

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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BY THEIR FRUITS

Jesus says in Matthew 7:20 "...By their fruits ye shall know them". The context is His warning about false prophets. It is a warning with broad implications! Many things look good on the surface but the deeper you dig you will discover things are not as they appear.

False prophets are found in the church they deceive people! But deception can be found everywhere because deceit is a pattern of lies, lying is sin and Satan is the father of lies! The Bible says he is the deceiver.

The Bible says in the last days Satan will "Deceive many"! (Matthew 24:11) Both believer and non believer will be deceived.

The Christian will be deceived into thinking we can get comfortable in a god-less culture- we can let our guard down, we can absorb the philosophies, lifestyles, values, morals, privities and attitudes promoted by the culture and not be affected.

But this mind set is deception blending in and buying into the world is forbidden by The Lord God!!

II Corinthians 6:17 "Wherefore, come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord..." The idea that the believer or the church must compromise or water down the Gospel so that we can 'fit in' is deception! Bible believing Christians and their church have never fit in--

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BLANCHE'S CORNER....by BLANCHE CARL

It Isn't the Church-It's You

**If you want to have the kind of a church
Like the kind of a church you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.
You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing really new.
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your church;
It isn't the church--it's you.**

**When everything seems to be going wrong,
And trouble seems everywhere brewing;
Just take a look at yourself and say,
"What's the use of being blue?"
Are you doing your "bit" to make things "hit"?
It isn't the church--it's you.**

**It's really strange sometimes, don't you know,
That things go as well as they do,
When we think of the little--the very small mite--
We add to the work of the few.
We sit, and stand round, and complain of what's done,
And do very little but fuss.
Are we bearing our share of the burdens to bear?
It isn't the church--it's us.**

**So, if you want to have the kind of church
Like the kind of a church you like,
Put off your guile, and put on your best smile,
And hike, my brother, just hike,
To the work in hand that has to be done--
The work of saving a few.
It isn't the church that is wrong, my boy;
It isn't the church--it's you.**



The Iranian Diaspora speaks out

More than 100 Iranian activists around the world have signed a statement disapproving the recent conference in Iran that questioned the occurrence of the Holocaust. The statement pays respect to Jewish and non-Jewish victims of the Nazi regime and expresses anger with the Iranian government for “distortion of historical facts,” according to a copy of the statement shown to The Associated Press. It also notes that the activists are signing despite their “diverse views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.”

The effort was initiated in December by Ladan Boroumand, a human rights activist who was frustrated by the relative silence on the subject from Iranians living abroad. The statement was to be printed in The New York Review of Books and may be posted on its website soon.

“This power they claim to be able to tell you what the truth is and what it is not is where totalitarianism gets its strength from,” said Boroumand, 49, a historian. “The whole purpose of this statement was to say the truth.”

The widely discussed two-day conference in December brought together well-known Holocaust deniers and others who have said the Nazi genocide has been blown out of proportion.

The Teheran conference was backed by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has made harsh statements against Israel and called the Holocaust a “myth” while seeking to elevate Iran's profile in the region. Attempts to reach officials with the Iranian government were not immediately successful during that the discussion.

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!

LIFE'S EXPRESSIONS

Read Luke 6:45 LB

Hudson Taylor served our Lord as a missionary in China. There was none greater than he.

In counseling a young man, Taylor filled a glass to the brim with water. Then he struck the table with all his might.

“Here in China,” he said, “you'll get many a nasty blow. You'll come up against criticism and cruelty. Remember when you do, whatever you are full of, will splash out.”

What splashes out of you every time you are hit with unkind words and deeds?

The Bible says, “Whatever is in the heart overflows in speech.”

Prayer: *Heavenly Father; all through today make me compassionate enough and courageous enough to show that I belong to Thee; to refuse any dishonest or dishonorable thing; to refuse to listen to any unclean or ugly word; and to speak clean and kind words: these things we ask in Thy name. Amen.*

FAVORITE RECIPES
FROM Christian Chefs Fellowship

Baptist Church-Fried Chicken Wings

Yield: 2 Servings (6-10 wings)

Ingredients:

Oil, for deep-frying

1/2 cup Buttermilk

3 tbsp Creole Spice

2 cups Flour

1 lb Chicken Wings

Potato Salad, for serving

Parsley Sprigs, for garnish

Procedure:

In a deep fryer or high-sided skillet, heat oil to 360°F (182°C).

In a mixing bowl, combine buttermilk, 1 tablespoon Creole spice and 1/2 cup flour; mix well to make a paste.

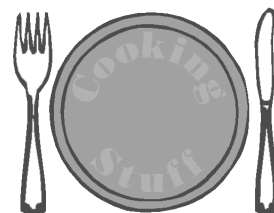
Season remaining flour with remaining Creole spice. Dip wings, one at a time, into batter, allowing excess to drip off.

Dredge in seasoned flour.

Fry immediately in hot oil, 6 to 8 minutes, moving and turning pieces frequently with long tongs.

Drain on paper towels. Do this in batches. If wings are large, remove with tongs, drain, transfer to a baking sheet and bake in a pre heated 350°F (177°C) oven until very crisp about 10 minutes.

Serve with potato salad garnished with parsley sprigs.



the Gem WORD HUNT

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The following words can be found among the letters in the above box. Circle them as you find them. (Solution on page 3.)

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Word Hunt Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-7

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, wishes 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!

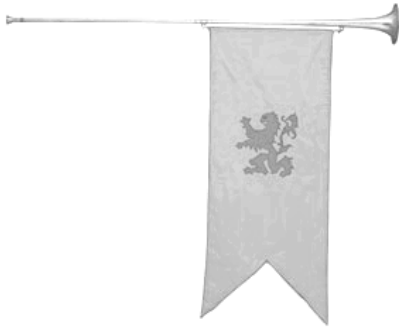
Our web site recently celebrated its 16,600 web visit. Our web site not only has the weekly sermons preserved, but there are plenty of pictures of our changing and growing congregation! This is a great and easy way to show off YOUR children to grandparents, uncles and aunts and family friends! We are 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 the fun!

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. Have any ideas for them? They are willing to listen!

Feb 2007

- TBA BUSY BEES
- *** FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT *** WATCH FOR DETAILS
- TBA TRUSTEES MEETING in the ANNEX
- 15th THURSDAY NOON GROUP
- 19th COS MEETING at 7PM
- 18th 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

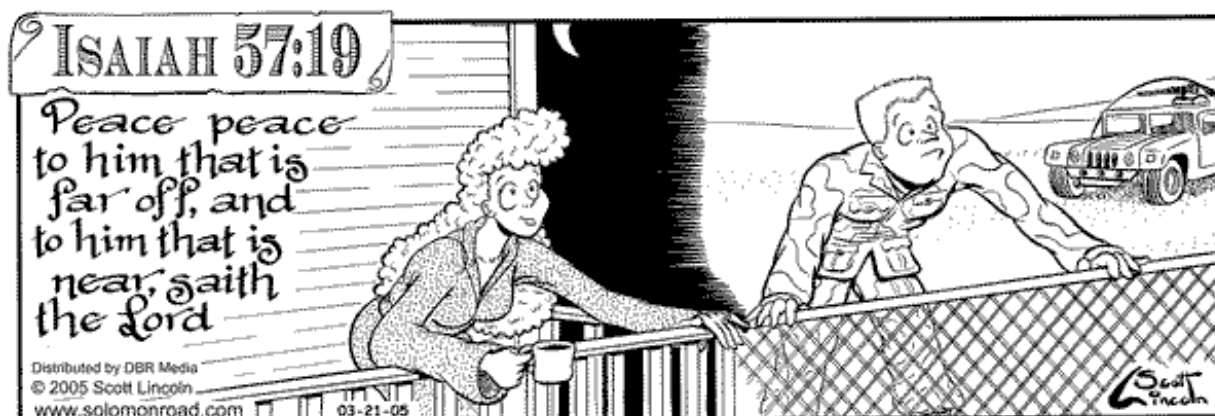


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- MARCH 11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!



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.



BRETHREN FUNDS GIVE \$150,000 FOR HUNGER AND DISASTER RELIEF

(Jan. 26, 2007) -- Two Church of the Brethren funds have given a total of \$150,000 for hunger relief and disaster response, through five recent grants. The Emergency Disaster Fund (EDF) and the Global Food Crisis Fund (GFCF) are ministries of the Church of the Brethren General Board.

An EDF grant of \$60,000 has been made to SHARECircle, a relief and rehabilitation organization working in Angola. The funds will help expand services to a recently received USAID grant for feeding centers at schools in Bie province, and will provide medical supplies, medicine, and school kits to be shipped from the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md. Medicine and supplies will be provided by Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA), and school kits and Gift of the Heart Kids Kits will be provided by Church World Service (CWS).

An EDF grant of \$30,000 has been given to Brethren Disaster Response to open a "Hurricane Katrina Rebuilding Site 4" in Chalmette, La. This is a new rebuilding site for the Brethren response to the hurricanes that affected the Gulf coast area. The money will pay for travel expenses, leadership training, additional tools and equipment, food and housing, and some building supplies.

An allocation of \$25,000 has been made from the GFCF for the Darfur crisis in Sudan. The grant responds to a CWS appeal for Darfur at the outset of 2007. The grant will help build new water points, maintain or repair existing wells and pumps, construct latrines, conduct health and nutrition education, and distribute tools and seeds.

An allocation of \$20,000 from the GFCF will work on reforestation, and supply stoves and cisterns in Guatemala. The grant continues support of a community development program in Guatemala. Work projected to take place in 2007 includes construction of rainwater catchment systems, building fuel-efficient cookstoves, operation of a tree nursery, and transportation of organic fertilizer.

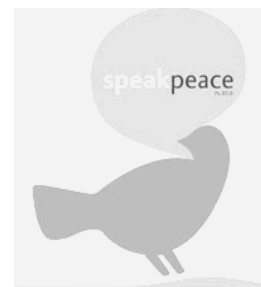
An allocation of \$15,000 from the GFCF supports the Rural Service Center in Akleshwar, India. This grant continues Church of the Brethren support of the center, and will help the center engage the rural poor with animal husbandry, soil conservation, vocational guidance, water and soil management, social forestry, public health, and multiple cropping. A portion of the amount of the grant--\$5,000--will be used for an assessment of the center's role in a rapidly changing society.

For more about the Emergency Disaster Fund go to

www.brethren.org/genbd/ersm/EDF.htm.

For more about the Global Food Crisis Fund go to

www.brethren.org/genbd/global_mission/gfcf.htm.



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The very fruit of our lives is to be different than the world's! Sin, flesh and the devil creates culture (Galatians 5:19-21) marked by death, violence, vulgarity, addiction, unbridled sexuality, bizarre behavior, anger and rage, and a departure from God's Word.



**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

**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”

Non believers are deceived into thinking “This is now normal. It's all good, there are no consequences, and God is dead!”

Adherence to God's Word and Jesus' Way creates a 'counter-culture' (See Galatians 5:22-23) marked by true love, joy, peace, patience, goodness (in behavior and deeds), faith (confidence in God), humility and self control.

We have a choice. Either we are going to jump on board the 'god-less express' and ride that popular train to destruction **OR** we will follow in the footprints of Jesus to a life with purpose and beauty! **WE CAN NOT DO BOTH!!!**

We will affect those around us or they will affect us. We can only affect people if our lives bear the fruit of a Christian.

If you are a parent your kids will see the fruit of your choices. Do they see you in The Word? Do they hear you pray? Are you growing in faith? Do your words, privities, attitudes and church involvement reflect that you are a committed Christian? Your employer, co-workers, neighbors and friends are watching.

So the next time you or I look in the mirror let us ask: “If by my fruits they will know me...what do they see?”



YOUTH UPDATES:

The following is the tentative schedule for the Amwell Church of the Brethren Youth Groups.

There may be changes to be announced with the teens' schedule. If you are not currently attending the teen group, but, would like to, please be sure to ask pastor Bob to notify you of any changes.

The Olympians meet at the church from 7:00-8:30 PM,
unless otherwise noted.

Olympians are children in Kindergarten through 5th grade.
The Teens meet at the DiSalvio residence from 7:00-9:00 Pm
unless otherwise notified.

Teens are 6th grade through high school.



The olympian and teen youth schedule is as follows:

Friday, February 9th - regular meetings

Friday, February 23rd regular meetings

Friday, March 2nd regular meetings

Friday, March 16th " " "

Friday, March 30th " " "

Friday, April 20th " " "

Saturday, April 28th - Closing Meeting for the year. Additional info to be announced at a later date.

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 holler to Pastor, Susie, or Barbara. They will see you are chauffeured in comfort from your door to church and back!



Super Bowl coaches Dungy, Smith known for Christian testimony

By Art Stricklin

MIAMI (BP)--Super Bowl XLI will feature two teams making their first super game appearance in two-plus decades, two Midwestern teams separated by only a couple hundred miles, but most importantly two coaches who are strong believers in Jesus Christ.

Head coaches Tony Dungy of Indianapolis and close friend and fellow Christian Lovie Smith of Chicago gave credit to God following their respective teams' victories in the conference championships Jan. 21.

“The Lord set this up in a way that no one would believe it,” Dungy said following the Colts' win over New England. “The Lord tested us a lot this year, but He set this up to get all the glory.”

The news that two witnesses for their personal faith in Jesus Christ would have a two-week international spotlight for their beliefs thrilled Christian leader William Pugh, executive director of sports ministry Athletes in Action, a branch of Campus Crusade for Christ.

“We are so excited to see the Bears and Colts in the Super Bowl,” Pugh, a close friend of both head coaches, said. “We could not have picked two better coaches to represent all that is good about sports.”

AIA organizes and runs the annual Super Bowl breakfast the day before the game. Last year, Dungy was the keynote speaker just weeks after his son's tragic death, giving an inspirational message about God's love in the best and worst of times.

Smith is in his first tenure as a head coach and hasn't had the public opportunities to share his faith like Dungy, but he has told the Chicago media he believes in Christ, listens to Christian music when driving his car and does not smoke, drink or curse.

“I'm so happy for Lovie who does things the right way, without cursing and shows things can be done differently,” Dungy said of Smith. “We give God all the credit.”

Dungy has served as the cover spokesman for a special Super Bowl witnessing video and tract. Several of his players, including star tight end Dallas Clark, put out a special faith-based DVD titled “Power to Win” about their faith in Christ and their need to honor Him in all that they do.

While the media will concentrate on the game itself, the men in charge of leading their teams to the big game plan on sharing the most important things in their life, something that has nothing to do with runs or passes or even the final score.

GOOD CLEAN FUN

A Special Find

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them.

Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

“Momma, look what I found,” the boy called out.

“What have you got there, dear?” his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: “I think it's Adam's suit!”



A Special Hymn

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon; with great expression he said, “If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.”

With even greater emphasis he said, “And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.”

And then finally, he said, “And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.”
He sat down.

The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, “For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: ”Shall We Gather at the River.“

At the Wedding

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, “*Why is the bride dressed in white?*”

”Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.“

The child thought about this for a moment, then said *”So why is the groom wearing black*

Gorgeous

A bus carrying only ugly people crashes into an oncoming truck,
and everyone inside dies.

They then get to meet their maker, and because of the grief they have experienced; he decides to grant them one wish each, before they enter Paradise.

They're all lined up, and God asks the first one what the wish is. “I want to be gorgeous,” and so God snaps His fingers, and it is done.

The second one in line hears this and says “I want to be gorgeous too.”

Another snap of His fingers and the wish is granted.

This goes on for a while but when God is halfway down the line,
the last guy in line starts laughing.

When there are only ten people left, this guy is rolling on the floor,
laughing his head off.

Finally, God reaches this guy and asks him what his wish will be.

The guy calms down and says.....

“Make 'em all ugly again”



VALUE

**To realize the value of a sister
Ask someone who doesn't have one?**

**To realize the value of ten years
Ask a newly divorced couple.**

**To realize the value of four years
Ask a graduate.**

**To realize the value of one year:
Ask a student who has failed a final exam.**

**To realize the value of nine months:
Ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.**

**To realize the value of one month:
Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature
baby.**



**To realize the value of one week:
Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.**

**To realize the value of one minute:
Ask a person who has missed the train, bus or plane.**

**To realize the value of one-second
Ask a person who has survived an accident.**

Time waits for no one.

---Contributed by **B**arbara Waldron



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 was a complete
success! The committee extends a hearty thank you for those
who were willing to bake cookies. A HUGE thank you to all who
purchased!**

**Any ideas for the committee will be welcomed. Please see
Tanya if you have any fresh and new thoughts for fund raising!**

**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 GIFTS. HELP OUT A FRIEND AND HELP
THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE AT THE SAME TIME!**



HELPING HANDS *A NEW MINISTRY*

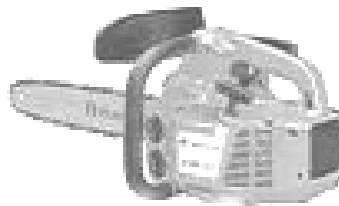
Brother Jeff Kiskurno has volunteered to spearhead the latest ministry here at Amwell.

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.



The Newsletter Committee wishes to extend a hearty **CONGRATULATIONS** to **DOUG WALDRON**.

Doug has entered an exciting time of his life. Doug has retired from his job and is ready to travel more and spend lots of time with Barb and all those grandchildren!

God's Blessings to you, Doug!!!

ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER

Please give an update to these addresses

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Downingtown, PA 19335
610-269-7462



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Marge Landis
8106 Kensington Drive
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**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



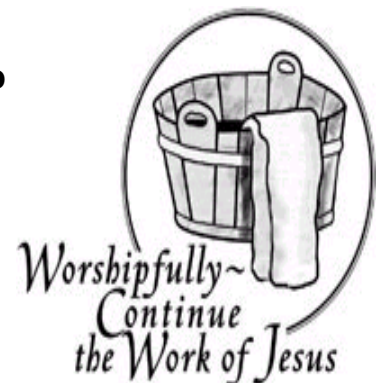
Amwell Church of the Brethren supports many Missionaries. Not only do these people and organizations count on our financial support they greatly depend on our prayers and encouragement.

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

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VACATION WEEK IN DUBOIS, PENNA
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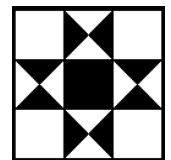
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EVEN MORE WANT ADS...

Evalyn and Susie are collecting used toner cartridges as part of a fund raiser at their school. Phillipsburg Christian Academy will benefit from this effort. Please help if you can! See David or Stacia if you have any questions!



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



**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!



"As Caesar demands of us the stamp of his likeness, so does God also. And as we render money to the one, so we give our souls to the other,----our souls enlightened and sealed with the light of His countenance." -**Venerable Bede**

"I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

---**Martin Luther**

"Sin has the devil for its father, shame for its companion, and death for its wages." --**Thomas Watson**

"There's no better book with which to defend the Bible than the Bible itself." --**D.L. Moody**





JUST A LAST MINUTE THOUGHT...

submitted by Barbara Waldron

THE RAINBOW OF PROMISE

Friends are God's Way of Taking Care of Us

(This was written by a Hospice of Metro Denver physician)

I just had one of the most amazing experiences of my life, and wanted to share it with my family and dearest friends:

I was driving home from a meeting this evening about 5, stuck in traffic on Colorado Blvd., and the car started to choke and splutter and die - I barely managed to coast, cursing, into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It wouldn't even turn over.

Before I could make the call, I saw a woman walking out of the "quickie mart" building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a gas pump, so I got out to see if she was okay. When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen; she was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes. She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel.

At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95. I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying "I don't want my kids to see me crying," so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now. So I asked,

"And you were praying?"

That made her back away from me a little but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, "He heard you, and He sent me."

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I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling walked to the next door McDonald's and bought 2 big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of coffee. She gave the food to the kids in the car who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little. She told me her name, and that she lived in Kansas City. Her boyfriend left 2 months ago and she had not been able to make ends meet. She knew she wouldn't have money to pay rent Jan 1, and finally in desperation had finally called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about 5 years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there. So she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas, but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves, a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, "So, are you like an angel or something?" This definitely made me cry. I said, "Sweetie, at this time of year angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people." It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, you guessed it, when I got in my car it started right away and got me home with no problem. I'll put it in the shop tomorrow to check, but I suspect the mechanic won't find anything wrong. Sometimes the angels fly close enough to you that you can hear the flutter of their wings...

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee." Psalms 55:22

We don't go through this life alone. God has prepared people along the way to reach out to us when we need a helping hand. He cares for us. He gave His only Son to save us, did he not?

