

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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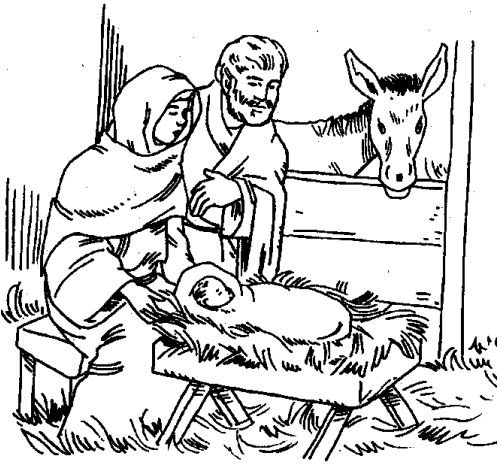
“They Can’t Take That Away From Me.”

In a recent airing of the ABC Nightly News anchor Charlie Gibson reported “Now the news from Iraq, there is no news from Iraq ...” he went on to say there were no reports of violence – in my mind that was news and what strikes me is that in our culture and to our news media “Good News is No News!”

I am prompted to pen this article because all I’ve heard for the last few days on the news is how ‘bad’ things are : Gas price is so high people won’t travel by car over the Holidays – Airline delays are so horrible people won’t fly over the Holidays – The economy is so miserable Holiday sales will be off dramatically! But apparently we ‘dumb’ ‘optimistic’ Americans refuse to join the chorus – just today (November 21) it’s being reported a record breaking number of us will be driving home for Thanksgiving.

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Blanche's Corner BY Blanche Carl



I find a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new dollies. They'd gone shopping

many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They'd decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look.

Oh, it was beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him. I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so full of cheer, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus -not to be wanted at His own birthday celebration. I'm glad it was only a dream.

How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real.

REVERSING THE DISTRIBUTION PLATE
By Electa Draper (THE DENVER POST)

God works in mysterious ways — and so can the Rev. Gary Witkop.
When the pastor of Community in Christ Lutheran Brethren Church in Arvada said he was passing around the collection plate for a second time one recent Sunday, the congregation dutifully reached for wallets and purses to give a little more.

Instead, Witkop told every one of the 60 men, women and children in the congregation to take \$25 from the plate.

And so, on Nov. 11 every congregant received a “reverse offering.”

There was one catch.

Witkop told his flock to use the cash — \$1,500 in all — to show God's love to someone else.

They could treat a friend to dinner or engage in some other form of fellowship.

They could use the money for anything, as long as it was for somebody else.

“I was floored,” said Eddie Culpepper, a 46-year-old Arvada mechanic. “I never expected to see that in church.

Now it's time for me to reach out.”

That was the message.

“That is what Jesus is calling us to do, to love people in ways that are practical,” Witkop said in his sermon. “Love needs to be shown one individual to another, one person to another. Love needs to wear skin and bones.”

Witkop, who has been pastor at the church for 12 years, had been mulling over the idea of a reverse offering for weeks.

He finally sorted it out alongside a mountain campfire during a hunting trip with his two sons.

“Out there in God's creation, I was able to be still and listen to the Lord about this message, one that I have been stirring and fretting over for weeks,” he later told congregants.

First, Witkop had to persuade four church elders.

“We as a church must connect with the community around us or we are only an empty vessel or a clanging gong,” Witkop reasoned. “*A really tight budget*” Elder Wyatt Pinne said he had his doubts at first.

“We're a small church,” Pinne said. “God's really blessed us with the finances to get things done”

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!

A CAPTAIN AND HIS CHART

Read Job 9:25-35

Life is a voyage. Job confessed, “My years disappear like a swift ship.” As we sail into the New Year, we need:

A chart. Modern ships are equipped with radar, yet they carry a chart. Don't sail into the New Year without the chart of the Bible. No Bible? A wound and no cure; a storm and no shelter; a soul and no salvation.

A Captain. Take the Lord on board. He doesn't promise immunity from trouble, but He does promise triumph. He doesn't guarantee good weather, but He does a safe landing.

Choose this Captain and His chart for the New Year, won't you?

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, I take Thee to be my Captain and the Bible to be my chart. Guide me safely through trials and troubles. Guard me from the devil and his darts. Give me Thy grace and Thy gifts. Lead me on from victory to victory: in the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

FAVORITE RECIPES

FROM Christian Chefs Fellowship

TURKEY POT PIE

Ingredients

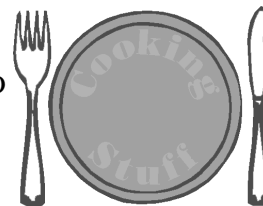
- 1 recipe pastry for a (10 inch) double crust pie
 - 4 tablespoons butter
 - 1 small onion, minced
 - 2 stalks celery, chopped
 - 2 carrots, diced
 - 3 tablespoons dried parsley
 - 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 - salt and pepper to taste
 - 2 cubes chicken bouillon
 - 2 cups water
 - 3 potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 1/2 cups cooked turkey, cubed
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 cup milk

Cooking Instructions

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Roll out bottom pie crust and place in the 10 inch pie pan and set aside.

Place 2 tablespoons of the butter in a large skillet. Add the onion, celery, carrots, parsley, oregano, salt and pepper. Cook and stir until the vegetables are soft. Stir in the bouillon and water. Bring mixture to a boil. Stir in the potatoes, and cook until tender but still firm.

In a medium saucepan, melt the remaining 2 tablespoons butter. Stir in the turkey and flour. Add the milk, and heat through. Stir the turkey mixture into the vegetable mixture, and cook until thickened. Pour mixture into the unbaked pie shell. Roll out the top crust, and place on top of filling. Flute edges, and make 4 slits in the top crust to let out steam.



Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) and continue baking for 20 minutes, or until crust is golden brown

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 2008! 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:

Psalms 119:171,172

My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

PLEASE SHARE!

Our web site recently celebrated its 18,200 web visit. Our web site not only has the weekly sermons preserved, but there are plenty of pictures of our changing and growing congregation! This is a great and easy way to show off YOUR children to grandparents, uncles and aunts and family friends! We are reaching caring arms to the community and the world.

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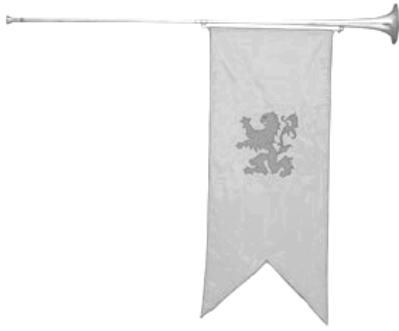
Please support our church's effort to aid the FLEMINGTON FOOD PANTRY. They are in desperate need of non-perishable household staples. See any Busy Bee with your contribution.

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.

PLEASE see Barbara Waldron or any BUSY BEE to help the Rhineharts. They are missionaries to Italy and are in need of small toys and other gifts and treats for the children they minister to.



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Announcing ...

Youth Groups meet as announced.
Watch for schedule announcements.

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! We welcome Mark to our roster!

Your Board of Trustees is committed to utilizing Church funds for the furthering of Christ's Kingdom here on earth. They take their calling of responsibility seriously. This hard working group is rejoicing at the Lord's Blessing to the offerings this year!

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!

Our annual business meeting is scheduled for January 16th at 7 PM SHARP! All are welcome; only active members are eligible for voting.

DEC 2007

- 6th and as announced BUSY BEES
- 2nd after services TRUSTEES MEETING
- 15th ANGEL TREE DELIVERY (See Cindy)
- 20th THURSDAY NOON GROUP
- COS MEETING CANCELED
- 23 th MISSION SUNDAY (HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS)
- MORNING STAR CRAFT GROUP EACH TUESDAY
- OLYMPIANS AND TEEN YOUTH as announced
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY at 7 PM
- CHOIR AT 6:30 as announced
- Christmas Eve Service at 7 PM
- Watch Night Services at 8 PM 'til Midnight

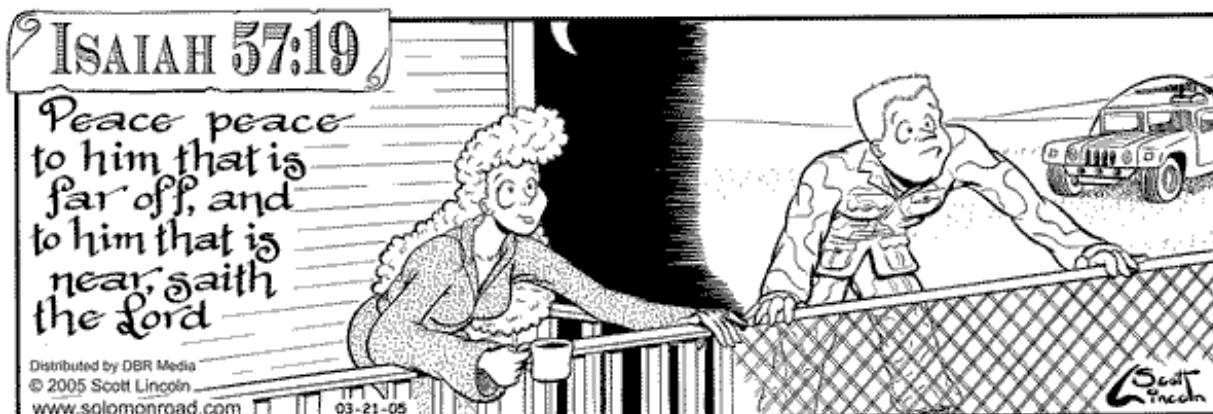


- JAN 2008
- 3rd BUSY BEES
- AS ANNOUNCED TRUSTEES MEETING in the ANNEX
- 17th THURSDAY NOON GROUP
- 7th COS MEETING
- 16th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
- 20th MISSION SUNDAY SCHEDULED
- MORNING STAR CRAFT GROUP EACH TUESDAY
- OLYMPIANS AND TEEN YOUTH as announced
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY continues at 7 PM
- Membership classes starting soon. See Pastor or the deacons



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.



“If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all” (Romans 12:18).

Womaen’s Caucus to focus on next 300 years in 2008.

The Church of the Brethren Womaen's Caucus Steering Committee met recently in Fort Wayne, Ind., for three days of meetings. Two new members, Jill Kline and Peg Yoder, joined the committee that includes Audrey deCoursey, Jan Eller, Carla Kilgore, and Deb Peterson.

The business addressed by the committee included planning for a booth at the 2008 Annual Conference, incorporating the Conference theme for the Womaen’s Caucus as “Women's Empowerment in the Future Church.” It was decided to focus the booth on the next 300 years, rather than reflecting on the past 300 years.

The group planned future issues of the journal, “Femailings.” The next issue will be published in February and will focus on ministries of women. The committee also discussed sisterhood as ministry and how women are supporting one another. Ways to reach out to younger women was reflected on, noting that the Womaen's Caucus blog (womaenscaucus.wordpress.com) and new website are positive steps in that direction. In addition, the group is planning feminist worship resources including liturgy, prayers, and hymns for congregations to use for a once-a-year service honoring women. Meeting time also included worship and singing.

Terms for current members were clarified and it was noted that the Womaen's Caucus is currently looking for a new editor for “Femailings,” as editor Deb Peterson's term in office expires in July. Anyone interested in this position should contact the Womaen’s Caucus at wcaucus@hotmail.com.

--Deb Peterson is a member of the Womaen’s Caucus Steering Committee and editor of “Femailings.”

300th Anniversary update: Calls for exhibit items and video entries.

A special exhibit and an anniversary video contest are planned for the 2008 Annual Conference, to be held in Richmond, Va., on July 12-16, marking the 300th anniversary of the Brethren:

--The 300th Anniversary Committee is organizing an exhibit of Brethren artifacts. Individuals and congregations are encouraged to consider items they may have to offer, and submit a photo and description of each item. The committee is especially interested in items that will attract people of all ages, including children. Objects may relate to baptism, the Love Feast, Sunday school--especially curriculum and hand-out pages, music and hymnbooks, clothing, missions, service, or other expressions of Brethren beliefs and practices. To submit an item, send the following no later than Feb. 1, 2008, to Lorele Yager, 425 Woodland Place, Churubusco, IN 46723: for each item include a photo, name and description, age (or approximate), size and dimensions, a history of the item, and a contact person including name, address, e-mail address, and telephone. Also include an acknowledgment that “Yes, I understand the enclosed photo will not be returned.” Complete one form for each item; forms and photos will not be accepted by e-mail. Those who submit items for consideration will be contacted by April 5 regarding the committee’s decision. For more information contact loreleyager@aol.com.



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Proverbs 23:7 “For as he thinketh in his heart so is he ...” and I’m thinking I have a lot to be thankful for and I’m thinking I’m not going to join the ‘EXPERTS’ in finding the bad in all things and I’m not going to let others or myself get me to the place where I whine about what I don’t have instead of

Thanking God for what I do have!

I have a wife and children whom I love.

I am blessed to pastor some very precious people

AND I have Christ in my heart!

Gas prices, lead in toys, the economy and wars can’t change that!

And for that, I am Thankful and Blessed

LOOKING FOR A BRAVE SOUL OR TWO TO HELP OUT WITH THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS. A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF COMPUTERS WOULD BE HELPFUL; HOWEVER THE STAFF IS WILLING TO TRAIN THE RIGHT SUBSTITUTE.

SEE STEVE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVE SIDE!!!

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Each Sunday at 7:30 A.M.

Copies of Sunday's Sermon are available at NO CHARGE.

Please contact JOE FERELLO if you have a desire for a CD for yourself or to share!



'TIL WE EAT AGAIN!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING
FUND-RAISING/EATING EVENTS AT AMWELL

COOKIE WAI K

december 16TH AFTER SERVICES

See Sue Pierman for order forms and your
role in the baking process

Fund Rai si ng Di nner

Saturday December 8th

\$15 per person Reservations A MUST

Erwing Pfenninger Head Chef in charge!

See any member of the fund raising committee

(UPCOMING PLANS: A FASHION SHOW IN APRIL)

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!



Christian Smiles



Remember Lot's Wife

The Hebrew school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little David interrupted.

“My Mommy looked back once while she was DRIVING,” he announced triumphantly, “and she turned into a telephone pole!”

Curiosity

A teacher was winding up a discussion in her fourth grade class on the importance of curiosity.

Teacher: “Where would we be today if no one had ever been curious?”

Child: “In the Garden of Eden?”

Door To Door Witnesses

Two church members were going door to door, and knocked on the door of a woman who was not happy to see them. She told them in no uncertain terms that she did not want to hear their message and slammed the door in their faces.

To her surprise, however, the door did not close and, in fact, bounced back open. She tried again, really put her back into it, and slammed the door again with the same result -- the door bounced back open.

Convinced these rude young people were sticking their foot in the door, she reared back to give it a slam that would teach them a lesson, when one of them said: “Ma'am, before you do that again you probably should move your cat.”

Adam's rib

In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, “Johnny what is the matter?”

Little Johnny responded,
“I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.”



Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Genesis 27:1-27

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Jacob takes Esau's blessing

Puzzle # 147

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| BOW | HUNTING |
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| BROTHER | KIND |
| CALLED | KISS |
| CAUGHT | LISTEN |
| CHOICE | LORD |
| CLOTHES | MOTHER |
| COUNTRY | NATIONS |
| COVERED | NEAR |
| DEATH | OLD |
| DEW | OVERHEARD |
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| ESAU | QUICKLY |
| FATHER | REBEKAH |
| FIELD | SERVE |
| FIRSTBORN | SMELL |
| FLOCK | SMOOTH |
| FOOD | SON |
| GAME | SPOKE |
| GOATS | TASTY |
| GOD | VOICE |
| | YOUNGER |

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Psalm 62

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BUDGET NEWS

With the advent of a new year, there are several points of interests and concerns to be addressed.

ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS: You must have your 2007 report finalized and submitted to **SHERRY** by December 31, 2007. It will be reviewed and distributed before the business meeting.

BUDGET ITEM REQUESTS must be given to **JOE** by December 2th for Trustee review.

ALL RECEIPTS MUST be submitted to **INEZ** by December 31 if you expect to be reimbursed.

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:

- **COOKIE WALK DEC 16th**
- **Dinner at Church \$15 RESERVATIONS MANDATORY
Chef Murph in charge!**
- **April Fashion Show (TBD)**

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

A Christmas Eve service is being planned. Come and peacefully worship on December 24th at 7 PM. This will be a gentle and reflective service. You will be blessed and will be a blessing to others. Celebrate the humble birth of Jesus The King with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER

Please give an update to these addresses

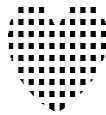
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**Please remember those
who are sick or away at
college with a card or call!**

**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.

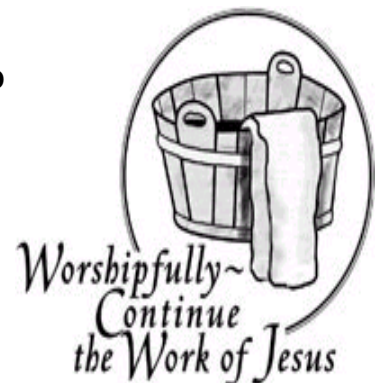
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GIVE AWAY: VACATION WEEK IN
DUBOIS, PENNA

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VACATION TIMESHARE IN DUBOIS, PA. IT IS
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FOLIAGE AND GOD'S MOUNTAINS. SEE STEVE IF YOU
ARE INTERESTED.

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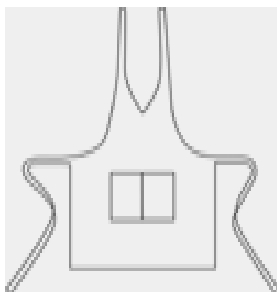
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EVEN MORE WANT ADS...

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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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!



**If God is thy father, man is thy brother.
– Alphonse de Lamartine**

The book to read is not the one which thinks for you, but the one which makes you think. No book in the world equals the Bible for that.

– James McCosh

Too many of us have a Christian vocabulary rather than a Christian experience. – Charles F. Banning



They gave our Master a crown of thorns – Why do we hope for a crown of roses? – Martin Luther.

JUST A LAST MINUTE THOUGHT...

Submitted by JEAN DI SALVIO

Obituary of the late Mr. Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm;
Life isn't always fair; and Maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer Corporal punishment, sun lotion, or a Band-Aid to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement. Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 3 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.