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## From The Pastor's Pen . . .

by Robert DiSalvio, Pastor at Amwell COB



### THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

I do quite a bit of reading. I remember as a kid seeing my unde (a physician) reading a text book in his office. I inquired as to why he was still reading "School books" long after he received his medical degree. His response is a great lesson for the believer: **ONE NEVER STOPS LEARNING!!**

Learning through reading and studying God's Word is essential to a Christian. Reading the Bible from cover to cover, meditating on a verse to find the meaning and memorization are all components of a balanced Biblical diet.

Paul writes in Acts 20:32 "...and now brethren I commend you to God and the word of His Grace which is able to build you up ...". There is no growth without a regular, systematic time in God's Word. Spiritual growth is in direct proportion to the amount of time and effort you are putting into the Book.

Half the books of the Bible can be read in ten to forty-five minutes. Consider:

Galatians --- 6 Chapters --- 149 verses  
Ephesians --- 6 Chapters --- 155 verses  
Philippians --- 4 Chapters --- 104 verses  
Colossians --- 4 Chapters --- 95 verses

You could probably read any of these books in about twenty minutes!

George Mueller was the German Christian whose ministry was to homeless children in the 1800's. he wrote this entry in his diary on May 9, 1841:

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## BLANCHES CORNER...by Blanche Carl

### A Brief History of the Amwell Church

Amwell Church was organized in 1733. In the late fall of that year, when the early German settlers in this area heard that John Naas had landed in Philadelphia in mid-September, a delegation made up of Jacob Moore, Antony Dierdorff, Rudolph Herli and John Peter Lausche waited on Naas and persuaded him to return with them to Amwell as their first pastor. Naas remained in Amwell for the rest of his life. He passed away in May 1741. In his latter years he had as an assistant John Bechtelsheimer. We know but little except he stayed on for some time after the death of Naas. Then apparently he left Amwell and all trace of him is lost. Only fragments of information have come down to us as to who may have carried on the work after the departure of Bechtelsheimer. During the next forty years various men seem to have been in charge. George Klein, William Housell and Abraham Lawsbe ministered to the people. The latter had married a daughter of John Bechtelsheimer.

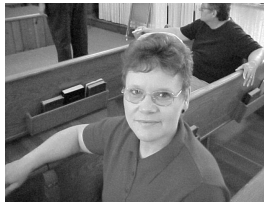
In 1790 Morgan Edwards visited the area and reported that the Brethren had only forty-six members and no house of worship. Services were held around in the homes of the farmers and the preaching was still in German. There is no record of when Israel Poulson took over the work. In 1811 he gave a half-acre of ground from his farm as the site for a church building. A building was put up soon afterward to be followed in 1856 by another and larger building which was substantially the church that we know today. Israel Poulson could speak no German so the change over to preaching in English had to be made and the congregation began to grow. His pastorate covered a period of about fifty years during which he became a sort of living legend.

In 1848 there was a vacancy in the next ranking Eldership. The congregation selected Israel Poulson, Jr., a son of the pastor for this position. The choice caused trouble. John P. Moore felt that he was in line for the post and he was disappointed and angry. After a long and bitter dispute, he and about twenty of his sympathizers withdrew and formed a church in Sand Brook. In February 1856, Israel Poulson died and his son assumed full charge. In spite of an unfortunate beginning, Israel Jr. proved to be a good pastor and under his able leadership the church enjoyed a steady growth. In 1873 dissension again arose and so bitter did it become that the pastor felt constrained to give over his pastorate. The discontent smoldered for about twenty-five years until the late 1890's when quite a number withdrew and formed a church in Sergeantsville, which left Amwell in a badly weakened condition.

After Israel Poulson, Jr. left, a long succession of Elders was sent over from Pennsylvania to take charge of the work. Perhaps the best remembered of these are Frank F. Holzopple, Jacob F. Graybill and Monroe B. Miller. In spite of the best efforts of these dedicated men the work continued to languish. In 1916 the Rev. Henry T. Horne became the leader and a new era began to dawn for Amwell. He seemed to be the right man in the right place at the right time. As a result of his wise and patient leadership, accessions to the church increased, the Sunday School was revitalized and many material improvements were made possible. Rev. Horne continued in the work until 1943 when advancing age and bodily infirmities compelled him to relinquish the pastorate.

After an interim of about three years, the congregation invited the Rev. George W. Landis, then at the Springfield Church in Pennsylvania, to become their leader. In 1950 fire destroyed the interior of the church building, but by a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, they were able to completely restore the sanctuary within a remarkably short time. Since then the facilities for the Sunday School have been enlarged until the church stands today fully equipped to serve God and the community. The pastorate of Brother Landis has been a period of steady growth in strength and increase in dedication on the part of the people. The church has been able to extend her influence for good far beyond the geographical limits of Amwell.

-From Frank E. Burd



## MEET . . . PATSY CACCIARELLI

Our dear Patsy (Silverborn) has always lived near the Port Colden area. Born, raised and still a resident, Patsy finds her days are busy and active. The mother of two daughters, Wanda (married to Louie) and Gwen and proud Grandmother to two adorable girls, Patsy spends her work time in the office of the Chubb Insurance Group, where she has toiled for over 16 years. She confesses that her hobby of redecorating her house (OFTEN!) keeps her hands busy!

Patsy gave her heart to the Lord as a child and has always been "in Church" but when she was invited by Blanche Carl to a special service regarding her step-father Alan Pyatt, Patsy tells us she just "Felt right at home". Patsy actually joined Anwell and became a "full-fledged member" just a few short months back and she is anticipating the Discipling Classes with Sister Blanche.

Patsy loves singing in the choir and is looking forward to helping in the Kitchen Ministry. She encourages anyone who needs an extra set of helping hands to look her up; she is more than willing to pitch in and do what needs to be done!

Patsy tells us she enjoys studying the Bible and feels inspired from its words. She is particularly drawn to the 23rd Psalm and was especially touched by the Holy Spirit when Dave Van Camp preached from this Psalm. She felt truly comforted by the phrase " ...He leadeth me beside the still water".

### ✝ Missionary Outreach ✝

Anwell 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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### **Student's Speech Gets School's Approval**

(CHARISMA) – After school officials in a Pennsylvania community reversed their decision to remove religious references from her speech, a Christian high school salutatorian delivered her non-censored address. During the Hollidaysburg Area High School graduation ceremony, Shannon Wray referred to Jesus as "my greatest friend." She said: "He [Jesus], even more so than the people I love, has been there every day, never forcing me to do anything, but always encouraging me to stretch my limits and strive for the best He has to offer."

The school had asked Wray to speak about how friendships helped her get through high school, and she felt that she could not do so without talking about her relationship with Christ. The school prohibited Wray from making references about God and Jesus in her speech—until Liberty Counsel stepped in.

The school's decision to permit her comments "reinforces student's constitutional right to express their faith, and that this right does not disappear in public ceremonies," said Liberty Counsel's Mat Staver.

Joel Oster, also with the religious liberties legal defense group, added: "The school should be applauded...for coming to the decision to not censor Shannon's speech simply because it mentions religion. While schools are gun-free zones and drug-free zones, they are not religious-free zones.

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### **ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER**

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### **FERTILIZER HELPS**

Read 1 Peter 2:1-2

A Sunday School teacher was talking about the miracle of life and growth. Holding up a lily she asked, "What makes this beautiful flower come from a drab-looking bulb?"

"God," shouted a little girl.

"Fertilizer helps," added a country boy.

The two great laws of life are growth and decay. When things stop growing they begin to die. That's true of people, business and nations.

Have you grown since you became a Christian? Reading the Bible helps! For it's written, "As newborn babes, desire the milk of the word that you may grow thereby."

Prayer: Help me, dear Lord, to love Thy word and to live it; to think on Thy Word and to talk about it to others. So possess me that I will reveal Thy goodness and graciousness: through Christ. Amen.

**From the Recipe File of ... STEVE HARCLERODE  
Chocolate Chip Cookie Ice Cream Sandwiches**



**1/2 cup softened butter**  
**1/2 cup sugar**  
**5 tablespoons brown sugar**  
**1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract**  
**8 ounces semisweet chocolate, cut into small pieces**  
**8 ounces toasted macadamia nuts, chopped**  
**1 scoop vanilla ice cream**  
**1/4 cup chocolate sauce**  
**Powdered sugar and cocoa powder**

**1 egg**  
**3/4 cup flour**  
**1/8 teaspoon baking soda**  
**1 pinch salt**

**Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place the butter, and both sugars in a mixer bowl, and cream until well mixed. Add the vanilla extract and egg. Mix well. Sift together the flour, baking soda, and salt. Add small amounts of the flour mixture to the butter mixture, and mix well. Fold in the chocolate pieces and nuts. Refrigerate dough for 1/2 hour. Spoon out 1/2 tablespoon portions on a parchment lined baking sheet, 1 1/2 inches apart. Bake the cookies for 12-15 minutes, or until golden brown. Allow to cool. To make an ice cream sandwich: Use 1 scoop of ice cream between 2 cookies, drizzle with chocolate sauce and sprinkle with the mixture of powdered sugar and cocoa powder.**



How blessed the Anwell Church of the Brethren is to be able to welcome into fellowship our congregation from Hagedorn Hospital. Each visit begins and ends with warm hugs and tender words of praise...for The Lord and His Goodness, for the special time of worship and for the open and receiving hearts of all those attending.

In case you don't know, our Pastor is doing an outreach visitation every week at Hagedorn Hospital and the residents there have been granted transportation and supervision in order for them to come to us monthly.

The Lord has opened quite a few doors lately. The spreading of The Gospel is evident in our little congregation. The Holy Spirit is leading Anwell Church of the Brethren down exciting and new paths.

Join us as we eagerly partake in His Adventures!



## ***ISN'T IT STRANGE?***

Submitted by *Bob Hughes*

Isn't it strange how a 100 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how endless an hour seems when we are serving God, but how short it is when we watch a basketball game for 60 minutes?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games, but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything in magazines and newspapers but we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in Heaven, but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

Isn't it strange how we forward jokes in e-mails and they are sent right away, but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?



**IT'S STRANGE ISN'T IT?**



## Parishioner's Potpourri

### AUGUST, 2002

Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM  
Dessert & Bible Study (None until Fall)  
Olympians and Teen Youth Group (None until Fall...See Michelle DiSalvio)  
Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 7:30 AM at Anwell Church of the Brethren OR First Brethren Church of Sergeantsville (See Jeff Kiskurno)

- 1 Busy Bees @ 7:30 PM In The Annex
- 11 Community Picnic at Dilt's Park (After Services)
- 18 Mission Sunday
- 15 Thursday Noon Group @ 11 AM (Place TBA)

### SEPTEMBER, 2002

Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM  
Dessert & Bible Study (Starting again. See Pastor Bob for Date)  
Olympians and Teen Youth Group (See Michelle DiSalvio)  
5 Busy Bees @ 7:30 PM In The Annex (See Barbara Waldron or Busy Bee)  
Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 7:30 AM at Anwell Church of the Brethren OR First Brethren Church of Sergeantsville (See Jeff Kiskurno for schedule)  
8 Heritage Day Service  
14 Women's Bible Study (See Carol Hettman for Time and Place)  
15 Mission Sunday  
19 Thursday Noon Group @ 11 AM Place TBD



### FAITH MOUNTAIN REVISITED

From July 8 to July 19 Anwell Church of the Brethren sponsored the 51st Vacation Bible School. There were 94 students enrolled and most attended every day. Classes were made of students of all ages and all grades including: Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Primary, Middle, Elementary, Junior High and Senior High. Biblical lessons were taught around the theme of FAITH MOUNTAIN (Hebrews 11), gorgeous crafts were lovingly prepared by talented hands, music and praise songs were sung with joyous and able voices and delicious snacks were consumed with great appetite!

The school was staffed by these dedicated people. If there is a name missing, let us know and we will correct it next issue: Margaret Hughes, Dorothy Kamaras and Steve Harclerode (Painting backgrounds and theme posters), Barbara Waldron (Superintendent and General-all-around-Hands-On), Doug Waldron (Props & Pest Control), Bob Hughes (Skit Director), Tom Kitchin (Maintenance), Tom Everett (Kitchen and substitute teacher), Grace Affleck, Dottie Kurzenberger, Helen Marauda, Kate Smock, Loretta Quijana, Sue Vogel, & Jan Boulton (Kitchen Experts), Maggie Myers, (Music Director), and the following teachers and helpers: Jodi Emery, Stacia and Dave Palmer, Lisa Mazeika, Bob and Jean DiSalvio, Doreen Holly, Jill Damiano, Karen Harclerode, Blanche Carl, Lauren Frankevich, April Waldron, Marge Landis, Sue Pierman, Carol Hettman and Tami Hettman.

What did this two week trek of climbing FAITH MOUNTAIN yield? Laughter, tears, good times and most importantly over **TWO DOZEN CHILDREN** gave their hearts to the Lord during VBS! We praise God for His Goodness and we thank everyone who had ANYTHING to do with bringing VBS to this community once again.

## From The Pastor's Pen

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"The most important thing I do to start each day is to read the Bible and meditate on it. It gives me comfort, warming encouragement, correction and instruction ...It is food for my hungry soul. Even after just a few minutes (The Bible) has led me to confession, thanksgiving, intercession or supplication (to ask humbly). By breakfast time, with rare exceptions, I'm in a peaceful, if not happy state of heart".

God's Word will:

- \*Teach you more about yourself and God's Will (Hebrews 4)
- \* Keep you from sin (Psalm 119:9,11)
- \* Defeat our adversary Satan (Ephesians 6: 16, 17)
- \* Increase your faith (John 20:31)

The Bible is a transforming, amazing and miraculous book. I began to read and study God's word as a teenager in the '60s and I've been a student ever since.

***Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a Lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my Path"***



### Background: Frank E. Burd

1890-1985

Frank Burd was a graduate of the Reading Academy in Flemington and began teaching in a one room school in Stanton. He went on to be a principal of schools in Watchung and Pattenburg. In 1921 he became Superintendent of Schools in South Bound Brook. He retired in 1946. He was a graduate of Rutgers University in 1932 at the age of 42, earning a Bachelors Degree in Education. He was also president of Hunterdon County Historical Society. He was a Sunday School teacher for over 15 years at the Amwell Church of the Brethren in Delaware Township.

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**How many of the sixteen Bible books hidden in the paragraph below can YOU find?**

**I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts ... and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph.**

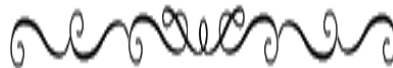
**(answers below - but give yourself a fair go before you peek!)**



**Acts Amos Esther Hebrews**

**James Job Judges Kings Lamentations**

**Luke Mark Numbers Peter Revelation Ruth Titus**



**LIBRARY NOTE:** The Church has purchased a copy of **Fruit of the Vine: A History of the Brethren 1708-1995** by **Donald F. Durabaugh**. You are encouraged to learn about our Brethren Heritage.



**A TIMELY REMINDER FROM YOUR DEACONS:  
SERVICE TIME CHANGE:  
JUNE 9 THRU SEPTEMBER 1  
SUNDAY SCHOOL @8:45 AM  
CHURCH @10:00 AM**





Just a last minute Thought ...  
Submitted by Deacon Robert Hughes  
*What's that Again!!!!*

**Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:**

1. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
2. Announcement in a church bulletin for a national PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."
3. Sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
4. Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.
5. "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."
6. The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
7. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.
8. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
9. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
10. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
11. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
12. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
13. Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
14. During the absence of our Pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.
15. The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."
16. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
17. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
18. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
19. Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
20. Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
21. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
22. Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.
23. The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.

