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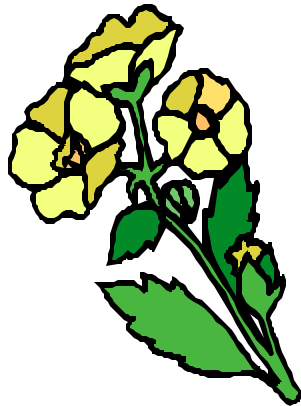
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Pastor's Place

In Spring We Are Re-
minded Psalm 51:12

I'm one of those people who loves Spring. What a contrast to Winter! Those courageous crocus' who brave the cold mornings and freak snows to herald Spring are here! I've learned a lot about life from those few weeks between April and June.



When King David sinned one of the consequences of those actions was a dark period of spiritual Winter. He cried out to God to restore to him the 'Joy of his Salvation' and to 'Lift him up'. We all go through our dark times when we think God isn't there. Contrary to those events and those feelings He is there. Look for him in the pages of the Bible, sense His presence while you're on your knees in prayer, feel His love through the good counsel of a Christian family member or friend.

When I go through hard times I look for the small-



Pastor Bob

est break in the clouds and I head for the light. It's like seeing the buds on the trees or the green-
ing of the grass. I know Summer is right around the corner. I'm reminded God is near.

Pastor Bob

Editor's Notes

Well it looks like the newsletter will be a quarterly issue for now. If anyone would like to contribute original articles, poetry, recipes, book reviews or memories of church happenings it would be gratefully ac-

cepted.

Ultimately I would like to have someone from the Youth Group write an article for every issue about something important to them, a review of a youth group outing or a book or

album review. Age doesn't matter as long as you can read and write what you feel.

If anyone of any age is interested in working on the newsletter please contact me.

Blanche's Corner

Every Tuesday at 9:30 am the Morning Star Craft Group meets at the Amwell Church for fellowship and to enjoy the company of friends.

The name is the Morning Star Craft Group but not everyone works on crafts all the time. Ladies bring crafts they are working on or other projects that they need to accomplish and work on them while en-

joying conversation and a snack with their friends.

Soon the ladies will be working together on a project for the Busy Bees. They will be making many of the mattress covers requested by Reverend Benjamin Meney . These covers will be used by children at a Christian camp in the mountains of Kentucky.

The Craft Group was started many years ago by member Grace Affleck and has been meeting every Tues-

day since then. Everyone of any age is welcome from 9:30 to around noon every Tuesday morning.

HERITAGE DAY SEPT 10, 2000:

Heritage Day 2000 will provide an opportunity for you to remember an Amwell Saint that has gone to be with the Lord. Is there someone you would like to bring to remembrance?

Think about it and look for more information soon.

Stories from the Internet

While this story is centered around Easter I thought it was touchingly appropriate for Father's Day.

THE SON

Years ago, there was a very wealthy man who, with his devoted young son, shared a passion for art collecting. Together they traveled around the world, adding only the finest art treasures to their collection. Priceless works by Picasso, Van Gogh, Monet and many others adorned the walls of the family estate.

The widowed elder man looked on with satisfaction, as his only child became an experienced art collector. The son's trained eye and sharp business mind caused his father to

beam with pride as they dealt with art collectors around the world.

As winter approached, war engulfed the nation, and the young man left to serve his country. After only a few short weeks, his father received a telegram. His beloved son was missing in action. The art collector anxiously awaited more news, fearing he would never see his son again. Within days, his fears were confirmed. The young man had died while rushing a fellow soldier to a medic.

Distraught and lonely, the old man faced the upcoming Easter

holidays with anguish and sadness. The joy of the season, a season that he and his son had so looked forward to, would visit his house no longer. On Easter morning, a knock on the door awakened the depressed old man.

As he walked to the door, the masterpieces of art on the walls only reminded him that his son was not coming home. As he opened the door, he was greeted by a soldier with a large package in his hand. He introduced himself to the man by saying, "I was a friend of your son. I was the one he was rescuing when he died. May I come in for a few moments? I have something to show you."

"Who cares about that painting? It's just a picture of his son..."

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Congregation News:

Congratulations are in order to the Hettman family. On April 17th, 2000 at 11:16 pm a new member entered their family and ours. Carissa Ann Hettman came into the world looking sweet, peaceful and tinier than a child's doll. She was 6 lbs. 11 oz. and 20 inches long. Please join me in welcoming

Carissa Ann and congratulating mom, Tami, dad, George Jr. and siblings Micaela and Savannah.

On Saturday, May 20th Doug Waldron Jr. and Beth Gleeson were joined in marriage and added another new family to our congregation.

On Monday, May 15th the Lord called home His beloved child Stella Sonafrank. Funeral services, performed by Pastor Robert DiSalvio, were held on Thursday, May 18th at Amwell Church of the Brethren. Stella was interred in the New Lower Amwell Cemetery.

Youth News & Events

YOUTH AROUND THE WORLD:

No matter how old you are you can make a difference in the world. Sophie Dillard a six-year old in Smyrna, GA heard about the religious persecution of Christians in China. She told her mom she wanted to send 85 Bibles to them through The Bible League (<http://www.gospelcom.net/bibleleague/>) but she only had enough savings to send one Bible. She talked to her kindergarten class at Covenant Christian School and they decided to raise money. Her kindergarten class started saving their dimes and nickels and doing extra chores and

odd jobs to raise money. They also received some donations, the largest being a check for \$100, and after a few weeks they had raised \$509.40, enough to send 127 Bibles to Christians in China. *(source: Crosswalk.com)*

COMING TO AMWELL:

Vacation Bible School is coming this summer for two weeks in July. Last year was fun and inspiring and this year promises to be even better. School starts the 10th and runs through the 21st from 9:00 am to 11:30 am with a closing ceremony for the whole family on the 21st at 7:30 pm. Classes are preschool through 12th grade and include Bible lessons, crafts, singing, snacks and playtime.

The theme this year is Road Rally 2000—In the Race With Jesus; He-

brews 12:1. Be sure to sign up at church and come join the fun. Volunteer teachers and kitchen help are always welcome.

VIDEO REVIEW:

VeggieTales has a new video out called King George and the Ducky which is a lesson about selfishness. King George learns that he can't take whatever he wants just because he's King. This story is a rework of David and Bathsheba, Bathsheba is portrayed by a rubber ducky that belongs to Thomas, played by Junior Asparagus. There is also a silly song called 'Endangered Love' about Barbara Manatee. This video is hilarious, entertaining and educational for children and adults. VeggieTales are available at Bible bookstores, Target and Wal-Mart.

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As the two began to talk, the soldier told of how the man's son had told everyone of his father's love of fine art. "I'm an artist," said the soldier, "and I want to give you this." As the old man unwrapped the package, the paper gave way to reveal a portrait of the man's son. Though the world would never consider it the work of a genius, the painting featured the young man's face in striking detail. Overcome with emo-

tion, the man thanked the soldier, promising to hang the picture above the fireplace. A few hours later, after the soldier had departed, the old man set about his task.

True to his word, the painting went above the fireplace, pushing aside thousands of dollars of paintings. And then the man sat in his chair and spent Easter gazing at the gift he had been

given. During the days and weeks that followed, the man realized that even though his son was no longer with him, the boy's life would live on because of those he had touched. He would soon learn that his son had rescued dozens of wounded soldiers before a bullet stilled his caring heart.

...it was the greatest gift he had ever received.

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What We're Doing

Hey kids, this section is for you and the special things that you do. If you participate in sports, music, dance, theatre, 4H or any type of extra-curricular activity let me know and it will end up here. Give me your game schedules and recital



dates and people will know when to show up and support you.

And if you win an award of any kind I'll print it here. That includes any academic honors you may receive

at school.

This section is for kids of all ages not just high schoolers so let me know what you're up to and I'll let everyone else know too.



International News

RUSSIA:

Thousands of Russia's orphaned and abandoned children, many who live on the streets, will have a chance to receive Jesus this summer. Russian Ministries (<http://www.russian-ministries.org/>) based in Wheaton, Ill helps to support Christian camps in Russia that operate in some of the very same camps that used to indoctrinate children into Communism. It costs just \$49.00 to send a child to camp for 10 days.

The children are not sent out into the world alone after camp ends. Volunteers and workers follow up by visiting the children throughout

the year at their homes, orphanages or state institutions giving them encouragement and support.

If you are interested in the program you can find out more at the web address above or call 888-575-HOPE. (source: *Crosswalk.com*)

AFRICA:

Starting May 23 there will be a two week rally in Washington DC highlighting the atrocities happening in the Sudan. Black ministers will be joining with human rights groups and other non-Christian organizations to protest the governments inaction. Unfortunately the article doesn't mention the involvement or

concern of any other American churches. Are we as a Christian nation not concerned? Do we not care that our brothers and sisters in Christ along with those who hold to ancient native beliefs (animism) are being murdered and enslaved merely because they are not Muslim? (source: *Crosswalk.com*)

If you would like to express your concern over this or any other issue the addresses of New Jersey's Congressional members are listed on Page 5. You can also write Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright directly by letter or fax.

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Washington, D.C. 20520
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secretary@state.gov

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continued to reach him, fatherly pride and satisfaction began to ease the grief. The painting of his son soon became his most prized possession, far eclipsing any interest in the pieces for which museums around the world clamored. He told his neighbors it was the greatest gift he had ever received. The following spring, the old man became ill and passed away. The art

world was in anticipation.

With the collector's passing, and his only son dead, those paintings would be sold at an auction. According to the will of the old man, all of the art works would be auctioned on Easter day, the day he had received his greatest gift.

The day soon arrived and art collectors from around the world gathered to bid on some of the world's most spectacular paintings. Dreams would

be fulfilled this day; greatness would be achieved as many would claim "I have the greatest collection." The auction began with a painting that was not on any museum's list. It was the painting of the man's son. The auctioneer asked for an opening bid. The room was silent. "Who will open the bidding with \$100?" he asked. Minutes passed. No one spoke. From the back of the room came, "Who cares about that painting? It's just a pic-

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Missions Corner

On Sunday, May 21st, Reverend Edwin Martinez visited our church and delivered a challenging sermon followed by a delicious luncheon.

Reverend Martinez put a challenge to our church to send a small group to Guatemala for a week to a week

and a half next June. The group would get a small taste of what it is to be a real missionary in another country putting to use all their talents and abilities be it plumbing or singing for the cause of Christ.

Members, of course, would have to

raise their own funds for the trip. If you are interested in going on the trip or need more information before making a decision you can write to Reverend Martinez via:

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Colorado Springs, CO 80936-9900

June 2000

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Schedule of Events

- ? 6/11 - Praise & Prayer
- ? 6/11 - Pastor Jim Bauer, Mohrsville Church of the Brethren
- ? 6/17 - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- ? 6/25 - Praise & Prayer

Coming in July

- ? 7/9 - Praise & Prayer
- ? 7/10 - Vacation Bible School starts 9:00 am
- ? 7/21 - Vacation Bible School Closing Program 7:30 pm
- ? 7/23 - Praise & Prayer

Coming in August

- ? TBA - Outreach Picnic
- ? TBA - Community Day

Congressional Addresses

If you would like to write, email or phone your local Representative or Senators their contact information is as follows:

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Honorable Rush D. Holt (D)
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Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-5801

Email: rush.holt@mail.house.gov
Web page: <http://www.house.gov/rholt/>

If you don't live in Flemington you can find your Representative at <http://www.house.gov/writerep/> by using your zip code and state of residence.

New Jersey Senators:
Senator Robert Torricelli (D)
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ture of his son. Let's forget it and go on to the good stuff." More voices echoed in agreement. "No, we have to sell this one first," replied the auctioneer.

"Now, who will take the son?" Finally, a friend of the old man spoke. "Will you take ten dollars for the painting? That's all I have. I knew the boy, so I'd like to have it." "I have ten dollars. Will anyone go higher?" called the auctioneer. After more silence, the auctioneer said, "Going once, going twice. Gone." The gavel fell. Cheers filled the room and someone exclaimed, "Now we can get on with it and we can bid on these treasures!" The auctioneer looked at the audience and announced the auction was over.

Stunned disbelief quieted the

room. Someone spoke up and asked, "What do you mean it's over? We didn't come here for a picture of some old guy's son. What about all of these paintings? There are millions of dollars of art here! I demand that you explain what's going on here!" The auctioneer replied, "It's very simple. According to the will of the father, whoever takes the son . . . gets it all!"

Just as those art collectors discovered on that Easter day, the message is still the same - the love of a Father - a Father whose greatest joy came from His Son who went away and gave his life rescuing others. And because of that Father's love...whoever takes the Son gets it all.

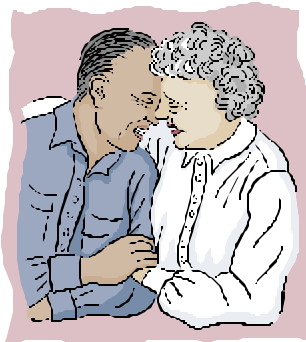
Mini Ministries at Amwell

Need to Feed:

Need to Feed provides meals for families with new babies, illness, grieving or other needs. If you could help make a meal for a church family in need please contact Tami Hettman.

Emergency Preparedness Pantry:

The Emergency Preparedness Pantry is always collecting non-perishable foods in case of a natural disaster or other emergency that may strike our church family. If you can contribute or have ques-



tions about what is needed please contact Joseph Ferello.

Food Pantry:

The Food Pantry also collects food but not for emergencies. This food is given to the Flemington Food Pantry to help the needy families of Hunterdon County on a daily basis. Please bring your donations to the back of the sanctuary near the coat racks. If you're unsure of what to bring contact Blanche Carl or Barbara Waldron.

The Busy Bees:

The Busy Bees have been organizing showers, parties, weddings and contributing their time to various charities at Amwell for over fifty years. If you would like to learn more about the Busy Bees and how to join contact Barbara Waldron.

Outreach Ministry:

The Outreach ministry focuses on reaching the neighborhood of our church home. This year they are focusing on visiting the homes of every family living within a three mile radius of Amwell. If you would like to participate contact George Hettman.