

# Amwell Echoes

REACHING OUT WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION SO OTHERS MAY KNOW CHRIST

DEC/JAN 2006

**Amwell Church of the  
Brethren  
40 Sandbrook-  
Headquarters Road  
Stockton, N.J. 08559**

*PHONE:*  
(908) 237-1454

*FAX:*  
(609) 397-9445

*Pastor:*  
(609) 397-4842

*E-MAIL:*  
contact@amwell.org

*We're on the Web!  
See us at:*

www.amwell.org

## Leadership at Amwell

• *Pastor Robert DiSalvio*

(609) 397-4842

• **CIRCLE OF SERVANTS**

• **BOARD of TRUSTEES**

• **DEACONS**

## From The Pastor's Pen . . .

by Robert DiSalvio, Pastor  
Amwell Church of the  
Brethren



### What to do about Limbo?

On a November 30, 2005 NBC Today Show the topic of discussion was focused on the Roman Catholic Church's official response to a request made by the late Pope John Paul.

He asked them to determine what happens to the souls of unborn babies. For a very long time the church has taught that there is a conundrum (a problem admitting of no satisfactory solution) in scripture:

**The Problem:** Catholics teach anyone who dies un-baptized goes to Hell. The church also teaches that God is a God of Mercy.

**The Conundrum:** How could a merciful God who desires all to be saved condemn innocent babies to Hell!

**The Answer:** Over 700 years ago the Roman Catholic Church created 'Limbo' a sort of halfway place neither Heaven nor Hell. But this answer no longer is satisfactory to the church.

So what does the Bible teach about Baptism, forgiveness, salvation and innocents who die and why would this be a Christmas Message!

1. 1 John 5:6 "This is he that came by water and blood even Jesus Christ not by water only but by water and blood..." Catholics teach the water mentioned here is water baptism and by inference it is water baptism that saves from Hell.
2. Hebrews 9:22b "... without the shedding of blood is no remission of sins ..."

Is it water of baptism that saves? Is it the blood of Christ that saves!

3. The Gospel of John combines water and blood at the cross.

John 19:34 "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his (Jesus) side and forthwith came there out water and blood."

Jesus poured out water and blood at the Cross!

Ephesians 5:25-27 "... Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word that he might present it to himself a glorious church ..."

Colossians 1:14 read "in whom (Jesus) we have redemption through his blood (we were saved by His blood!) even the forgiveness of sin (forgiven by the blood!)"

# BLANCHE'S CORNER...by BLANCHE CARL

## Morbus Sabbaticus

**Morbus Sabbaticus or Sunday Sickness, is a disease peculiar to church members. The attack comes on suddenly on Sundays.**

**No symptoms are felt on Saturday night; the patient sleeps well and awakes feeling well; eats a hearty breakfast, but about church time the attack comes on and continues until services are over for the morning. The patient feels easy and eats a hearty dinner. In the afternoon he feels much better and is able to take a walk, automobile ride, go visiting, talk politics and reads the papers; he heats a hearty supper but about church time he has another attack and stays home. He retires early, sleeps well, and awakes on Monday morning refreshed and able to go to work, He does not feel any of the returned symptoms until the next Sunday.**

**The peculiar features are as follows--**

- 1. It attacks members of a church.**
- 2. It never makes its appearance except on Sunday.**
- 3. The symptoms vary, but never interfere with appetite and sleep.**
- 4. It never lasts more than 24 hours.**
- 5. It generally attacks the head of the family and continues to spread until every member is affected.**
- 6. No physician is ever called.**
- 7. It always proves fatal in the end to the soul.**
- 8. No remedy is known for it except repentance and prayer.**
- 9. Real heart-felt salvation is the only antidote.**

\*\*\*\*\*

Recently Amwell's Tuesday Team was honored for their dedicated service to the residents of Hagedorn Hospital.

These faithful visitors minister to the residents and give comfort to the residents' physical, mental and spiritual needs

Often The Team is told of the marked improvement the staff observes of those residents who attend Bible Study.

The volunteer team was recognized by the Department of Human Services for the State of New Jersey.,  
Commissioner James Davy present.

We extend our admiration and thanks to Ann, Blanche, Sue, Esther, Brother and Sister Belton and anyone else who takes a few hours out of their Tuesday to touch some very special people in a loving and Christian Way.

Thank you team, for following the examples our Christ taught.



# Coach Tackles Court Over Right to Pray With Team

by Jeff McKay

(CNSNews.com) - An award-winning New Jersey high school football coach who was barred by his school district from partaking in pre-game prayers with his players has filed suit alleging that his constitutional rights have been violated.

Marcus Borden's lawsuit, filed with the Middlesex County Superior Court, asks that the court prohibit the East Brunswick school district from enforcing its policy on prayer. Borden wants to be able to silently nod his head during team prayers before pre-game meals with players and to kneel on one knee with the team in the locker room before the games, actions that violate the current policy.

Borden has been the football coach at East Brunswick High School for 23 years and gained national attention in October after he quit his job when told by school officials that he could no longer lead his team in prayer or even be present if his team prayed. Borden rescinded his resignation a week later, saying he would rather fight than walk away.

The lawsuit also complains that if Borden lowers his head when his team prays, even if the student athletes initiate the prayers, he is still in violation of the school district's policy.

"Saying grace" before team meals and "taking a knee" with his team in the locker room before a game are customs that have been practiced at the school for more than 25 years, before Borden became the team's coach, the lawsuit asserts.

## A CAPTAIN AND HIS CHART

*Read Job 9:25-35*

*If you have any news to share....your joys and your tears...if you have a change of address or you wish announce a change in email or phones numbers, let us know! We can print them in the newsletter and inform the congregation easily!*

\*\*\*\*\*

*The dedicated ladies in the back will be sponsoring the Church Christmas Card post box again this year. Save your stamps and use the box to exchange cards with your church family.*

Life is a voyage. Job confessed, "My years disappear like a swift ship." As we sail into the New Year, we need:

A chart. Modern ships are equipped with radar, yet they carry a chart. Don't sail into the New Year without the chart of the Bible. No Bible? A wound and no cure; a storm and no shelter; a soul and no salvation.

A Captain. Take the Lord on board. He doesn't promise immunity from trouble, but He does promise triumph. He doesn't guarantee good weather, but He does a safe landing.

Choose this Captain and His chart for the New Year, won't you?

**Prayer:** *Lord Jesus, I take Thee to be my Captain and the Bible to be my chart. Guide me safely through trials and troubles. Guard me from the devil and his darts. Give me Thy grace and Thy gifts. Lead me on from victory to victory: in the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

# FAVORITE RECIPES

## FROM Christian Chefs Fellowship

### Tomato-Basil-Mozzarella Salad with a Balsamic Vinaigrette and Proscuitto



#### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (120ml) - Balsamic Vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups (355ml) - Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 2 teaspoons (10ml) - Chopped Garlic
- 1 tablespoon (15ml) - Chopped Red Onion or Shallot
- to taste - Salt and Pepper
- 5 - Large Ripe Tomatoes
- 1 bunch - Fresh Basil
- 8 oz (230g) - Fresh Mozzarella (preferably the kind found as small balls in liquid)
- 8 slices - Proscuitto (a thinly sliced very flavorful Italian ham, found at most grocery stores)

#### Procedure:

1. Put vinegar in a bowl. Chop 6 large leaves of basil and add. Whisking rapidly, slowly add the olive oil. Add salt and pepper to taste.
2. Slice tomatoes very thin - approximately 7 slices per tomato excluding the end pieces.
3. Slice mozzarella into pieces the same thickness and approximately half the size of the tomato slices.
4. On a plate, going in a circle, alternate the following ingredients: tomato/basil leaf/mozzarella all the way around.
5. Five minutes before serving, whisk the dressing briefly to incorporate. Spoon it over the salads.
6. Finally, place 2 slices of proscuitto in the center of the plate, scrunching them some for height. Add fresh ground black pepper on top and serve.

**Amwell Church of the Brethren  
Construction Fund  
Cookie Walk**

Sunday, December 18, 2005

Order your Cookies by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

A variety of homemade cookies  
will be available in the following quantities:

- 1 Dozen = \$4.00
- 2 Dozen = \$7.00
- 3 Dozen = \$10.00

Tins will be available for your cookie walk.  
The walk will begin immediately following the Church Service and will  
continue until 1:15 pm.

See Sue Pierman for more details.

---

I would love to join the Cookie Walk on December 18, 2005.

Please reserve cookies:

- 1 Dozen = \$4.00
- 2 Dozen = \$7.00
- 3 Dozen = \$10.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ = see Sue Pierman for pricing.

---

Please Print Your Name

Checks can be made payable to Amwell Church of the Brethren



**MUSIC MINISTRY GROWING ...and LOOKING FOR  
YOU!!!!**

2005 turned out to be a year of more growth and change in our Music Ministry. Lauren Frankevich took charge a few years ago and hasn't looked back!

The Music Ministry will grow and change even more in 2006! Lauren wants to coordinate with the talent of our congregation to broaden our approach to honoring The Lord in song. Lauren aspires to have special and inspirational music at each Sunday's service. We have been blessed beyond measure with the offerings of Tim and Chris DiSalvio, Scott Affleck, Tanya Drake, Dorothy Kamaras, Tiffany Mazeika, Stacia and David Palmer, Bertha Umstead and a host of others. If you have a special song to share, please do. You have a unique place in our Church family. Music is a wonderful way to Praise the Lord and we read: [2 Chronicles 5:13](#)

It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever

\*\*\*\*\*

**Remember Kathryn Snock in your prayers, with a card or call. She would love to know you are holding her close to your heart.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**PLEASE SHARE!**



Our web site recently celebrated its 14,400 web visit. Our web site not only has the weekly sermons preserved, but there are plenty of pictures of our changing and growing congregation! This is a great and easy way to show off YOUR children to grandparents, uncles and aunts and family friends!

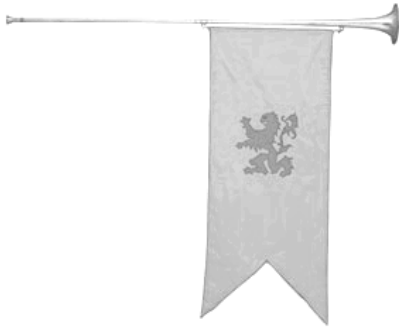
[www.amwell.org](http://www.amwell.org)

\*\*\*\*\*

Please support our church's effort to aid the FLEMINGTON FOOD PANTRY. They are in desperate need of non-perishable household staples. See any Busy Bee with your contribution.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Don't forget our Child of Compassion Victoria Ingrid de Paula Nobre  
We need your help in order to help her grow in the Lord and have a better life.**



## Announcing ...

Youth Groups are meeting again! Come join the gang! Bring a friend for some good times, laughs and growth in Christ. See Tanya or Susie with your questions or if you can lend a hand!

Tuesday is Hagedorn Visitation. See Pastor or Ann Parks if you have a desire to aid in this ministry.

There is space in the choir for you! We joyfully welcome the added talents of Lisa, Dave and John!

Your board of Trustees is committed to utilize Church funds for the furthering of Christ's Kingdom here on earth. They take their calling of responsibility seriously. Unfortunately the budget is trimmed to the bone this year; offerings are not as expected. The Trustees are asking you to prayerfully seek God's Guidance with your tithes and offerings.

See Estelle if you can lend a hand in the M.I.K.E. Cares ministry. This growing outreach needs a boost once in a while. This act of love won't take much of your time but it means a lot to those who benefit.

See you Wednesday night at 7 PM for Bible Study!

The Building Fund Committee is tirelessly working to raise monies for our expansion efforts. They are offering Shop-Rite Grocery Store Gifts cards. See Barbara, Sue or Tanya.

## DECEMBER, 2005

- Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @9:30
- Olympians and Teen Youth Group Fridays as announced
- Wednesday Bible Study at 7 PM
- 5rd COS meeting at 7 pm
- 1ST Busy Bees SCHEDULED
- 13th Trustee Meeting @6:45 PM in the Annex
- 15th Thursday Noon Group @11 AM
- 17th Caroling at Liberty Village Outlets. Meet at church at 1:30
- 18th Children's Christmas Program during Service
- 18th Cookie Walk IMMEDIATELY after service
- 24th Christmas Eve Service at 7 PM
- 25st Mission Sunday Scheduled
- 31st Watch Night Service (time TBA)



## JANUARY 2006

- Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @9:30 AM
- Olympians and Teen Youth Group Fridays as posted
- COS MEETING TBA
- Wednesday Bible Study 7 PM in annex
- 5th Busy Bees
- 10th Trustee Meeting in the annex @6:45 PM
- 15th Mission Sunday Scheduled
- 19th Thursday Noon Group @11AM
- **CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING AS ANNOUNCED**

REVERENDFUN.COM COPYRIGHT GCL, INC.



Thanks to Benoit Paquette (See 2Peter 2:8)

11-28-2005

YOUR EARTH WATCH WON'T WORK HERE ... WE  
ARE ON GOD TIME, WHERE ONE DAY IS THE  
SAME AS A THOUSAND YEARS

## STORIES FROM THE GULF COAST

Nov. 28, 2005 -- "Who will wash the feet?" asked a sign at a church in New Orleans. The question, glimpsed from a car window during a short tour of the city's 9th Ward, and other areas that had been flooded following Hurricane Katrina, prompted me to write down the following stories of people who are answering, "Here am I." While visiting areas of the Gulf Coast affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Nov. 7-9, Emergency Response director Roy Winter, Brethren videographer David Sollenberger, and I met many people who are "washing feet"--serving others in the spirit of Christ. --Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford, Director of News Services for the Church of the Brethren General Board

### **Committed to the Mission: Jose Longoria**

On the evening of Nov. 8, Jose Longoria was making a gourmet Mexican meal for 16 to 18 hungry Brethren volunteers, in the kitchen of a parsonage in Roanoke, La. The day before, he had been out for hours with a Brethren Disaster Response crew running chainsaws to cut up trees felled by Hurricane Rita.

As he made tortillas by hand, he spoke of the commitment that brought him to Louisiana from Falfurrias, Texas. Longoria is a member of the small congregation of the Falfurrias Church of the Brethren, "a very busy church," he said. He has done relief work in Mexico, and has made a point of traveling each year to a work project there. Just before he left for the long drive to Louisiana, a tornado came through his home area and he helped clean up brush for some of his neighbors. "We were very fortunate" in the small amount of damage from the tornado, he said. "You get here and you see the devastation a million fold."

### **A Conscious Decision to Help: Leonard Stoner**

Leonard Stoner, of York (Pa.) First Church of the Brethren, brought six volunteers from Southern Pennsylvania District with him to the Brethren Disaster Response clean-up project in Lake Charles, La., the week of Nov. 6-12. It was a 1,350-mile, two-day drive to Louisiana,. Stoner has been the district's disaster coordinator for seven years. He has made five disaster response trips to Pensacola, Fla., since January this year, three trips to work on rebuilding projects following the four hurricanes that hit the state in 2004, and two trips to drop off and pick up a truck that was needed for the Brethren work there. He also drove from Florida to the Alabama project just a few weeks ago. Retired in Jan. 1998, "I made a conscious decision that I wasn't going to sit down and rot," Stoner said. "I think the older I get, though, the more weary I become on these long trips." Before retirement, Stoner worked with a school district, as a teacher and then for 20 years as coordinator of student services. But it's his background raised on a farm that is most helpful to his disaster work. "You learn to improvise," he said.

One of the things he enjoys is how each volunteer group in disaster response is different. This time around, four of the six volunteers who accompany Stoner are "first timers" in disaster relief.

Stoner spent much of his time on project driving a bobcat, which the other volunteers loaded with brush and logs from cut up trees to be transported to large piles, usually on the curb in front of homes for city pick up. It's not particularly fun work, Stoner said. "It's hard work. It's rough, you bounce a lot." Bobcats "are made to take rough treatment," he said.

He gives thanks for the bobcat, however. "We were at one place where there were probably three trees down, and when they're in the back all that material has to be brought out to the street. A lot of that is carried out by hand. If we didn't have that loader we wouldn't be able to carry out the big pieces," he said.

"It's incredible the amount of damage that's down here," he added. Stoner is used to entering a disaster zone in the rebuilding stage, after the first clean up is done. "Here we're one of the first responders," he said.



(From Page 1)

1. How do I understand Acts 2:38 which reads "Then Peter said unto them repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost"



The book of Acts is the book of transition from the Gospels to the writings of Paul. In Acts 2 the Apostles didn't have the full understanding of what happened on the cross that full understanding was given by God to Paul (see 2 Corinthians 12:1-6) Paul in turn shared it with the church in the Epistles God inspired him to write.

In the early chapters of Acts the Apostles were baptizing the way John the Baptist baptized for sin and salvation (see Mark 1:4) but as Paul revelations become known the teaching whet from baptism then salvation to salvation then baptism.

Acts 16:30-33 "Sir's what must I do to be saved? ... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved ... then the same hour ... [he] was baptized"

2. Baptism didn't save the thief on the cross: it was his confession of faith in Jesus Christ (See John 23:39-43)

We believe and teach baptism is an outward expression of your inward conversion experience! Receive Christ as Savior then get baptized.

3. What about those many millions of innocent babies who have died in and out of their mothers womb!

Romans 5:13b "... but sin is no imputed (no account is kept: nor charge incurred) where there is no law"

The Law determines what is right or wrong when someone cannot distinguish between right and wrong, when they are innocent like those babies they have not sinned!

The official stand of the Catholic Church today (according to NBC's Today Show interview) is No Limbo! Instead "they are left to the mercy of a merciful God"

Bible believers have known that a merciful God has taken the innocents home to be with him!

Why this teaching at Christmas Time?

Because this is the very heart of Christmas: Luke 2:10 "and the angel said unto them (the shepherds) fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

**What could be better news?** NO LIMBO! The innocents are at home in heaven!

Guilty sinners have a Savior who will forgive their sin change their hearts and live in them and give them a home with him forever!

There really is no better way to say:

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**AMWELL CHURCH OF  
THE BRETHREN  
COMMUNICATION  
SERVICES**



Carrying the Gospel  
as far as the World  
can Receive It

**We are on the Internet at:**  
[www.amwell.org](http://www.amwell.org)

**The Church of the Brethren  
Website:**

[www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org)

**We also broadcast sermons on:**

WDVR 89.7  
Each Sunday at 7:30 A.M.

We encourage your listening of  
the Ravi Zacharias  
radio programs:

**"Let My People Think"**

and

**"Adventures in Odyssey "**

# Joyful Sound

By Jorlyn Grasser

Many of the musical instruments used in Bible times are still used today in a modern form. Use these twenty letters and their codes to find eight words about these instruments. Then find the Bible verse about music using the same code.

Key: A/1, C/2, D/3, E/4, F/5, G/6, H/7, I/8, J/9, K/10, L/11,  
M/12, N/13, O/14, P/15, R/16, S/17, T/18, U/19, Y/20.

- $\overline{2} \quad \overline{14} \quad \overline{16} \quad \overline{13} \quad \overline{4} \quad \overline{18}$
- $\overline{14} \quad \overline{16} \quad \overline{6} \quad \overline{1} \quad \overline{13}$
- $\overline{5} \quad \overline{11} \quad \overline{19} \quad \overline{18} \quad \overline{4}$
- $\overline{18} \quad \overline{16} \quad \overline{19} \quad \overline{12} \quad \overline{15} \quad \overline{4} \quad \overline{18} \quad \overline{17}$
- $\overline{7} \quad \overline{1} \quad \overline{16} \quad \overline{15}$
- $\overline{3} \quad \overline{19} \quad \overline{11} \quad \overline{2} \quad \overline{8} \quad \overline{12} \quad \overline{4} \quad \overline{16}$
- $\overline{10} \quad \overline{4} \quad \overline{20} \quad \overline{17}$
- $\overline{9} \quad \overline{14} \quad \overline{20}$

verse:  $\overline{15} \quad \overline{17} \quad \overline{1} \quad \overline{11} \quad \overline{12} \quad 98:4$

## You Know You're Too Old for Youth Ministry When ...

You think pizza ought to be reheated before it's eaten for breakfast.

You assume shopping malls are for shopping.

You volunteer to host the senior-adult Bulgarian travelogue in order to avoid another lock-in.

You lose the spiritual gift of sleeping with one eye open at youth camps.

You think "retreat" means rest.

Your third fifteen-passenger van has 99,000 miles on it.

You begin to question, on a summer trip, why you often drive more consecutive hours than the federal government allows truckers to.

You dream about going into a nice, relaxing occupation—like being an air traffic controller.

Your grandchildren ask you what you want to be when you grow up.

\*\*\*\*\*

**A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service,**

**"And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"**

**One bright little girl replied,  
Because people are sleeping."**

**Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church.**

**Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud.**

**Finally, his ! big sister had had enough.**

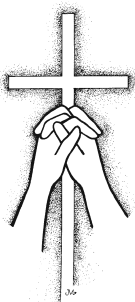
**"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."**

**"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.**

**Angie pointed to the back of the church and said,**

**"See those two men standing by the door?**

**They are the hushers!**



## **Jesus' Dad's Name**

**A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"**

**One child answered, "Mary."**

**The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"**

**A little kid said, "Verge."**

**Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"**

**The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."**

**\*\*\*\*\***

## **KIDS IN CHURCH**

**3-year-old Reese:**

**"Our Father, Who does art in  
heaven, Harold is His name.**

**Amen."**

~~~~~

**A little boy was overheard praying:**

**"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.**

**I'm having a real good time like I am."**

~~~~~

**After the christening of his baby brother in church,**

**Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.**

**His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied,**

**"That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a  
Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."**

~~~~~

**I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer  
for several evenings at bedtime.**

**She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer.**

**Finally, she decided to go solo.**

**I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated  
each word, right up to the end of the prayer:**

**"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed,**

**"but deliver us from E-mail.**

~~~~~

**One particular four-year-old prayed,**

**"And forgive us our trash baskets**

**as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."**

**Plans for Church expansion are moving full steam ahead. Carey Parks is instrumental in making our dreams into reality.**

**We will be opening new doors in the near future. Building will be expensive and will be hard on our nerves and patience.**

**Please be in constant prayer for our building efforts. The Lord will lead us where he wants us and we need to be His willing instruments of growth and change. Pray He will show you where He wants YOU in our projects and growth.**



**(Cont. from back page)**

"Look at it." He said. "Read what it says."

She read the words "United States of America."

"No, not that; read further."

"One cent?"

"No, keep reading."

"In God we Trust?"

"Yes,"

"And?"

"And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up, and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words, "In God We Trust," and had to laugh.

Yes, God, I get the message.

It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful!

And, God is patient...

Have a blessed day!

Please join the Church Choir and Youth Group as they joyfully entertain the patrons at



**Liberty Village Outlets in Flemington**

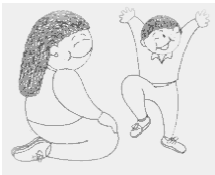
**Saturday December 17th**

**Meet at the church by 1:30 to join the car pool!**

You don't have to be a singing superstar! You just have to have a love for Christmas Carols !



**Come with us as we bring a singing gospel to Flemington!**

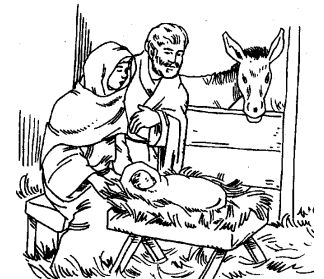


**Be in attendance for the Annual Children's Christmas Program**

**Scheduled for Sunday December 18th during the Worship Service**

**Add your support for the Children as they bring their innocence and joy**

**to the Celebration of The Saviour's Birth.**



**Don't forget our Christmas Eve Service**

**Saturday the 24th at 7 PM**

**Take a quiet moment to remember the Real Reason for the Christmas Season**

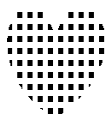
**ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER**

Please give an update to these addresses

**Helen Marauda**  
140 West Pennsylvania Ave  
Downingtown, PA 19335  
610-269-7462



**OPAL SMITH**  
Rolling Hills North  
16 Cratetown Road  
Lebanon, NJ 08833



**Barbara Miller**  
Greenbrier Village  
56 Acorn Court. North  
Bath, PA 18014  
Phone: 610-837-8001

**Marge Landis**  
8106 Kensington Drive  
Rowlett, TX 75088



**Please remember those who are  
sick or away at college with a  
card or call!**

**Love from home can make a  
huge difference!**



**Ryan Kiskurno  
and  
Scott Kiskurno  
and  
Mike Pierman  
(we need your contact info!)**



**Missionary Outreach**



**Amwell Church of the Brethren** supports many Missionaries. Not only do these people and organizations count on our financial support they greatly depend on our prayers and encouragement.

**Please send them a card or letter to let them know you care.**

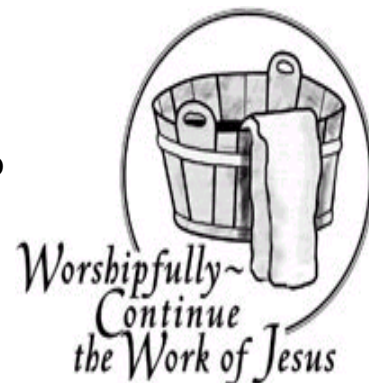
**Rev. Leon & Lorraine Dillinger**  
C/O UFM International  
Box 306  
Bala-Cynwyd, PA 19004

**Mrs. Ruby Simek**  
Box 71  
Ferguson, KY 42533

**Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Martinez**  
C/O OC International  
PO Box 36900  
Colorado Springs, CO 80936

**Word of Life**  
Dave & Jane Van -Camp  
1233 Meryln St  
Lakeland, FL 33813

**Mrs. Benjamin Meney**  
Box 87  
Williamsburg, KY 40769





## PARKS PLACE ANTIQUES

Carey & Ann Parks

704 Amwell Road

Neshanic Station, NJ 08844

908-369-1732 <http://parksgroup.net>

### ***CASSETTE MINISTRY***



**See Joe Ferello after service for a cassette of Sunday sermons.**

**They are great for listening while in the car, family devotional time or for sharing with friends.**



### **Jewelry From Backbone Hill**

732-780-3398

Margaret Hughes owner & creator

Original Handcrafted creations, using precious & semi-precious stones, crystal, and other materials

Specializing in custom necklaces, bracelets and earrings of various type.

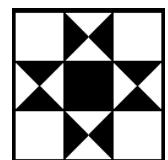
Prices starting at a very reasonable \$15!!!

### **Dorothy's Unique Treasures by Dorothy Kamaras**

**609-585-9049**

Quilts, tote bags, Children's cloth books, Aprons (all kinds), table runners all sizes. Prices range from \$10 and up.

(All Hand Quilted)



## EVEN MORE WANT ADS...

**JOE AND SHERRY FERELLO** are collecting used toner cartridges as part of a fund raiser at their children's day care. St. Paul's will benefit from this effort. Please help if you can! See Joe or Sherry if you have any questions!



### **Harclerode Computer Consulting**

For all of your home and small business computer needs.

Website creation & support. MS Word, Access, PowerPoint, Excel.

Home networks to share cable modems, printers, and more.

One on one instruction available: Learn how to use your computer today!

Call 732-370-4857 today or visit our website at [www.harclerode.biz](http://www.harclerode.biz)



### **BARBARA WALDRON, INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT LONGABERGER BASKETS**

*Handcrafted baskets, wrought iron, pottery and fabric accessories*

908-782-6206



*Hey Kids! If you earned any awards, certificates, diplomas or honors at school please let us know!*



## YOU ARE NEEDED

**WHO:** YOU!

**WHAT:** CHURCH MINISTRIES

**WHEN:** NOW!

**WHERE:** AT AMWELL, AT HOME AND AT WORK

**WHY:** BECAUSE THE LORD INSTRUCTED YOU!

**HOW:** DIG IN! DO IT! ASK THE PASTOR THE C.O.S.! OPEN YOUR BIBLE! GO TO GOD'S THRONE ON YOUR KNEES!

You are encouraged to pray for your own family and your Church Family. Start with your Pastor, and include The Deacons and Trustees and each member of this congregation. There is much need in our little group. . . . people need help with physical struggles, marital stress, mental and emotional growth. Finances can be overwhelming for some. Others may desire a friend or companion. Some may need a helping hand caring for a family member or a small child. Car or home repairs can be a source of pain for the ill-equipped. Lend a helping hand to a brother or sister. Most needs are never made known. Some people have a hard time bringing their burdens to light. We have a Christian duty to each other to make our needs known AND to be a source of help and inspiration to each other. Do what you can and do what you should!

*None so empty of grace as he that thinks he is full."*

**-Thomas Watson**

"Obedience to the call of Christ nearly always costs everything to two people- the one who is called, and the one who loves that one.



--Oswald Chambers

Grace is but Glory begun, and Glory is but Grace perfected. -Jonathan Edwards

"There's no better book with which to defend the Bible than the Bible itself."

D.L.Moody

"Of all tear, they are best that are made by the blood of Christ, and of all joy, that is the sweetest that is mixed with mourning over Christ. Oh! it is a godly thing to be on our knees with Christ in our arms before God. I hope to know something of these things."

John Bunyan



**When You Find a Penny**



Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband.

He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before!

What was the point of this?

(continued on page 14 )