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From The Pastor's Pen . . .

by Robert DiSalvio, Pastor at Amwell COB



I was asked by Mayor George Hrehowesik to pray for America and Delaware Township on Saturday September 22, 2001 at the Township Community Picnic.

As you may know, I never write out my prayers but did so for this occasion. I want to share this prayer for America with you.

"We thank you Father for the beauty of your creation that we see around us. Grass, trees, blue sky and Your loving touch in the kiss of the sun's warmth on our face. But, dear Father, our hearts are not as peaceful as our bucolic surrounding would suggest. Seventy five miles from here there is a scar in the ground . A wound so deep and wide it has become a vortex into which our nation's thoughts, emotions and fears have been drawn.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, for mothers, fathers, husbands, wives and children who have lost loved ones in New York City, Washington DC and Somerset, Pennsylvania.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, for even one missing to be found.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, for the thousands injured, especially for those still in hospital beds.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, for heroes , who with bloodied hands and heavy hearts, dig through broken and pulverized concrete, shattered glass, twisted steel and, God help us, broken pieces of humanity.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, for men and women of the Armed Forces being transported, even as we pray, to meet their mission and their fate -- Give them courage, strength and Grace to do what their nation has called them to do.

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Blanche's Corner

by *Blanche Carl*

The Church of the Brethren logo is a composite of three different shapes that symbolize three central messages of the life of Jesus: cross, wave, and circle. Prayerfully our logo will also become familiar enough to generate vivid pictures to our members of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and further encourage us to accept His calling of dedication.

CROSS - This symbol represents the most horrific method of human execution, yet it has become a singular logo for Christianity itself, because Jesus died on a cross for our sins. It has become a symbol of hope to millions who have accepted God's offer of redemption through Jesus' shed blood. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16. Because of God's infinite love, we were given a way of escape from the wages of sin by accepting divine grace through the sacrificial death of Christ. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.," Luke 9:23. In order to remain faithful to our calling, believers must take up their 'cross of identification' with Christ by living according to His expectations instead of the world's. The figure of a cross stands prominently in the Church of the Brethren logo, signifying our hope of eternal life through the death of Jesus, whose shed blood has provided redemption to all mankind.

CIRCLE - A geometric symbol of unity as represented in a wedding ring or an international conference table. Through identification with Jesus, believers are spiritually unified into one body. "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members of one another," Romans 12:5. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism," Ephesians 4:4-5. The circle also represents the earth and the Great Commission, which calls for all believers to teach and baptize people in all nations, spreading the gospel of God's grace to all who will accept it. The prayer of Christ on that final night with his disciples, before walking across the Kidron valley into the garden of Gethsemane, focused on His desire for believers to maintain unity and achieve perfection. "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us...that they may be made perfect in one," John 17:21,23. An unending circle reflects the nature of eternity. Christian hope is predicated on being resurrected into Heaven to live forever. The figure of a circle reminds us to reach out to others that we may all be eternally unified in Christ.



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WAVE - It represents numerous characteristics of water that describe various elements of Christianity. Water represents baptism through which a candidate enters into a new life, and then becomes united with the larger membership of believers. The Church of the Brethren fully immerses the baptismal candidate in water, in three successive forward motions as patterned after the words of Jesus in the Great Commission. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," Matthew 28:19. As Christ was buried in the grave and arose to new life on the third day, so also do we bury our sins and rise to newness of life in baptism. From a watery baptismal grave, converts depart from a lifestyle of death into a lifestyle filled with promise (Romans 6:8). Water also evokes our compassion for service as Christ washed the feet of the disciples as a slave with towel and basin (John 13:5), reminds us of Jesus' promise of rewards for service (Mark 9:41), recalls that justice will ultimately flow like a river (Amos 5:24), and reveals the eternal nature of the Gospel (John 4:14). The wave prompts our compassion to serve, teach, and baptize.

The Church of the Brethren logo is comprised of these three elements which makes a distinctive statement reflecting: our unity in Christ, our compassion for a world in spiritual darkness, our mission to serve others, our responsibility to teach and baptize, and our hope of reward for faithfulness.

Christian Rescued In Northern Moluccas

(CHARISMA) -- A 10-year-old girl left behind when her mother and half sister fled their Muslim captors has been reunited with her family after a daring rescue. Identified only as Tien, the girl was plucked from the island of Doi, in the northern Moluccas chain, in the latest in a series of rescues organized by International Christian Concern (ICC).

Tien had been separated from her mother and half sister-born after the woman was raped while being held captive-in June, when they found they did not have enough money to pay for all three to escape on a commercial boat. "Tien bravely insisted that her mother go without her and send someone back to rescue her," said ICC president Steve Snyder.

When she returned to the village where she and other Christians were being held after being overrun by Muslim extremists, Tien was starved for a week. The girl was taken to safety in Manado over the weekend, when an ICC-sponsored military unit rescued 17 Christians. About 1,400 of some 7,000 Christians being held hostage since earlier this year have so far been rescued.

Snyder said that the remaining hostages had to be reached soon. "The jihad warriors could decide to exterminate their Christian hostages rather than having themselves exposed by ongoing rescues."

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Cambodian Ministry Offers Hope For Former Prostitutes

(CHARISMA) -- A daughter of Asian immigrant parents has turned her back on the American dream to care for Cambodian children caught up in prostitution. Tammy Fong's Buddhist parents consider her "the black sheep of the family," she told Assist News Service (ANS). "It's very hard for them that I'm there." Fong runs House of Hope, a home for former commercial sex workers. Located in Kompong Cham, north of the capital, Phnom Penh, the refuge offers accommodations, counseling and vocational training for up to 20 girls.

Newcomers are referred by police, churches, human rights groups and AIDS clinics. One 17-year-old had been forced into prostitution three years earlier to help provide for her family. After 18 months at House of Hope, she went on to a transitional home and started her own business with Fong's help. "She had really blossomed," Fong said. "She's started to develop confidence, basically taking care of herself." Fong felt drawn to help care for the poor while a student in Berkley, Calif. She worked with an inner-city ministry in San Francisco's notorious Tenderloin district, and took part in short-term ministry in Vietnam before being drawn to Cambodia, where prostitution is widespread. After initial resistance by local churches, they are starting to embrace her program.

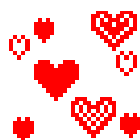
"When they see [the girls] change, when they see them singing worship songs, it causes them to rethink who God is and what God wants His people to do," she told ANS. "The church is learning to love girls who have been thrown away, and that's exciting."

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SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

by Michael A. Guido

Some businessmen were thrown together in a hotel lobby and to their surprise they discovered each one was a Christian.

"You can tell a Rotarian by his pin," said one "and a policeman by his badge. Why don't Christians have a badge?"

"They have" answered my friend. "Our Lord said, 'By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another'."

Love is the Christian's badge. If love is absent, God is absent, for God IS love. A Christian doesn't love because of something on the outside, but because of Someone on the inside -GOD!

Meet the Mozingos

If you ever took a moment to appreciate the beautiful songs of praise from our keyboard, you noticed Gary Mozingo at the helm. Gary's special ministry is the Music Ministry here at Amwell. Gary plays hymns of praise from the heart and adds a special touch to make them uniquely his. How beautiful these melodies are!

Almost certainly, you know his lovely wife Kellie. She is a familiar face to the congregation, ready to do whatever task needs done. If you don't have small children in Sunday School or Children's Church, you can not fully appreciate her willingness to bring the Gospel to our small ones. Kellie's special ministry is teaching and leading the young ones at our Church.

Gary became saved as a young child and at the age of 29 had a recommitment of the Holy Spirit. Kellie was saved as an adult of 23 and yearns to grow in Christ each day. The Mozingos have a firm desire to raise and nurture their children in a strong Christian household.

Busy dad Gary spends a long workday as an irrigation manager. If he has a spare moment (and these are rare) Gary likes to play softball! He did mention a little known secret.... Gary's favorite meal is pot roast with potatoes, gravy, and string beans!

The other half of the Mozingo team, Kellie uses the time in her day to work as a clinician. Being a working mom takes up a large chunk of Kellie's day. If she happens to scrape together some free time, Kellie likes movies and Longaberger baskets! If given a choice of any meal, Kellie would choose a scrumptious selection of seafood! One of Kellie's favorite scripture verses is Matthew 21:16 "And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?".

Gary and Kelley are blessed with two gorgeous children, Joey and Larissa. What a delightful sight, discovering these youngsters growing before our eyes! Our day is brighter just watching these

sparkling children light up our church!

A busy soon-to-be 3rd grader, Joey has Art Class as a favorite subject in school. Joey also reports Macaroni and Cheese is his favorite food and his mom makes it the best! Joey isn't shy to tell you he also enjoys a trip to Joe's Crab Shack for crab legs! Pizza from Pizza Hut also makes him happy! Reading, singing and talking on the phone keeps Joey busy after school and on the weekends. One of the best things about coming to services at Amwell is Children's Church, according to Joey. The story of Zachius in the Tree would be Joey's favorite Bible story! If he could be anything when he grows up, Joey has expressed an interest in becoming a classical pianist! When asked if he would like to play music like his dad Gary, Joey enthusiastically answered OH YEAH!

Larissa likes to play with her cat Cassanova or take up crayons and paper and draw if she isn't at school. Art Class was her favorite subject in Kindergarten. Larissa humbly admits she is a very good student! Her favorite Bible story happens to be the account of the Birth of the Baby Jesus. She just loves pizza at mealtime! When asked about her hobbies, Larissa proudly proclaims an affinity to drawing and talking to her Uncle Danny on the phone! When asked why she liked coming to church at Amwell, Larissa replied she likes when her mommy teaches her classes! A gymnast or skater sounds like a fulfilling career for Larissa when she gets older!

Say hello to this beautiful, young family. The Mozingos are so very willing to serve God at Amwell Church of the Brethren and Amwell is indeed blessed to have the Mozingos among our body of believers.



From the Recipe File of ... Cindy Kiskurno

Raspberry Laced Vanilla Cake with Raspberry Buttercream Frosting



Cake:

1 1/2 cup soft butter 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla 1 1/4 cup sugar 4 eggs
 3 cups flour 1/2 tsp. salt 1 tbs. baking powder 2/3 cup
 milk
 1 (12oz jar) red raspberry preserves (For Filling)

Cream butter, sugar, vanilla, and eggs. Add dry ingredients and mix well. Gradually add the milk. Bake at 350 in 3 (9 inch) greased and floured pans. Bake for 20 minutes and cool.

Raspberry Buttercream Frosting:

3 cups 10X sugar 2 cups butter
 2 egg yolks 1/4 cup raspberry liqueur
 1 tsp. vanilla

Beat sugar and butter, and gradually add egg yolks, vanilla, and liqueur.

Assembly:

Horizontally cut each cake with a serrated knife. Spread with 1/3 jar preserves. Top with cake then frosting, cake, preserves, cake, frosting, cake, preserves cake. Then frost entire cake. This is hard but very scrumptious.

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October

- Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM
- Dessert & Bible Study Every Wednesday @ 7 PM
- Olympians and Teen Youth Group Meet Every Friday @ 7 PM
- 4 Busy Bees @ 7:30 PM In The Annex
- 18 Thursday Noon Group @ 11 AM Place TBA
- 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 7:30 AM
- 21 Mission Sunday

November

- Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM
- Dessert & Bible Study Every Wednesday @ 7 PM
- Olympians and Teen Youth Group Meet Every Friday @ 7 PM
- 1 Busy Bees @ 7:30 PM In The Annex
- 15 Thursday Noon Group @ 11 AM Place TBD
- 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 7:30 AM
- 18 Mission Sunday
- 21 **No** Bible Study due to Thanksgiving Holiday

Autumn Means Excitement for Olympian Youth!

Pastor Bob is the contact and advisor for our exciting "**Word Of Life**" Youth Program here at Amwell. A wonderful staff of dedicated volunteers assists him. "**Word Of Life**" at Amwell runs from September until May with breaks for Holiday and school recesses.

Youngsters in grades 1-6 meet every Friday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Amwell Church of the Brethren. The program, called the "**Word of Life Olympian Program**", has been used at the church for the past 6 years.

Our Motto is " Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto thy path...".

Each Friday, about 25 kids converge in the Church Annex to:

- Recite the Olympian pledges to God and Country
 - Memorize verses

- Sing songs
- Hear God's word in a continuing lesson series
 - Create a craft once a month
 - Fellowship
 - Enjoy bible application time
- Delight in our most favorite pastime which is called "Quiz Time".... A review of the past week's lesson.

Most of all, we have fun together, sharing and praying for each other, as we grow in God's word and learn His plan for our Youth and Adult Christian lives.

The Pastor and his team of able-bodied assistants invite all youth to join the fun and excitement and learning each Friday.

Word Of Life on the world wide web:

<http://www.gospelcom.net/wol>



INVITATION TO JOIN *YOU* ARE NEEDED!!!

TEEN YOUTH TO CONVENE FRIDAYS

The Teen Youth Club meets every Friday evening from 7-9pm. This fall we will be holding our meetings at the Brethren Church in Sergeantsville.

Our leadership team consists of about 4-6 individuals who love the Lord and have a burden for the teens of this community. Our teen program begins in late September and ends in the middle of June, around the end of the school year. The Teen Club is for grades 7 through 12.

Our fellowship time consists of:

- ~ Games
- ~ Music
- ~ Bible lesson
- ~ Food/fellowship
- ~ FUN!

The Teen Club also enjoys special outings added to their schedule, such as: video scavenger hunts, bowling, roller-skating, treasure hunts, and progressive dinners to name just a few. We also have at least one fundraiser each year. This year we hope to extend our hands into the community with some service projects.

Amwell's Teen Youth Club is an excellent opportunity to get to know other believers your age, study God's word and grow in your faith. **All teens are welcome!** Come and bring a friend or two!

For more information about the Teen Youth Club contact Michele DiSalvio @ (908)-788-7002.

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Congratulations Scott Kiskurno!

Scott is the newest member of the 9th Grade Soccer Team at Newtown Junior High!
God Bless you and keep you safe!!

CHOIR ROUND UP!

Are you a closet singer? Do you sing in the shower and are not permitted to do it elsewhere? Can you hum or sing along with your favorite praise tunes on the radio while driving? Do we have the chance of a life time for you!!!

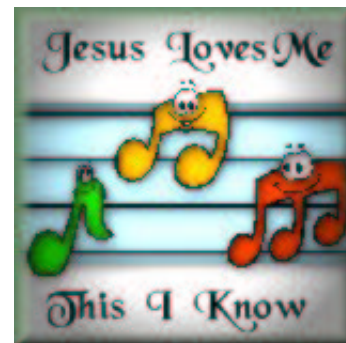
The Amwell Choir is looking for a few good men and women. You really don't have to be good. All you need to join up is a love for the Lord and a love for singing!

Practice is usually Wednesday Night before OR after Bible Study. Choirmistress Jean DiSalvio is known to toss in a few extra practices immediately after Church Service on Sunday.

Payment for your service is a great satisfaction in knowing you are participating in a special music ministry, praising God.

Psalms 100 tells us to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands". Here's your chance to be joyful!

See Jean DiSalvio if you have any questions or if you feel the response to join in!



From The Pastor's Pen

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Prayer for Our Country

Hear our prayer, O Lord, for our nation and it's leaders. Give them wisdom. Be with our president George W. Bush as he makes decisions no man wants to make but leadership by definitions demands.

Be with those who are tearful. May they seek You, the God who wipes away tears.

Be with those who are fearful. May they be reminded to "Fear no evil for You are with them".

Be with those who are angry and would strike out at innocents. Help them to learn to be angry and sin not.

O Lord, you are our refuge in times of trouble. Therefore we will not fear; even though we mourn let us not be terrorized into immobility. Even though we have been viciously attacked let us be judicious in our response. Even though innocents have been killed, reveal ways for us to avoid striking innocents.

We are a people of Peace who look forward to a day You promised when "Nation shall not lift up sword against Nation. Neither shall they learn war any more".

I ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen. God Bless America. "

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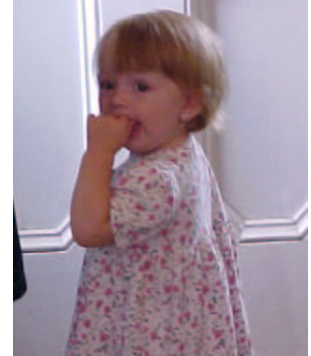
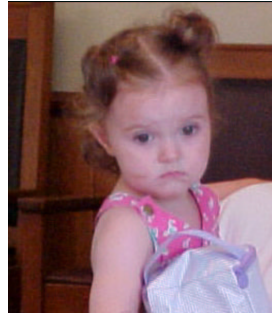
and

"Adventures in Odyssey "



JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN ...

Lots of infants at Amwell! We are blessed by a surge in the Baby Department! Have you met these wonderful children and their parents? These snap shots don't do them justice! Stop and say 'HI' to Parent and Child!



Don't forget that our responsibility as a Christian Congregation is to uplift these babies and their families in prayer. Be diligent and faithful with your prayers and concerns and these babies will grow in The Lord's sight.