

Amwell Echoes

REACHING OUT WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION SO OTHERS MAY KNOW CHRIST

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From The Pastor's Pen . . .

by Robert DiSalvio, Pastor
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Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day

“The Holidays!” But do we realize the word Holiday was originally Holy Day! (imagine the chagrin of those who think “Happy Holidays” is a non religious greeting). That which is Holy is something set apart to the service of God.

Christians are not obligated to celebrate any day as Holy Days. “Let no man therefore judge you ... in respect of a holy day (Jewish Feast Day)”
Colossians 1:16.

For the believer Holidays are days of remembrance, acknowledgment and celebration.

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day have spiritual significance.

Thanksgiving, according to Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary, defines the day as follows: “a day appointed for giving thanks for divine goodness”.

For the believer in Christ every day is a day of thankfulness for God's Blessings.

Ephesians 1:16 “Cease not to give thanks ...” You provide the list of blessings God has showered on your life: Jesus – Salvation – Family – Church Family – Daily Bread – Health – Answered Prayer – The Bible.

When we balance these blessings against any negatives in life we have reason to Give Thanks.

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THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE UNASHAMED

Some who quote this begin with “An African pastor was overwhelmed by rebels who demanded that he renounce his faith. He refused. The night before they took his life, he wrote the following lines on a scrap of paper:”

I am part of the “Fellowship of the Unashamed.” I have Holy Spirit power. The die has been cast. I've stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of His. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tame visions, mundane talking, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals!

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by presence, lean by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up, or burn up till I've preached up, prayed up, paid up, stored up, and stayed up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know, and work till He stops.

And when He comes to get His own, He'll have no problems recognizing me. My colors will be clear.



Bible Translators Target 250 African Languages in 10 Years

A Bible translation association will be in the process of translating 250 African languages in the sub-Saharan region of Africa within a 10-year time frame, according to recently announced plans.

Wycliffe Associates – a 70-year organization that has been involved in more than 600 translations – will translate at least half of the languages within the Bantu family, representing 14 million people, within 10 years, reported Wycliffe’s Donn Hallman.

“The result of this work will be the completed Scriptures for hundreds of different people groups who have seen in their lifetime the slaughter of thousands through ethnic genocide, religious strife, and constant political upheaval,” stated Bruce Smith, president and CEO of Wycliffe Associates, in a statement Friday.

“Our strongest conviction is that when the Bible is translated into the heart languages, positive changes will occur, lives will be saved, and believers who face persecution will be strengthened,” he added.

Wycliffe Associates and partners plan to finish construction of a new translation facility in Nairobi, Kenya, by next summer. However, the group acknowledges obstacles such as growing tension against Christians in Kenya, economic instability in the region, and construction costs.

“Perhaps most important of all, at this moment, is the fact that this new facility will help us to support pastors and churches throughout the region with the spiritual tools they most urgently need for ministry and outreach,” said Smith, “Because they are on the front lines of the battle against false faiths, extremism, and religious oppression.”

Wycliffe’s overall Bible translation objective is to at least be in the process of translating the remaining 2,700 languages that have not been translated by 2025.

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!

Don't forget the important ministry of cards and calls.

When a lonely or hurting person receives a card or call, all sorts of wonderful things can happen!

Participate and feel great!

ADVANTAGES OF ADVERSITY

Read Jeremiah 29:11-12

Fanny Crosby was only six weeks old when she developed a little trouble with her eyes. Her doctor was careless with the treatment, and his treatment blinded her.

Fanny Crosby loved the Lord. Because He had forgiven her, she forgave the doctor, and her blindness made her better, not bitter.

In her blindness she saw God more clearly, she wrote hymns more prolifically, and she guided people to God more successfully

Adversity was a springboard to achievement for Fanny Crosby. She wrote more than eight thousand hymns. What is adversity to you?

Prayer: How grateful we are, heavenly Father, for Thy constant companionship, Thy limitless love, and Thy measureless mercy. Inspire us daily to love Thee more, to serve Thee better, and please Thee greatly. Hear our prayers: in the name of Jesus. Amen.

FAVORITE RECIPES
FROM Christian Chefs Fellowship

Yummy Yam Casserole

- 4 pounds yams
- 2 eggs • 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted • 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon • 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg • 6 ounces pecan halves
- 1/3 cup brown sugar • 1/4 cup melted butter

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).

Poke yams in several places with a fork, then cook them on high power in microwave oven until heated through and soft, about 20 minutes. When cooled, remove skins and place the yams in a large bowl.

Beat yams until smooth. Then beat in one egg at a time, blending after each addition. Stir in 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/8 cup melted butter, salt, cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg; beat until the mixture is light and fluffy.

Transfer mixture to an ungreased 3 quart casserole dish. Arrange the pecans in a single layer on top. Sprinkle with remaining brown sugar and drizzle 1/4 cup melted butter over the top.

Bake for 25 minutes in the preheated oven, or until browned and bubbly.



The table below contains words that have been chopped in half.
Find the pieces that fit together.

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YUNGV OEEERDYEA O
PGAITENHTAFBTTP
FKNVPEZSLEOMNEL
YGZGGNXGKKQDESE

Psalm 100

Words to find:

joyful noise Lord
lands serve gladness
presence singing God
people sheep pasture
enter gates thanksgiving
courts praise bless
good mercy everlasting
truth generations

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



This is a great time to reflect on the Music Ministry at Amwell. We have been honored with loads of talent in our congregation. When these accomplished people come forward and Praise the Lord with their voices, instruments and words, God is acknowledged and we are blessed beyond measure!

The Music Ministry will grow and change even more in 2007! Lauren Frankevich, chair of the ministry, wants to coordinate with the talented 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 touched beyond measure with the offerings of Tim and Chris DiSalvio, Dave Hall, 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

PLEASE SHARE!

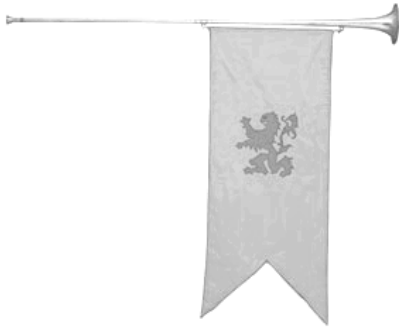
Our web site recently celebrated its 16,200 web visit. Our web site not only has the weekly sermons preserved, but there are plenty of pictures of our changing and growing congregation! This is a great and easy way to show off YOUR children to grandparents, uncles and aunts and family friends! We are reaching caring arms to the community and the world.



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 Vitoria 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 going strong! Watch for schedule announcements. Bring a friend for some good times, laughs and growth in Christ.

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

There is space in the choir for you! Come join in!

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. Our 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. Can you make calls or send some cards? Estelle has a need for you!

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, Sherry or Tanya.



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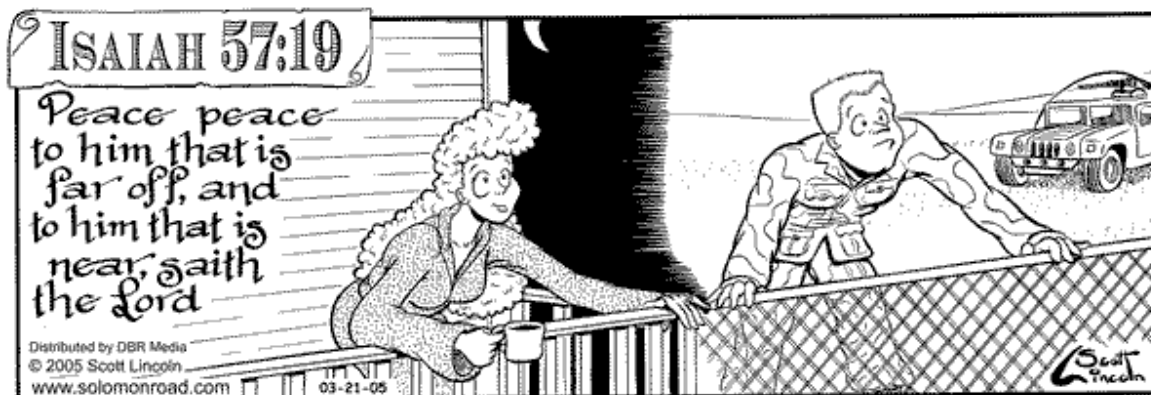
- 7th BUSY BEES
- *** FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT *** cancel ed for December
- TBA TRUSTEES MEETING in the ANNEX
- 21th THURSDAY NOON GROUP
- 18th COS MEETING at 7PM
- 17th MISSION SUNDAY SCHEDULED
- MORNING STAR CRAFT GROUP EACH TUESDAY
- OLYMPIANS AND TEEN YOUTH AS ANNOUNCED
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY at 7 PM ...CHOIR AT 6:30
- 17th Buil ding Fund COOKIE WALK AFTER SERVICE
- 17th CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
- 31 NYE FAMILY WATCH NIGHT SERVICE 7:30- AFTER MIDNIGHT

• JAN, 2007

- 4th BUSY BEES
- TBA TRUSTEES MEETING in the ANNEX
- CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:00
- 18th THURSDAY NOON GROUP
- 15th COS at 7 PM in the annex
- 21th MISSION SUNDAY SCHEDULED
- MORNING STAR CRAFT GROUP EACH TUESDAY
- OLYMPIANS AND TEEN YOUTH AS ANNOUNCED
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 7PM

You are encouraged to pray daily for the men and women in the Armed Forces.
Do not forget our allies.

Also prayer is needed for the families of our warriors. They have to let go of a precious commodity and trust God to keep their loved one safe until it is time to return home.



Pastoral letter encourages church to love neighbors equally.

By Todd Flory (www.brethren.org)

In the waning light of a congressional session that featured immigration as its top domestic issue, and a strict border enforcement bill authorizing funding for a 700-mile fence between the US and Mexico, the General Board has issued a pastoral letter on welcoming the stranger.

“In the midst of debating economic and political issues, we who follow Jesus are called to speak out on behalf of those who live, work, worship, and reside among us without legal protections. More than that, we are to love them,” the letter said.

“My intent for bringing up the paper was not to resolve the political issues...but to ask as we think about these issues, What does the Bible say about this issue and how does that affect our decision making?” said Duane Grady. He and Carol Yeazell, both on the Congregational Life Teams staff, presented the paper as a result of receiving letters from church members about the issue and hearing requests for the General Board to issue a statement regarding immigration for pastoral and congregational use.

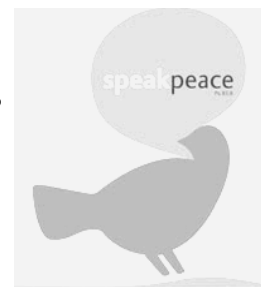
The letter will be sent to congregations to help guide understanding and dialogue among church members and congregations. It also will be used by the Brethren Witness/Washington Office and shared with the National Council of Churches and Church World Service.

While the general focus of the letter's first draft was well received by the board, some members thought additional work was needed. “I'm glad you brought it up but it needs to be clearer,” said board member Frank Ramirez, acknowledging the vast political complexities of the issue.

After a small ad hoc group rewrote the letter, it was revisited by the board and adopted.

The letter encourages Church of the Brethren members to be in conversation about immigration issues and to love neighbors as all people are loved equally in the eyes of God, even if they are labeled as “aliens,” “illegal,” or “undocumented.” Among scriptural passages, Leviticus 19 was referenced highlighting God's call to make sure that strangers in our midst have food to feed their families. The passage reminds the people of Israel that they had been aliens in Egypt, and to deal justly with foreigners. The 1982 Annual Conference statement on undocumented persons and refugees also was lifted up as a helpful resource for addressing the immigration issue.

“I think it's an issue that's really relevant today,” said general secretary Stan Noffsinger. “If it causes some unrest, then praise God for its success, because this is an issue for every one of us.”



(From page 1)

Christmas brings us face to face with the reality that Christ was born 'and in Him we have life!'



His "Names" in Scripture tell it all:

- "Emmanuel" (Matt 1:23) God living in me
- "The author and finisher of our faith" (Heb 12:2) All we believe is in Him!
- "Lily of the Valleys" (Song of Sol 2:1) He brings beauty into our life
- "Light" (John 1:9) He has taken us out of spiritual darkness and lights our way through the dark times of life.
- "Lord" (John 21:7) Is He Lord of our life? Without Him at the forefront of everything in our lives – life is meaningless. He is God's greatest gift to humanity: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son ..." (John 3:16) He is the greatest gift you can share with family and friends.

New Year's Day 2007 A.D. reminds the whole world that God's gift of Jesus changed history and it is He who can change a life.

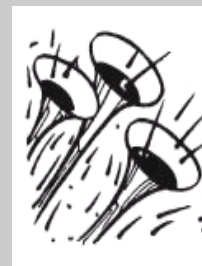
Which brings us back to Thanksgiving: 1 Thessalonians 2:13
"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God... which effectually worketh also in you that believe" (your faith and trust in Christ and His Word is changing your life!)

As you enjoy the Holidays reflect with me on what they really mean and **be Blessed!**

-Pastor Bob



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Carrying the Gospel
as far as the World
can Receive It

We are on the Internet at:
www.amwell.org

**The Church of the Brethren
Website:**

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"

The historic record of the birth of Christ can be found in [Matthew 1:18-25](#) and [Luke 2:1-20](#).

Unlike any other baby, the one born that night in [Bethlehem](#) was unique in all of history. He was not created by a [human father and mother](#). He had a heavenly pre-existence ([John 1:1-3, 14](#)). He is God, the Son—[Creator of the universe](#) ([Philippians 2:5-11](#)). This is why Christmas is called the [incarnation](#), a word which means “in the flesh.” In the birth of Jesus, the eternal, all-powerful and all-knowing Creator came to earth in the flesh.

Why would God do such a thing? Why would he come as a baby, instead of appearing in power and majesty? Why make himself a true man and live among us, when he knew full well how terribly he would be treated?

It was LOVE!

[It was necessary, if you are to be saved!](#)



ANNOUNCING FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!



Started October, the first Friday of each month will be Family Movie Night here at Amwell. Look for announcements. Scheduling conflicts DO occur and changes are often necessary.

Wholesome, classic and inspirational will be the theme every month.



Feel free to invite as many friends as you can! If you need transportation just give a caller to Pastor, Susie, or Barbara. They will see you are chauffeured in comfort from your door to church and back!



Cell Phone vs. Bible

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go, hmmm, where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cellphones, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!



YOUTH SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS: CHANGES TO BE ANNOUNCED!

Dec. 1st - both youth groups to Peddler's Village - meet at Amwell at 6:45

Dec. 8th - both youth groups at church to decorate tree

Dec. 15th - regular meetings

Dec. 22nd & 29th - no meetings

Jan. 5th - regular meetings

Jan. 12th - no youth

Saturday, January 20th - Bowling Time tba

Jan. 26-28 - Camp Swatara Weekend

GOOD CLEAN FUN

Contemplative Vicar

A vicar was talking to one of his parishioners. He said “When you get to my age you spend a lot more time thinking about the hereafter.” “What do you say that”, enquires the parishioner. The vicar replies “Well, I often find myself going into a room and thinking what did I come in hear after.”

Goliath's Grief!

Why was Goliath so surprised when David hit him with a stone? Because nothing like this had ever entered his mind before.



Good King Wenceleslas (Warning: This one will make you groan!)

Good King Wenceleslas went out to the pizza parlour and ordered a pizza. The assistant asked Do you want your usual? Deep pan, crisp and even?

A Troublesome Fruit (Adam & Eve Joke 1)

It wasn't the apple that caused the trouble in the Garden of Eden, it was the pair on the ground.

Domestic Problems (Adam & Eve Joke 2)

Adam was walking outside of the Garden of Eden with Cane and Abel when the boys were young. Cane and Abel looked into the garden and viewed waterfalls, lovely birds, lush forests and fruit trees bending over because of the large amounts of fruit on them.

Then they took a long look at where they lived at. It was dry, dusty with weeds and sickly-looking trees.

“Daddy? Why don't we live in there instead of out here?” they asked innocently.

Adam said, “Well sons. Eve and I use to live in there at one time. But your mother ate us out of house and home.”

The Cost of Living (Adam & Eve Joke 3)

God said to Adam, “I am going to make you a helper, a companion. What would you like your companion to be like?” Adam replied, “Well I want someone that is humorous, witty, intelligent, compassionate, caring, loving, trusting, polite, generous and beautiful.”



God paused a moment after Adam's wish list and told Adam that a companion like that 'would cost him an arm and a leg.' Adam seemed a little dejected and then brightly replied: “What can I get for a Rib?”

Good Sermon!

After a very long and boring sermon the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the preacher. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons. “Pastor, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God!” The pastor was thrilled. “No-one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why.” “Well - it reminded me of the Peace of God because it passed all understanding and the Love of God because it endured forever!”

FIVE FINGER PRAYER

(Contributed by Margaret Hughes)



1. [Your thumb](#) Is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."

2. The [next finger](#) is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The [next finger](#) is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The [fourth finger](#) is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our [little finger](#) - The smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you," Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.



MEALS ON WHEELS IN HUNTERDON

“Would you like to do lunch? With Meals on Wheels, that is. Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon has provided “comfort food” to our recipients since 1973; now we'd like you to join us.

If you are over 60, homebound and/or have a disability, Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon can deliver a hot noontime meal Monday through Friday with weekend coverage if needed. Service can be short term until recovery or longer depending on individual needs.

Or - if you are able to - we invite you to join us at one of our Congregate Dining Nutrition Sites around Hunterdon County.

Delicious meals delivered and served by warm and caring volunteers - what could be better? If you or someone you know would benefit from the security and support of home delivered meals or congregate dining, contact Meals on Wheels today. Call (908) 733-8332 for more information”

DO YOU HAVE NEED FOR A NOTARY?



SISTER SUSIE APGAR IS A NEW JERSEY NOTARY
AND IS OFFERING HER SERVICES TO THE MEMBERS
OF THE CONGREGATION. SHE IS WILLING TO HELP YOU WHEN
YOU HAVE A NEED!



With nominations and a vote of confidence from the congregation,
Amwel I Church of the Brethren welcomes Deacon-Candidate
Steven Harcl erode.



Steve will spend a year in internship with Pastor Bob and
Brother Jeff. He will be studying and training to prepare for
the awesome, wonderful task of being in the Lord's Service to
his brothers and sisters of the congregation

Steve requests the congregation's prayers and patience as he embarks on
his new ministry. He considers this upcoming position as an exciting
journey along life's path. He will endeavor to follow the call of The
Lord. Steve holds the Bible and all its teachings as the true, inspired
Word of God.



BUILDING UPDATE

All systems are GO. The township has approved our building plans and we are ready to enter the next phase.
A group of learned men from our congregation will be searching for the proper contractors and builders.
These men, led by Brother Jeff, will have need for your constant prayers as they search for the proper workers.
There is much to consider at this point and this committee will be dedicated to ask The Lord to lead them in the
proper direction.



BUILDING FUND HEADS UP!

**Lots of fun, tasty and important fellowships ahead!
This is not a complete listing. Watch the Power Point
presentations Sunday Morning for updates!**

**If you have ideas, thoughts or can be an extra pair of hands, please contact
Susie Apgar, Barbara Waldron, Sherry Ferello or Tanya Drake.**

Upcoming Events - watch for the dates:

**THE SECOND ANNUAL COOKIE WALK IS BEING PLANNED
FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH AFTER SERVICES.
BAKERS AND SNACKERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

**KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR POINSETTIAS AND MUMS.
SUE "GREEN THUMB" PIERMAN IS LOOKING FOR QUALITY
PLANTS FOR THE CONGREGATION!!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHANGE JAR. WE NEED YOUR SPARE
CHANGE TO MAKE CHANGE TO OUR BUILDING!**

**The Building Fund Committee is working non-stop to raise important
monies for the Church expansion and construction. Please be
supportive! They can use your hands, ideas, thoughts and strengths in
many ways!**

**SHOP RITE CARDS AVAILABLE FROM THE COMMITTEE!
THEY MAKE HANDY CHRISTMAS GIFTS. HELP OUT A FRIEND
AND HELP THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE AT THE SAME
TIME!**



HELPING HANDS *A NEW MINISTRY*

Brother Jeff Kiskurno has volunteered to spearhead the latest ministry here at Amwell.
HELPING HANDS is a group of able workers willing to give a helping hand to someone in need.

If you find yourself in a situation where you could use extra help...say you are sick or disabled and you need some light chores or light repairs done, Jeff and committee are the people who can be of service.

There is no need so small that you can not mention it. The most important idea behind this ministry is that all is done to the Glory of The Lord. The second most important idea is that people in need **must speak up!** Jeff and his workers are not mind readers. They are so very ready to help out but they must be informed of the need.

Contact Jeff if there are some chores in your life you can not tackle. God didn't mean for any of us to be alone and there are some hardworking members of the congregation ready to give YOU a **HELPING HAND**. Just ask.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATE!

A CELEBRATION OF THE BUSY BEES 75TH
ANNIVERSARY!!!



SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD
DURING CHURCH SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL LUNCHEON
AND
OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG
DRESS FOR THE DAY IS NOSTALGIA OF THE 1930S

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!**



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Missionary Outreach



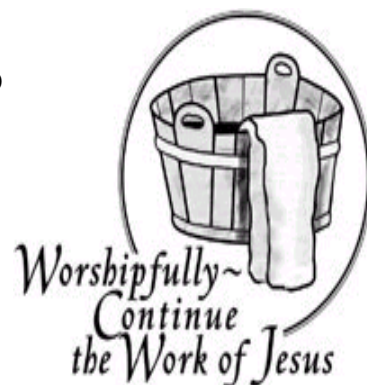
Amwell Church of the Brethren supports many Missionaries. Not only do these people and organizations count on our financial support they greatly depend on our prayers and encouragement.

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

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

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





VACATION WEEK IN DUBOIS, PENNA
 FOR GIVEAWAY: YOU CAN OWN A WEEK'S
 VACATION TIMESHARE IN DUBOIS, PA. IT IS
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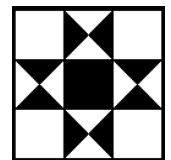
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**A PLEA FROM THE NEWSLETTER STAFF
YOU ARE NEEDED**

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 or 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, Trustees and COS MEMBERS. Don't forget 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 your 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!



"Instead of complaining that God had hidden himself, you will give Him thanks for having revealed so much of Himself." -Blaise Pascal

"Without Christ there is no hope." -Charles Spurgeon

"Once in seven years I burn all my sermons; for it is a shame, if I cannot write better sermons now than I did seven years ago." -John Wesley

"We are the Bibles the world is reading; We are the creeds the world is needing; We are the sermons the world is heeding." Billy Graham

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."
(repeated 3 times) ---The Last Words of Martin Luther



JUST A LAST MI NUTE THOUGHT...

Question: "What sort of New Year's Resolution should a Christian make?"

Answer:

The practice of making a New Year's Resolution goes back over 3000 years to the ancient Babylonians. There is just something about the start of a New Year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. In reality, there is no difference between December 31st and January 1st. Nothing mystical occurs at midnight on December 31st. The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of a New Year's Resolution. However, if a Christian determines to make a New Year's Resolution, what kind of resolution should he or she make?

Common New Year's Resolutions are: to quit smoking, to quit drinking, to manage money better, and spend more time with family. By far the most common New Year's Resolution is to lose weight, in conjunction with exercising more and eating healthier. These are all good goals to set. However, 1 Timothy 4:8 instructs us to keep exercise in perspective: "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." The vast majority of New Year's Resolutions, even among Christians, are in relation to physical things. This should not be.

Many Christians make New Year's Resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, to attend church more regularly, etc., etc. These are fantastic goals! However, these New Year's Resolutions fail just as often as the non-spiritual resolutions. Why? Because there is no power in a New Year's Resolution. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation for stopping or starting that activity. For example, why do you want to read the Bible every day? Is it to honor God and grow spiritually or is it because you have just heard that it is a good thing to do? Why do you want to lose weight? Is it to honor God with your body, or is it for vanity, to honor yourself?

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Philippians 4:13 tells us, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." John 15:5 declares, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." If God is the center of your New Year's Resolution, it has chance for success – depending on your commitment to it. If it is God's will for something to be fulfilled, He will enable you to fulfill it. If a resolution is not God honoring and/or is not in agreement in God's Word – we will not receive God's help in fulfilling the resolution.

So, what sort of New Year's Resolution should a Christian make? I cannot answer that question for you. My advice to you is this: (1) Pray to the Lord for wisdom (James 1:5) in regards to what resolutions, if any, He would have you make; (2) Pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (3) Rely on God's strength to help you; (4) Find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you; (5) Don't become discouraged with occasional failures, instead allow them to motivate you further; (6) Don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory. Psalm 37:5-6, "Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday."

