Hearls and Blairs attended weddings for friends. Pat Bush's daughter was married at the end of September and brought gorgeous flowers to share on Sunday.



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 new 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*



We chatted around the tables, sat on the beach, and played puttputt, too.



Rev Lisa and Steve told us about their mission experience in Germany.

Bethany Beach



What a blessing! Such fellowship and rest is good for the body, and healing for the soul.





Congratulations!

Frank and Teresa Roys are proud to announce that Kevin Chase Elkins and Kimberly Joy Cardwell were married at the Chantilly Bible Church in Chantilly VA (where Kim's Daddy is associate pastor) July 11 2009. Kim is working for the state of VA in health and human resources and Kevin is band director at Ni Middle school in Spotsylvania Co. and assistant band director at Riverbend High School. They live in Fredericksburg VA. Both attended JMU. Kim graduated summa cum laude (Kevin says that means she didn't have any fun at college) Congratulations Kevin and Kimberly! (And we hope that Kevin will come play the euphonium for us soon.)

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THIS PLACE FREAKED ME OUT UNTIL I HEARD
THAT FIRE AND BRIMSTONE EVANGELIST

**Installation of
Rev Lisa Comingore Smith**



Rev Lisa's installation ceremony was beautiful and uplifting. We are so glad that God led her to service here. May God be with us all as we work together to build God's church in Hyattstown Md.

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