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Freedom

*"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."
—Galatians 5:1*

The Newsletter of the Metropolitan Community Churches in Lancaster and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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GUEST PREACHERS

MCC Harrisburg will be hosting two guest preachers this month at the regular services.

On November 7th, Rev. Marianne Van Polson will preach at the 7 pm service.

Marianne, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York, lives in Rockville, Maryland. She is a member of MCC-DC and heads up the district Care Committee.

Rev. Joyce Setala will preach on Sunday, November 14th. She is the Worship Coordinator for MCC-Princeton

TWO BIBLE STUDIES

A Bible Study, a Survey of the Book of Romans, will begin Sunday, November 7th, at 3 pm. To register for the five week course or for more information, contact Art by phone or see him after church.

Art feels it will be an interesting course because Romans is probably the last book Paul wrote, and yet it was written before the four Gospels. It is a summary of Paul's theology and might be called the Gospel according to Paul.

At the time this book was written, the story of Jesus' life was still fresh in the minds of the early church people. Therefore, this rendering of the Gospel is not concerned so much with the facts, but rather the meaning of the Savior's life.

Another course will begin in December. This will be called The Bible and Homosexuality.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

On the 15th and 16th of October, five members of the Harrisburg congregation attended the MCC District Conference in Pittsburgh. The group included Diane Nolt, Mary Ellen, Tom Hopkins, Gary Norton, and Sherree Lee.

It was at this conference that MCC Lancaster was granted Study Group status. As a result, Harrisburg and Lancaster will no longer share Co-worship Coordinators. Instead, Arthur Runyan and Gary Norton will each serve their individual parishes as worship coordinators.

As a Study Group, a congregation must have an Advisory Board made up of MCC members. The new Board consists of Earl Custer, Treasurer; William H. Dixon, Clerk; and Arthur Runyan, Worship Coordinator.

ALL-A-BOARD

The Railroad House, on Front Street in Marietta, will host a benefit for the Harrisburg Privacy Legal Defense Fund.

There will be a three dollar cover charge for the event, which will be from 7 to 11 pm on Monday, November 8th.

THANK YOU

Diane Riggins has resigned from both the Advisory Board and Social Committee of MCC Harrisburg. We all owe her much thanks for her time and energy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 7 - Guest preacher, Rev. Marianne Van Polson, 7 pm,
Friends Meeting House, Harrisburg.
- NOVEMBER 7 - Lancaster Bible Study begins, 3 pm.
- NOVEMBER 8 - Railroad House Benefit, Marietta, 7 to 11 pm.
- NOVEMBER 10 - Harrisburg Advisory Board meeting, 6:30 pm,
Gary Norton's house.
- NOVEMBER 14 - Guest preacher, Rev. Joyce Setala, 7 pm,
Friends Meeting House, Harrisburg.
- NOVEMBER 28 - Monthly Lancaster Love Feast, 5 pm, Unitarian
Center

CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday, October 24, MCC Lancaster celebrated its second anniversary. At the 5 pm service, Cheryll Lepley and William H. Dixon, III became members of MCC. Congratulations to everyone.

New membership classes will begin soon in both Lancaster and Harrisburg. See your Worship Coordinator for details.

REMEMBER

" TO LOVERS EVERYWHERE "

Remember the night we first met
I saw you face accross the room
and knew that you would be a part
of my life. I asked you for a date
and all that followed was heavenly.
We began to plan a future but you were
called away from me and somehow I felt
that it would be the end. You said to
me that night, " Please wait for me and
Remember what we will have and Remember
Me. "

Al Johnson

WORSHIP SCHEDULES

Harrisburg:

Sunday Evenings
Friends Meeting House
6th & Herr Streets
Harrisburg, Pa.
7:00 p.m.

Lancaster:

Sunday Evenings
Unitarian Center of Lancaster
538 W. Chestnut Street
Lancaster, Pa.
5:00 p.m.

GAY SWITCHBOARD OF HARRISBURG

234-0328

6:00 to 10:00 pm
Monday - Friday
Your gay connection
in Harrisburg!

LANCASTER GAY/LESBIAN HELP LINE

397-0691

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, and Sunday
6:30 to 9:30 pm

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