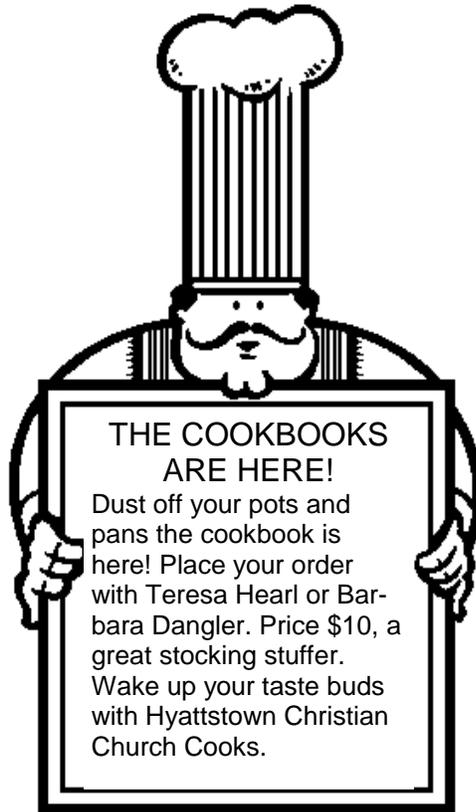


# HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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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.



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## SEPTEMBER

Services 9am and 11am

**Bethany Beach Retreat** —Sept 8-10

**Board Meets Tuesday** —Sept 12 at 7 pm

**Choir practice resumes Sundays at 10** —Oct 1

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I would be willing to take on almost any project if the leadership of this congregation is behind it. There were so many political and difficult possibilities to Camp Starfish that many friends simply told me not to go forward with it. That was reasonable advice. What they did not realize ( and sometimes I didn't realize it right away myself ) is that God was definitely interested in these children.

Rita Rumbaugh partnered with us and got us our school bus. There were some difficulties this year but, as usual, Rita plowed right through them.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church assisted us by picking up all the children at their homes. Mary Saxton Clipper offered extraordinary help with this.

Dana Reitman was the lead for our arts and crafts, and she was wonderful.

Gail Howard lead our stories and this was powerful.

We all went to Greenbriar lake because of our pool problems. Bob Turman made these arrangements for us. Bob also produced our talent show again this year. Next year we must tape it. The campers



loved it.

Everyone participated in the many games. "Capture the flag" was the favorite. These kids take capture the flag very seriously.



Warden Robert Green visited the camp Wednesday and was very impressed. The warden suggested we bring in a theater group next year. Cathy Matthews was with us Tuesday and made a powerful presentation for the campers. She gave us some great ideas for next year.

Andy Blair was our primary security and camp fire engineer. Joe Reister was in charge of the boy's cabin. Stacey Wilson was a powerful recreation leader. Barb Dangler, Pat Griffith, Marian Meyers, Martha Cooley, Ben Blair, Becky DeLameter, Sharron Smith, Roger Reitman,

Barbara Lang, were all helpers and leaders. I am especially appreciative of the leadership of our administrator, Pierrette McIntire. She was everywhere and kept us all on track. Her personal dedication to Starfish has made all the difference. Our camp was great, not simply good, and she is a primary reason why. I have directed many camps and CYF conferences over the years in Tennessee, Virginia but Starfish is the best of them all.

Plan to help us next year.....

*+Terry*

### Adult Education Opportunities

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study -**  
Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9:30-11am  
Bible study resumed on Aug 30



**Monday Evening Bible Study—** The pastor is leading the Evening Bible Study from 7:00-8:30pm.

**Theology Study Group —** Our Bonhoeffer Theology study group is meeting on alternate Saturdays. Call Janice Seaman for info. 301-831-6231

THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR YOU TO JOIN US.

<b>Liturgical Schedule — also posted on bulletin board inside front door</b>			
<b>9 am Worship</b>	<b>Deaconate</b>	<b>Elders</b>	Note Table Format And Single Elders for Second Service
Aug 27 / Sept 3	T. Hearl	G. Pierson	
Sept 10/17	A. Blair	D. Blair	
Sept 24/ Oct 1	E. Flook	H. Howard	
<b>11 am Worship</b>	<b>Deaconate</b>		<b>Elders</b>
Aug 27 / Sept 3	B. Yankaskas	P. McIntire	C. Moore
Sept 10/17	B. Dangler	L. Huntman	J. Seaman
Sept 24/ Oct 1	S. Law	W. Moore	S. Wilson
<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>9 am Worship</b>	<b>11 am Worship</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
Sept 3	Dana Reitman	Pierrette McIntire	James 1: 17-27
Sept 10	Doris Horman	Beth Sweeney	James 2: 1-10, 11-13, 14-17
Sept 17	Sharron Smith	Chris Moore	James 3: 1-12
Sept 24	Frank Hearl	Sharon Turman	James 3:13- 4:3, 7-8a

**“God Can —  
God Will —  
God Wants To —  
If you’ll let Him”**

**Pastor Fletcher A. Brothers**



**September Birthdays**



William Smith Sept 2  
 Teresa Hearl Sept 7  
 Doris Horman Sept 10  
 Lon Pierson Sept 10  
 LaQuita Huntzman Sept 15  
 Joe Reister Sept 20  
 Ben Blair Sept 21  
 Janice Seaman Sept 24  
 Ginger Memmott Sept 25  
 Matthew Schaeffer Sept 28

**September Anniversaries**  
 Jerry & Cherry King Sept 1

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

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.

**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.



**LOTS OF TALENT HERE AT HCC!!!**

**Useful Information**

Pastor Terry Reister:  
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 Tkhearl@adelphia.net SEND NEWS!!

## MYSTERY PICTURE



This photo is somewhat of a History of Hyattstown challenge. It shows two features which not many folks may know about. Can you identify them? (Answer on another page)

### **Saint John's Illuminated Bible**

A few folks are caravanning from the church parking lot, to Shady Grove, then onto the Metro to go see St. John's Bible at the Library of Congress in DC.

St John's Bible is the first handwritten and illuminated Bible since the printing press was used in the 1500s. It is based on the NSV translation with oversight from the St. John's Benedictine abbey in Minnesota. All of the work has been done by one group in Wales. The pages are 15 X 24 velum that they produce themselves, and the pages just glow. It is a 7 year project that will end in late 2007. For more information [www.saintjohnsbible.org](http://www.saintjohnsbible.org) If you would like to join the caravan, wear your walking shoes and meet in the church parking lot.



**On SATURDAY October 21 AT 10:00 am**



**THERE ARE STILL A FEW SPOTS LEFT.**

Call Hugh Howard at 301- 831-8643

Don't Dally, Do it Today!



**BETHANY BEACH WEEKEND**

September 8 to 10, 2006

Reservations include: Lodging for Friday and Saturday nights  
Three meals on Saturday Sept 9, 2006  
Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday Sept 10, 2006

\$25 deposit for adults and children attending. No deposit charge for pre-schoolers. The remainder of the costs will be collected at the Bethany Beach camp when you arrive. Total initial estimated cost to us: \$2794, with a 20% (\$558) deposit. **Note:** the church Board approved covering one third of the expenses from the 'Pontiac show' proceeds. The rates below show the 'full' rates and the adjusted rates our families should plan for. **SEE HUGH HOWARD TO REGISTER.**

PER PERSON		FULL COST	ADJUSTED COST
STONE HOUSE	Adult	\$126	\$82
	Children (5-15)	\$66	\$44
DISCIPLES HOUSE	Adult	\$110	\$74
	Children (5-15)	\$55	\$37

**Die Fledermaus**



Several of our Hyattstown Church folks will be participating in the Frederick Camerata's production of Strauss's operetta. Die Fledermaus means "the Bat." It is a comedy centered around a mischievous trick, disguises, and champagne. Phil Day leads the production. Gail Howard directs, Joe Reister and Dana Reitman work behind the scenes, and many of our choir members lend their voices. The opera will be at the Cultural Arts Center on Sept 22-23 & 29-30. Ask any Camerata member for more information.





## NEWS In the PEWS

Dear Friends,

We've had a great summer, but we're not sure that anybody rested. The Hyattstown Church folks are always busy! The Youth Group is gearing up for the fall & they enjoyed an end of summer outing to see the Frederick Keys play their last game of the season. The youth will be meeting twice a month starting in September & will be learning about the history & formation of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

Moving on up: **Doris & Norman Horman** officially moved into their new condo on August 12th & despite some back troubles, Doris has everything in place.

Good News: We were all thrilled with the debut of the Hyattstown Christian Church Women's Trio. **Debbie Blair, Debbie Flook & Teresa Hearl** under the direction of **Phil Day** sang at Sunday services & they were magnificent! *Bravo!* **Barbara Lang** received the wonderful gift of a grand piano. She's already putting it to good use practicing the score for *Bye, Bye Birdie* (Damascus Theatre Company in September). **Phillip York** attended a McDonald's Youth Leadership orientation program at his new college in Marietta, Ohio. **Gail Howard & Phil Day** had a second sold-out Theatre Day Camp. Staffers from Church included: Gail, Phil, **Becky DeLameter,**

**Peggie Hatton, Sarah Duke & Joe Reister.** Our camp participants included: **Kelly DeLameter, Grace Duke & Magi Memmott.** They put on an amazing production of *The Magic Flute*. The costumes were fantastic! *Bravo* everyone! **Sharron & Bill Smith** welcomed the arrival of grandson Miles Chandler out in Seattle. **Frank & Teresa Hearl** greeted new grandson Alexander Reike in Morgantown, West Virginia. The Hearl's were thrilled to get some extended time in Frederick with Xander, big sister Lily & their daughter Renee since the Reike house was in the midst of some refurbishing. Congratulations to the parents & grandparents! **Joe Reister** had a busy month attending his 10-year high school reunion, being a groomsman in a friend's wedding & attending his second Paul Simon concert at Merriweather Post Pavilion. (Mom reminded him that his very first concert in 1991 was the *Born at the Right Time* tour.) **Chaplain Lorenzo York** has been very busy with his new job at the Pentagon in the Chief of Chaplains Office & he's working on his doctoral project at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ohio! Lorenzo is renown for his multi-tasking capabilities. **Hugh Howard, Chuck McIntire & Joe Reister** have been busily remodeling the choir area making preparations for the installation of the pipe organ. **Dana & Roger Reitman** welcomed friends who were visiting from Malawi.

### Eagle Scout News: **Michael Yankaskas & Christopher**

**Yankaskas** were made Eagle Scouts at a recent ceremony in Kemptown. We heard that it is extremely rare for a pair of brothers to earn their Eagle Scout status at the same time. Very

proud parents **Kurt & Brenda Yankaskas** along with sister **Julie** presented the young men with keepsake boxes to mark the momentous event. Michael's Eagle project involved constructing a wooden footbridge at the Friends' Meeting School, while Christopher's project was building a number of outdoor benches for an area park. They were responsible for all of the planning, gathering of materials & seeing their respective projects through to completion. Kudos to Michael & Christopher, we are very proud of you too!

**On the road again: Jonathan, Robin & Bryce Davis** traveled to Maine for a family reunion where they feasted on lobster. Then a couple weeks later they went to North Carolina's Outer Banks. And finally, Robin went to Atlanta where she caught one of son **Kyle's** drum shows. Now that he's 21, this is Kyle's last summer of traveling with the group. **Meghan Blair** & a friend enjoyed Disneyland & other area sights in California before traveling north to Oregon for a few weeks. It turns out that **Ginger & Magi Memmott** were at Disneyland the same week as Meghan! The Memmotts enjoyed time in Venice Beach & San Francisco. **Kathy & Earl O'Dell** raved about their trip to Niagara Falls & Canada with 2 of their grandchildren. They especially liked visiting the butterfly area of the arboretum. **Andy, Debbie, Meghan & Ben Blair** flew to Jacksonville, Florida to visit Andy's parent, Jack & Barbara Blair. **Phil Day** took a month off visiting with his sister. They divided his time between Texas & Iowa. We heard that he visits a particular tie-dye t-shirt vendor every year at the Iowa State Fair. **Ben Blair, Christopher Yankaskas, Mi-**

**chael Yankaskas, Peter DeLameter & Kelly DeLameter** attended area Boy Scout Camps. **Bill, Sharon, Sarah & Grace Duke** took a week off & flew to a family reunion in California. **Jerry & Cherry King** had lots of fun at a family gathering in Iowa where they helped a cousin celebrate her 100th birthday. **Hugh & Gail Howard** visited son Charles on their way down to see a friend in Atlanta. **Bob & Sharon Turman** managed to get some time away & they were delighted with the mountains of North Carolina. They saw a sign for Christ retreat facility & took a tour. **Eddie Flook** is joining son Steven to help out on a weeklong business trip to California. (*What is it about California with folks from our Church?*) **Pierrette & Chuck McIntire** enjoyed time at Deep Creek Lake with his parents, his sisters & their families as they all celebrated Mr. McIntire's 80th birthday. **Paul, Becky & Kelly DeLameter** drove to Houston to see **Peter** dance the lead in a performance with the Houston School of Ballet. **Kathy O'Dell** has been back & forth & back again to Houston. **Walt & Chris Moore** drove up to Connecticut to visit friends. **Mark, Ginny, Ellen & Lon Pierson** spent a great week at the beach. **Milestones: Sarah Oluich** turned 18. **Bryce Davis** is 16 & has his driver's license! **The Reister's** celebrated their 35th anniversary.

**People to remember in prayer:** Artye Hellner, Norman & Doris Horman, Hannah Matlock, Jerry & Cherry King, Bob & Joyce Cook, Sharron Smith, Dana Reitman & Dr. George Schaffer.  
Grace & peace,

+Janet

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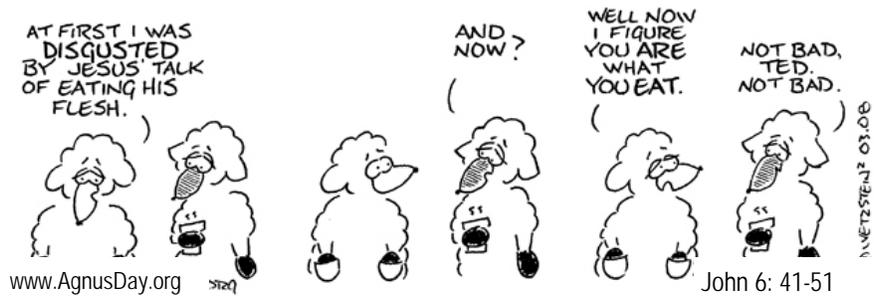
Carter Reitman won the Frederick City Junior Tennis Championship. In his first tournament! Congrats Carter!

Heather and Chris Ayers & family are moving to 331 S. Church Street in Middletown, MD

When you feel dog tired at night, it may be because you've growled all day long.



Eddie and Debbie Flook's granddaughter Hannah is one year old. She REALLY enjoyed her cake.



### Norm & Doris Horman

Debbie Flook shared this information with us: News for you is that Doris & Norman Horman are now in their new and lovely condo at:

120 Burgess Hill Way #117  
Frederick MD 21702.

Both of them love their new home. The Lord works wonders! As we were at the settlement table, settling on their condo, an agent was showing their home. And don't you know it, right on time, they put a contract on their house. The Lord is wise and good and does things the best possible way. Settlement date is the 15th of September, but they may want to settle as soon as the end of August. Also, Doris has done something to her back and is hurting.

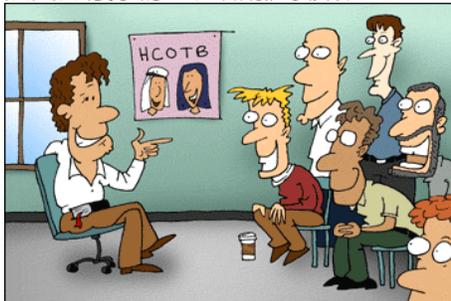
### ???Mystery Photo???

The photo is taken under the chancel looking at the SouthWest corner. (Under the choir loft) One can see 'L-shaped' cuts in the back wall which originally held up the end of original pews. Which means that the chancel didn't originally go all the way to the South wall.

Also note the 'patched' hole in the chancel floor on the left (now extended to the South wall). I surmise that this was the air-feed to the pipe organ which was installed from the old 'Soldiers and Sailors Home'. I don't have any dates on this, but the story is that it was so powerful that it shook the building when played and had to be removed.

Note that the current pipe organ blower is in place on the right (under the chancel).

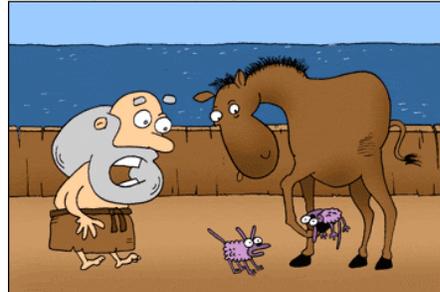
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AFTER THE FIRST FEW EXTINCTIONS, NOAH CONFINED THE LARGER CREATURES TO THEIR ROOMS

**Editor's Note: I am including this letter about Camp Starfish written by Warden Green.**

**Hugh Howard comments to those involved: "My thoughts are that the more you can facilitate this work without being in the lime-light, the better. There will always be politics to play and those who want to play. What you did is fraught with potential pit-falls, but you did great in delivering what you set out to do. Congratulations to all. "**

**Pastor Reister passed this letter along via email.**

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**This morning I had a staff member tell me that an inmate had just thanked them and the facility for Camp Starfish. They did not know what they were talking about. As Paul Harvey would say, here is the rest of the story.....**

Last Wednesday I spent the afternoon at Camp Starfish. Camp Starfish is the outcome of a great deal of exceptional planning and difficult work by Dr. Terry Reister a local Pastor in the Clarksburg area. Dr. Reister envisioned providing a summer camp opportunity for the children of the incarcerated that would allow them to experience some of the joys of nature, friendship and sharing.

Absent some type of positive intervention, studies indicate that up to 70% of the children of the incarcerated will have some type of negative interaction with the criminal justice system. The first camp was last year, attend by two. Undaunted by the numbers, they assured those two children had a great experience. This year there were 13 children involved.

The Camp is not a faithbased camp, but a great camp run by people of faith! Some of the volunteers included Cathy Mathew Director of the Upcounty Center, the CEO of the Federal EEOC, and Pastor Warner a local civic leader and of course our own Mary Saxon-Clipper. The camp provided three days of recreation, crafts, teambuilding, swimming you name it.

On Wednesday I attended as Rob, not the Warden. Frankly I did not want them to know or be concerned with who I was or my reasons for coming. I encountered a very engaged and frank group of young people. Many enjoying some things for the very first time that we tend to take for granted. The pride of one young girl 10 or 11 that went into a lake for the first time. Crafts being done for the first time, having a new book bag for school etc... One young lady asked me "why do you think my mom would rather be in jail then doing this fun stuff with me"? I stuttered through that one to be sure.

We are a very secure, controlled facility, which in turn creates a positive

environment for programs and community collaboration. What we do matters a great deal everyday. These children were not our responsibility; most were living with a grandparent but we all know the unfortunate outcome of incarceration is families and children left behind.

I was very proud that we played some role in facilitating this, and very proud of all the work Mary Saxon-Clipper put into making it a reality.

*Doing what's right, for the right reasons.*

Rob

**Warden Robert L. Green**

Montgomery County Correctional Facility

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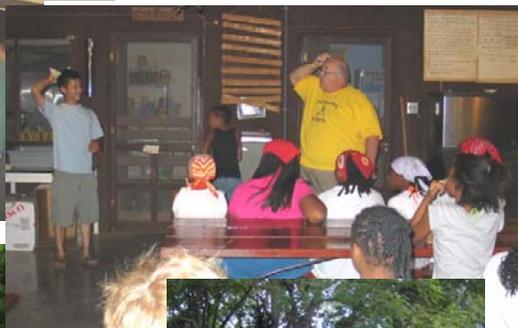
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## CAMP STARFISH STAFF & CAMPERS

## CAMP STARFISH



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](mailto:TKHearl@adelphia.net) or see her in church.

**SNAPSHOTS** By  
**Dana Appleton Reitman**

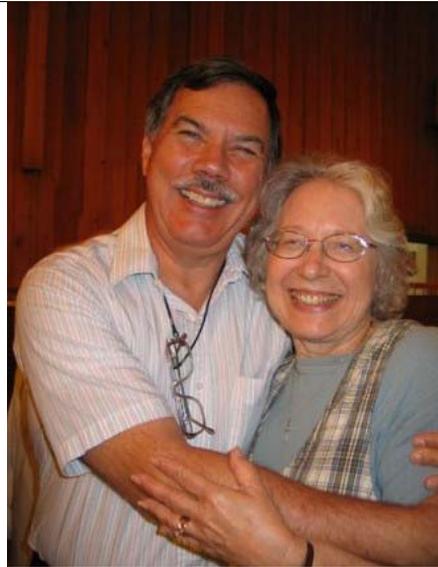
"Is there someone in the congregation you would like to know more about? Is someone you know involved in something really interesting? Do \*you\* want to tell your story? Please call or email Dana Appleton Reitman. 301-846-0654 or reitman@adelphia.net"

I met Gail and Hugh Howard at the Borders out on Rt. 355, on a very hot summer evening in late July. While were enjoying the air conditioning and our fruit smoothies Howard joked that he is Gail's "Toy Boy" – in fact, he is a mere year younger than she is.

Gail grew up in a little mill community outside Athens, Georgia. Gail explained, "They made rope and cord at the mill; most everyone worked at the mill, except my father, and he was a grocery man." Her father went on to become the County treasurer of Clark County, Georgia.

Gail lived about 5 miles from the University of Georgia, so, as she said, "That was my school." She had an older brother and sister; she was the "baby" by seven years. Her family attended the Methodist Church, but the Presbyterian Church in town had a better youth program, so she started going there when she was a teen.

I asked her what she liked about it and she answered "They had regular youth meetings. The Minister would tell us go read a book and report back. I found that I really like doing that, talking in front of people. I sang in the choir and I found out I liked to sing in front of people. We



were always doing youth church programs and I got a lot of experience being in front of people, speaking and singing. We had a lot of fun activities outside the church as well. We had progressive dinners where we went from house to house to have different courses and services in the church on New Years Eve at midnight, stuff like that."

Gail majored in Speech and Drama at the University of Georgia. After receiving a BFA she moved to Richmond, Virginia where she attended the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. She graduated from there with a Masters degree in Christian Education.

"The reason I decided to major in Speech and Drama was my high school took a trip to the University of Georgia to see 'The Teahouse of The August Moon', and I just thought it was the most miraculous thing I had ever seen! The scenery and the lighting and the fact that the house lights dimmed; I just decided right then I was going to school there and what I was going to major in,

and that's exactly what I did!" Gail laughed. I pointed out that Bob Turman was in a production of that play, and Gail said she knew that. "It's a great show. It really is."

When I asked Gail why she decided to go into religious education, she answered "My first thought was to do something in religious drama. I had done a lot of theater and drama productions in churches, and when I was in college I did a lot of things with the youth fellowship, so that's how I started out. Then I found out I had to be a Director of Religious Education if I wanted to do theater. Very few churches hired just theater directors. After I graduated I worked in a big church in Kansas City, Missouri and I did a lot of theater there while I was the director of Christian Ed., and then I went to another church in Liberty, Missouri." Hugh interrupted "And things have been going downhill ever since!" After Gail stopped laughing she continued "And that's where I met Hugh."

I then asked Hugh about his growing-up years. "I was born in Kansas City, Missouri and grew up in St. Josephs, MO, so my first memories are of the St. Joe area. We lived in St. Joe until the summer before my senior year of high school. Dad sold insurance and we moved to Liberty where he opened a sales office. I went for a couple of years to William Jewell College, and then spent four years in the Air Force." He said the Air Force was a good place to grow up. He had a lot of fun, "It was like being back in Boy Scout Camp!"

Hugh got his technical training in Western Union teletype switching systems, a pre-computer data switching system, in the Air Force. After tech school he left north Texas and went to Fort Worth.

Then he was sent to Seville, Spain for a year.

Hugh claims that he was sent away by the very influential parents of the girl he was dating! "I got to Spain and the fellow who was checking me in said 'You're here for three years,' and I said 'No, I'm not.' " As it turned out Hugh was right, but the girl he left behind married someone else anyway. Hugh also told me that he watched President John F. Kennedy get off the plane at Carswell AFB the day before the president was assassinated in Dallas.

At this point Gail urged Hugh to tell me about looking for bombs in Spain.

"When I got to Spain I found out that they didn't need me in the shop, so I was helping in the post office. Christmas mail was coming in and we would drive to the train station to pick up the mail in Seville. We would stop for coffee and cognac- at six in the morning!"

"You drank cognac at six in the morning," I repeated, just to make sure I had heard him correctly.

"Yes, the coffee was strong so they would cut it with lots of sugar and milk. And cognac," Hugh laughed.

"Then we would sort the mail and take it down to Moron Air Base. Franco had let the US build a nice airbase in Seville, with a hospital and communications sites and then he refused to let tanker jets land there, so the US built another base 40 miles south of the first one. So Franco got two bases for one! Driving across the countryside we would see Roman aqueducts, amphitheaters, and watch towers up on the hill. There were olive groves and orange groves."

Gail interrupted, "Tell her about the bomb! That's the best part of the story!"

Hugh continued: "The year after Kennedy was assassinated Jackie Kennedy came to Spain for the celebration of the Holy Week before Easter. People built these 20 by 20 foot platforms, that were like resort huts and whole families would gather there. It was exciting to see the celebrations. You could walk by and see the grandchildren being dressed in their finery and costumes, people were riding horses and motorbikes. We worked around the clock, but everyone had some time off. The bars opened at 6 in the morning and closed at 3 the next morning. Some days we would be downtown all day eating and celebrating with the crowd. It felt very safe. There was music; it was kind of like Mardi Gras.

"A week later two planes collided during a refueling and the debris was spread all over the place. We went south to a Spanish Air Force base and then to a little tent camp on the Mediterranean Sea. It was cold! Our job was to go out in the field and pick up the debris.

"Most of the metal had already been picked up. When the bombs landed they exploded so there was nuclear material

around. Plutonium. We had to clean it up.

"The best minds had said it's a heavy metal, it would be contained in a 100 yard radius of where it was released. When we got there, there was a swath of radiation a quarter mile wide by 2 miles long. They discovered there that plutonium radiation attaches itself to dust, and it flew down the valley. We had to scour the land.

"We were just a bunch of dumb kids on the beach, digging out bomb craters." And not in their protective gear either, Gail added. "It was so hot inside of it, we took it off." Hugh explained.

When I asked Hugh what church he had gone to as a child he replied that his uncle was a Congregational minister, and that in Liberty his family attended a Presbyterian church because it was geographically convenient. After he got back from Spain he reapplied to William Jewell, and went back to his home church in Liberty, where he met Gail.

Hugh's father was on the committee that had hired Gail. She had several cats and also a big four foot square painting of a cat in her house, so when Hugh's father introduced her to the congregation he said "This is our new DCE, and she lives in a cat house!" Clearly Hugh inherited his sense of humor from his dad.

Both Gail and Hugh joked about the beginning of their romance. "We always said we were the only two single people our age in Liberty! He would come over to my house and ask me what's for dinner. Then he would call his mom and ask her what she was making," Gail laughed. Hugh chimed in "Sometimes I would eat at both places!" Their love



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| <p>grew over many dinners and dates going out for pecan pie. We all agreed that pecan pie is high on the list of our favorites!</p> <p>They married in 1968. Hugh soon got a job with IBM, and he was offered a position in Gaithersburg, Maryland in 1979. Lucky for us they moved into a house up the hill from HCC! By then they had their three children, Adrian, Robert and Charles. The first winter they were in the house the children all got chicken pox. One Sunday Gail desperately needed to get out of the house. It was snowing heavily, so she walked down to the Methodist Church.</p> <p>“I walked down there in the snow and they had already had their service, so I walked down to the Disciples Church. The minister at that time found out I was a DCE and he camped out on our doorstep until we joined the church!” Gail laughed. “We never got around to looking anywhere else. We liked the people and we liked the minister.”</p> <p>“And it’s convenient!” Hugh added.</p> <p>Gail and I share experiences of working in churches, and Hugh’s family worked in the ministry; we all agreed that church politics is a good thing to try to avoid! Nevertheless Hugh has been Chairman of the HCC Board for over 15 years, as well as being involved in other aspects of the church.</p> <p>“One of the things I still enjoy about volunteer organizations is that it is totally unpredictable; and you have to be able to not take things too seriously.”</p> <p>Gail has directed Bible School over the years and she taught some Sunday school classes. She has also been an</p> | <p>Elder. She and Hugh used to help with putting on plays at the church until Gail started working at other places doing the same work. She started working in theater at Hood College over 20 years ago, working at night; Hugh worked during the day. After the children started school Gail started working at Poolesville High School substitute teaching, as well as directing their theater program.</p> <p>Through all the trials and tribulations of raising a family Gail and Hugh clearly adore their children. They are proud that Robert has his truck driving license, that Adrian is very creative and artistic and involved in local politics. That Charles has his undergraduate degree in English; that he lived in London for a while, and started a Masters program. That he got involved in a restaurant in Blacksburg, VA, found he really loves it, and that he has bought a house there.</p> <p>The icing was added to the cake on July 1, 2004 when Gail and Hugh welcomed their twin grand-daughters into the world. Kaila, Angela and their mother Antoinette live with Gail and Hugh now, and we are so happy they all attend HCC!</p> <p>As always, I asked Hugh and Gail what they like most about the church. Hugh said, “I like the people. I like to try to encourage people to be comfortable in the church. I like to encourage people, if they have an idea of something they want to do, well, what can we do to help facilitate it? To me, that’s what is encouraging about a church. Not everyone is going to agree, but we still support each other to work towards our goals.”</p> |
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# September 2006

| Sun                                              | Mon                   | Tue                      | Wed | Thu | Fri                           | Sat                           |
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| 3<br>9 & 11 Worship                              | 4<br>7pm Bible Study  | 5                        | 6   | 7   | 8<br>Bethany Beach<br>Retreat | 9<br>Bethany Beach<br>Retreat |
| 10<br>Bethany Beach<br>Retreat<br>9 & 11 Worship | 11<br>7pm Bible Study | 12<br>7pm<br>Board Meets | 13  | 14  | 15                            | 16                            |
| 17<br>9 & 11 Worship<br>Choir Practice 10        | 18<br>7pm Bible Study | 19                       | 20  | 21  | 22                            | 23                            |
| 24<br>9 & 11 Worship                             | 25<br>7pm Bible Study | 26                       | 27  | 28  | 29                            | 30                            |

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## WELCOME!

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