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## From The Pastor's Pen . . .

*by Robert DiSalvio, Pastor at Amwell COB*



### Revival

One of the great hymns of the church reads:

Revive us again  
Fill each heart with Thy Love  
May each soul be rekindled  
With fire from above  
William Mackay/John Husband

It is the plea of the hymn writer that Christian's will be pulled away from their busy lives, snapped out of their apathy and be reawakened to the voice of the Lord.

Charles G, Finney, the great preacher wrote: "Revival is nothing else than a new beginning of obedience to God"

It seems sometimes in the Life of the Church we need a "Jumpstart" to get us energized to go forward with enthusiasm for the Kingdom work God has set before us.

In Nineteenth/Twentieth century America Revival meetings sprung up throughout the country. They were held in great tents and were marked by powerful preaching, inspiring testimonies and soul stirring music. Tent revivals have vanished but the need for revival and evangelism has not.

Jun 4-8, 2003 under a tent set up here on the grounds we will hold a series of revival/evangelistic meetings. The tent is just a novelty designed to promote the meetings but the meetings are serious, eternal, life changing events.

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## **BLANCHE'S CORNER ...by *Blanche Carl***

### ***A Friendly Thought For Each Day Of The Week***

#### **Monday**

*Is there someone you know who's lonely,  
And you haven't seen for a while?  
Let them know that they're thought about  
With a call, a word, or a smile.*

#### **Tuesday**

*Don't neglect the chance today  
To do some kindly act  
Or pay a little compliment  
With thoughtfulness and tact.*

#### **Wednesday**

*This is the day for forgetting  
Yesterday's cares and its strife.  
This is a day for remembering  
The joys and the blessings of life.*

#### **Thursday**

*Think of a friend who's in trouble.  
Is there some little thing you can do?  
If there's nothing else, then offer a prayer  
From a heart that's sincere and true.*

#### **Friday**

*Today should be just for your loved ones.  
Find some little way of expressing  
The thought that their love will always be  
Life's greatest and sweetest blessing.*

#### **Saturday**

*You may have cares and duties  
There are dozens of things to be done,  
But don't let the day come to an end  
Without some laughter and fun.*

#### **Sunday**

*This is a day for rejoicing,  
For thinking of God above;  
Arise and give thanks for the blessings  
Of His deep and abiding love.*

*May these little thoughts from the heart of a friend  
Bring joy to your week from its start to its end*



These four handsome men are the hard-working Deacons at Amwell Church of the Brethren. They are willing to do The Lord's work at a moment's notice. Each had a special calling to serve in a unique circumstance. Most of their efforts go un-noticed and un-rewarded. Yet they continue to toil endlessly to further Christ's Kingdom on Earth. Make sure you give these men a hug or a pat on the back. They aren't asking for it but they surely deserve one.

**John Caimano:** Married to his beautiful bride Lorraine since 1972. They are the parents of John Jr. and Gina. Granddaughter Jenna is the light of their lives. If not busy with coins or photography, John earns his living in sales. He tells us about his call to the position of Deacon: Just a natural progression in leadership and devotion to the Kingdom, starting as youth leader, then trustee.

**George Hettman Sr:** George has been married to his lovely wife Carol 31 years. They are the parents of George Jr and are the grandparents of 4 precious grandchildren. George spends his day as a caretaker for the Gallop family. Rare free time is enjoyed hunting, babysitting and woodworking. He is chairman of the Deacon Board and says he was called to the Deacon board in 1982 by Pastor Landis and Bob DiSalvio.

**Jeff Kiskurno:** Jeff has been married to his pretty better half Cindy for 22 years. They are the parents of 3 terrific sons Ryan, Scott and Brandt. Jeff works hard in sales for Benjamin Moore. Spare time seems elusive for Jeff but what he can muster, he likes to spend outdoors. He tells us that to be a Deacon takes much prayer and searching. There are interviews, meetings and then a congregational vote to get the ball rolling. The nominated Deacon serves a year internship before final decisions are made for a life time of service to the Lord.

**Robert Hughes:** In 1978 Bob was smart enough to marry his precious wife Margaret. Since his retirement from the State of New Jersey he enjoys spoiling their cat Tiger, birding, cooking, serving on boards and township committees, reading and creating and marketing original beaded jewelry. He credits the late Pastor George Landis for leading him into service of Deacon at Amwell.  
(reprinted by special request)

✝ **Missionary Outreach** ✝

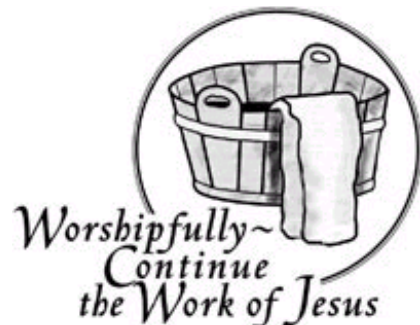
Amwell Church of the Brethren supports many Missionaries. Not only do these people and organizations count on our financial support they greatly depend on our prayers and encouragement. Please send them a card or letter to let them know you care.

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## MARANATHA NEWS BRIEFS

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( **COMPASS**) -- A Sudanese court jailed an Episcopal priest “indefinitely” last month for refusing to demolish a church he had built himself 11 years ago on the outskirts of Khartoum North. In a verdict announced on April 7, the Rev. Samuel Dobai Amum was ordered to tear down St. Matthew’s Parish in Takamol and surrender the land on which it was built to the “rightful owner.” “Amum said he couldn’t destroy something he has devoted to his Father in the Highest,” the newspaper Khartoum Monitor reports.. “If the law sees it just to do so, it can go ahead,” Amum reportedly told the court, but he refused to tear down the church himself. Angered, Judge Kamal Abd-Rahaman Alli declared Amum “rude before the law.” The judge amended his verdict on the spot, demanding that the priest either destroy the church himself or pay 7,000,000 Sudanese dinars (nearly \$3,000) to secure the land in the name of the church. Until one of these two demands was honored, the judge stated, Amum was to be “imprisoned indefinitely.” Amum, who is in his mid 40s, has been incarcerated since April 7 in the Soba Prison, 15 miles southeast of Khartoum along the Blue Nile. “His imprisonment is open,” a source in the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) told Compass from Khartoum. “There is no month or day or week or year set. It’s an open prison sentence.”

Since it formed 16 years ago, the congregation of St. Matthew’s Parish has averaged from 150 -200 members, depending on the movements of displaced Christians in the area. Most of the parishioners are from the Jur and Wirah tribes of southern Sudan.

Amum and his wife Sudan Guma have two sons, Noah and Ayu, and a daughter, Vivian. During his initial weeks in jail, he has been allowed to meet his family and friends during regular prison visiting hours. “His wife is upset completely, and his congregation is very worried about him,” a fellow clergyman told Compass. During the first month of Amum’s imprisonment, the church raised 81,000 dinars toward his release.

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### ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER

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To The (Pen) Point

You are encouraged to remember the sick and shut in of our Church with a card or letter. Add to your correspondence a note to the missionaries listed in the newsletter. Personal contact is so very important when someone is ill or away from home.

### COME IN OR STAY OUT

Read John 1:1-4

Little Jimmy was a bad boy. One day his mother asked, “How do you expect to get into heaven?” “I’ll just run in and out,” he answered, “and keep on slamming the door until St. Peter says, ‘Come in or stay out!’ and then I’ll stay in.”

**But if you’re not a Christian before you die, you won’t become a Christian after you die. If you’re not a child of God over here, you won’t become a child of God over there.**

**Isn’t it better to be sure than sorry? Then why don’t you become a child of God right now?**

**Receive the Lord Jesus as your Savior, and you’ll receive power not only to become a child of God, but to behave like one. Say–isn’t that wonderful!**

**Prayer: Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. All through my life, make me brave enough to show that I belong to Thee and bold enough to bring others to Thee: in Thy name. Amen.**

From the Recipe File of ... *LaNell Miller*  
**SATURDAY MORNING WAFFLES**



1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt  
2 egg yolks  
1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup milk  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cooking oil  
2 egg whites

In a mixing bowl combine flour, baking powder and salt. In another bowl beat egg yolks slightly, milk, and oil. Add egg yolk mixture to flour mixture all at once. Stir just till combined but still slightly lumpy.

In a small bowl beat egg whites till stiff peaks form (tips stand straight) Gently fold beaten egg whites into four and egg yolk mixture leaving a few fluff of egg white. Do not over mix.

Pour 1 to 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  cups batter into grids of a preheated, lightly greased waffle baker. Close lid quickly; do not open during baking. Bake according to manufactures directions. When done use a fork to lift waffle off grid. Repeat with remaining batter. Makes 3 or 4 waffles.

YOUR DEACONS DESIRE TO COMMUNICATE MORE DIRECTLY WITH EACH MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION. WE HAVE THEREFORE ASSIGNED OUR DEACONS TO THE CONGREGATION BY ALPHABETICAL BLOCKS AS FOLLOWS. DO FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY DEACON

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## A DAUGHTER AND HER DAD

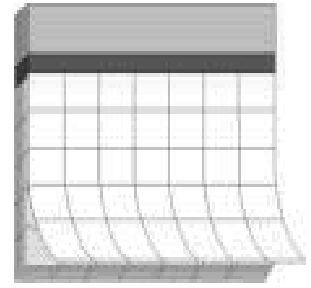
Her hair was up in a ponytail Her favorite dress tied with a bow.  
Today was Daddy's Day at school, And she couldn't wait to go.  
But her mommy tried to tell her, That she probably should stay home.  
Why the kids might not understand, If she went to school alone.  
But she was not afraid; She knew just what to say.  
What to tell her classmates Of why he wasn't there today.  
But still her mother worried, For her to face this day alone.  
And that was why once again, She tried to keep her daughter home.  
But the little girl went to school, Eager to tell them all.  
About a dad she never sees A dad who never calls.  
There were daddies along the wall in back, For everyone to meet.  
Children squirming impatiently, Anxious in their seats.  
One by one the teacher called, A student from the class.  
To introduce their daddy, As seconds slowly passed.  
At last the teacher called her name, Every child turned to stare.  
Each of them was searching, For a man who wasn't there.  
"Where's her daddy at?" She heard a boy call out.  
"She probably doesn't have one," Another student dared to shout.  
And from somewhere near the back, She heard a daddy say,  
"Looks like another deadbeat dad, Too busy to waste his day."  
The words did not offend her, As she smiled up at her Mom.  
And looked back at her teacher, Who told her to go on.  
And with hands behind her back, Slowly she began to speak.  
And out from the mouth of a child, Came words incredibly unique.  
"My Daddy couldn't be here, Because he lives so far away.  
But I know he wishes he could be, Since this is such a special day.  
And though you cannot meet him, I wanted you to know.  
All about my daddy, And how much he loves me so.  
He loved to tell me stories He taught me to ride my bike.  
He surprised me with pink roses, And taught me to fly a kite.  
We used to share fudge sundaes, And ice cream in a cone.  
And though you cannot see him, I'm not standing here alone.  
"Cause my daddy's always with me, Even though we are apart  
I know because he told me, He'll forever be in my heart"  
With that, her little hand reached up, And lay across her chest.  
Feeling her own heartbeat, Beneath her favorite dress.  
And from somewhere in the crowd of dads, Her mother stood in tears.  
Proudly watching her daughter, Who was wise beyond her years.  
For she stood up for the love Of a man not in her life.  
Doing what was best for her, Doing what was right.  
And when she dropped her hand back down, Staring straight into the crowd.  
She finished with a voice so soft, But its message clear and loud.  
"I love my daddy very much, He's my shining star.  
And if he could, he'd be here, But heaven's just too far.

You see he was a fireman And died just this past year  
When airplanes hit the towers And taught Americans to fear.  
But sometimes when I close my eyes, It's like he never went away."  
And then she closed her eyes, And saw him there that day.  
And to her mother's amazement, She witnessed with surprise.  
A room full of daddies and children, All starting to close their eyes.  
Who knows what they saw before them, Who knows what they felt inside.  
Perhaps for merely a second, They saw him at her side.  
"I know you're with me Daddy," to the silence she called out.  
And what happened next made believers, of those once filled with doubt.  
Not one in that room could explain it, For each of their eyes had been closed.  
But there on the desk beside her, Was a fragrant long-stemmed pink rose.  
And a child was blessed, if only for a moment, By the love of her shining bright star.  
And given the gift of believing, That heaven is never too far.



## JUNE, 2003

- Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM
- Every Wednesday : Dessert & Bible Study starting 7 PM.
- Olympians and Teen Youth Group Friday Evening  
(See Michelle DiSalvio)
- **1st Children's Day Service**
- **4th-7th TENT REVIVAL MEETING @ 7 PM**
- 8th Special Sunday Morning Worship Service with Craig Smith
- 5th Busy Bees @ 7:30 PM In The Annex
- 14th Marriage Excursion @ 6:30 PM
- 15th \*NEW\* **Summer Hours (Sunday School 8:45 AM & Worship @9:45 AM)**
- 15th Father's Day
- 19th Thursday Noon Group @ 11 AM (Place TBA)
- 15th Mission Sunday Scheduled



## JULY, 2003

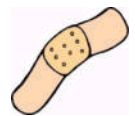
- Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM
- Olympians and Teen Youth Group Friday Evening (See Michelle DiSalvio)
- Wednesday Bible Study on hold 'til Sept. Special events TBA
- Marriage Excursion TIME & PLACE TBA
- Busy Bees TIME & PLACE TBA
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 7-18 from 9 -11:50 AM**
- Thursday Noon Group (information TBA)
- 20th Mission Sunday



Dear Ann Landers: The enclosed appeared in our church bulletin and I thought you might find it interesting enough to share with your readers. ---C.C. (The Bronx)

Dear C.C.: I did and I shall. Thanks for sharing.

### Safety Tips



Do not ride in an auto – they cause 20 percent of all fatal accidents.

DO not stay at home – 17 percent of all accidents happen there.

Do not walk in the street – 15 percent of all accidents happen to pedestrians.

Do not travel by air, rail or water – 16 percent of all accidents result from these activities.

Only .001 percent of all accidents happen in church

## From The Pastor's Pen

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Great men of God are praying as you read this article for God to speak through them during this special week.

- Dr. Phil Carlos Archibold speaks on Wednesday June 4 and Saturday June 7
- Dr. Ray Stagno speaks Thursday June 5
- Greg Joyner speaks Friday June 6
- District Executive Craig Smith speaks during the morning Service on Sunday June 8

These men are responsible to bring God's word to those who come to the meetings. What are you and I responsible for?

**Pray for the meetings:** Someone has said, "All great revivals have been preceded and carried out by persevering, prevailing knee-work in the closet."

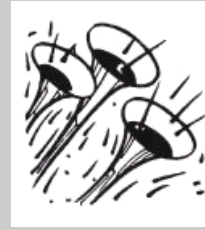
**Attend the meetings:** A Chinese Christian wrote "Lord, revive your church and begin with me" God cannot speak to you, revitalize you or restore you to His use unless you expose yourself to the work of the Holy Spirit.

**Invite someone to the meetings:** Pray about who that will be, pray that they will accept your invitations, pray that they will hear and receive what God's Messenger will bring to them.

If we all do our part in these Revival/Evangelistic meetings, God will do the rest.



## AMWELL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN COMMUNICATION SERVICES



### Carrying the Gospel as far as the World can Receive It

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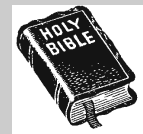
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## Announcing: VBS

JULY 7 thru JULY 18

9 AM to 11:50 AM

Get ready for 2003's most exciting Vacation Bible School!



Full-blown action and adventure lie ahead in 2003 as kids of all ages explore the mysteries of ancient Egypt and uncover God's plan of leading the world to Jesus. Join Barbara Waldron and crew on this journey into the past! Your time and energies are needed for teaching, crafts, snacks and support! PLEASE contact Barbara or Pastor if you have a willingness to be a part of this adventure!

**STUDENT REGISTRATION is a MUST and HAS to be handed in by June 25th for a guaranteed spot at VBS. Register ONLINE at [www.amwell.org](http://www.amwell.org) for your convenience!**



### Background for LaNell's Waffle recipe:

This was a favorite Saturday morning breakfast dish for the Miller family when they lived in Rhode Island. The waffle tradition started when a dear Christian Lady noticed that the Millers were newcomers to the church. She invited them over for Saturday brunches and showed LaNell how to make waffles. What a wonderful way to get to know a new person at church, to share a special recipe and to nourish the bond of Christian fellowship.



### ***KICKOFF TO A GREAT SUMMER***

***PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR A WEEK-LONG TENT REVIVAL MEETING AT AMWELL.***

*June 4th thru the 7th at 7 PM we will be meeting under an actual tent for an old-fashioned revival service.*

*Special guests speakers include: DR. PHIL CARLOS ARCHIBOLD, DR. RAYMOND STAGNO and GREG JOYNER. Sunday's special morning service will be headed by CRAIG SMITH, District Executive of the Atlantic North East District COB. Special music will be presented nightly as we are joined with other Christians from the area to experience a revival of the heart and of the soul.*

*Please pray about what part YOU should have in this service. Mark your calender and remember to invite someone to share in these uplifting services. The body needs nourishment and so does the soul.*

*Psalm 23: 2-3 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

## A POEM FROM DADDY

Four foot two and only you,  
can make me feel so special inside.  
You make my days knowing that you care,  
with love that you never hide.

We hang out together everyday,  
spend time when you get home from school.  
I'll never get bored when your around,  
we can always play a game of pool.

Such a blessing from above,  
God gave me so pure and true.  
I'll never stop thanking the Lord,  
for the happiness I've found in you.

My little blue eyed boy is the best,  
gift I could ever ask for.  
His loving heart that serves Jesus,  
how much my son I adore.

I love you my son  
From: *Daddy*



## CHOIR INVITATION

Jean DiSalvio and crew wish to extend an open invitation to anyone desiring to join the choir!

No experience required...just a minimum of time needed for rehearsal and a great pay...appreciation for a job well done! Feel free to contact Jean or any member at any time! You will be welcomed with open arms, a huge smile and a great big bear hug!!!



Congratulations to RYAN KISKURNO, JUSTIN REEDER and MIKE PIERMAN on their recent high school graduation! Ryan is planning on attending college at St. Joseph's in Philadelphia, Justin is going to attend a college near Doylestown and Mike is headed to Liberty University in Virginia. The congregation is urged to remember these young men in your daily prayers.

## News of the Church of the Brethren

Taken from the Brethren website at brethren.org

Abraham Hess, then a free minister at Conestoga Church of the Brethren in Leola, Pa., and his wife, Ruth, became involved with the denomination's Food for Peace program that was sending care packages to Germany and Poland after the war. The packages came from across the US and were sent through the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md.

Their son, Claude, now 78, remembers the package sent by his family -- and the thank-you letter they received in return from the Zehender family of Germany. That began a relationship that has spanned the decades, with members of each family making trips across the Atlantic to visit the other.

With the patriarch of the German family, Carl Zehender, celebrating his 100th birthday last month, Claude thought of the perfect way to mark the milestone.

"We were brainstorming, and I said, 'I have an idea,' " Claude Hess said, recalling a family discussion. " 'Let's contact New Windsor and see if they would package a replica care package in honor of him being 100 years old.' " His daughter, Linda, told him, "You know, that's the best thing we could do."

So while some of the contents were a bit different (though still containing many favorites from Lancaster County, Pa.), the Hess family again packed a cardboard box to send to Germany. Claude personally brought it to the Brethren Service Center for shipping, and the box went out in mid-March.

"None of us know when we get involved in a small project what the links will be for years to come," Brethren Service Center executive director Stan Noffsinger said. "It's neat what happens when we respond to 'the enemy.' Everything we do in Jesus Christ can build bridges of peace."





## JUST A LAST MINUTE THOUGHT...

Submitted by *Jan Boulton*  
**CIRCLE of FRIENDS**

Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.

To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.

Anger is only one letter short of danger.

If someone betrays you once, it is his fault; if he betrays you twice it is your fault.

Great minds discuss great ideas; average minds discuss events; small discuss people.

He, who loses money, loses much. He, who loses a friend, loses much more; he, who loses faith, loses all.

Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Friends, you and me...you brought another friend...and then there were three...we started our group...our circle of friends.

And like that circle...there is no beginning or end...yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift, that's why we call it the present.



The entire congregation wishes to extend tidings of good wishes and prayers to the **PALMER FAMILY!**

David, Stacia, Evelyn and Susie welcomed little guy James on May 11. What a blessed Mother's Day gift!

All of Amwell are encouraged to remember The Palmers in prayer while they adjust to their new bundle of joy!



DON'T FORGET OUR CHILD OF COMPASSION  
**HELEN**

YOUR DONATIONS WILL ALLOW THIS CHILD TO BE THE CONTINUING RECIPIENT OF QUALITY MEDICAL CARE AND THE SUPPLIES SHE NEEDS TO GROW HEALTHY AND STRONG IN THE LORD.