

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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War in I raq, I ran
developing nuclear power,
gasoline \$3 a gallon...

Some bad news eh?

Sometimes those negatives obscure the positive and the good.
You have the following promise to act as a counter-balance to
bad news:

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a
good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Have you been following the GOOD THINGS
happening at Amwell?

Allow me to list just a select few:

- **Marge Landis' sister Grace got saved**
- **We have six new folks in our fellowship over the last six months**
 - **We have filled two tables at Bible Study**
 - **The Busy bees are bigger and busier than ever**
- **Delaware Township approved our expansion plans**
- **Delaware Township Planning Board said they are grateful the Amwell Church is part of the community**
 - **Steve Harclerode is now serving as Deacon**
 - **Our building fund efforts brought in over \$8000**
- **Your Pastor was privileged to share the Gospel in a recent radio interview**

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BLANCHE'S CORNER...by BLANCHE CARL

They say the Master is coming to honor the town today,
And none can tell at whose house or home the Master will choose to stay.
And I thought while my heart beat wildly, "What if He should come to mine?"

How would I strive to entertain and honor this guest divine?"

And straight I turned to toiling, to make my house more neat,
I swept and polished and garnished and decked it with blossoms sweet.

I was troubled for fear the Master might come 'er my task was done,
And hastened and worked the faster and watched the hurrying sun.

But straight in the midst of my duties, a woman came to my door,
She had come to tell me her sorrows and my comfort and aid implore.

And I said, "I cannot listen, nor help you any today,

I have greater things to attend to," and the pleader turned away.

But soon there came another----a cripple, thin, pale, and gray,

And said, "Oh, let me stop and rest a while in your home, I pray.

I have traveled far since morning, I am hungry and faint and weak,

My heart is filled with misery, and comfort and aid I seek."

And I said, "I am grieved and sorry, but I cannot help you today.

I look for the Great and Noble Guest," and the cripple went away.

The day wore onward swiftly, and my task was nearly done,

And a prayer was ever in my heart that the Master to me might come.

And I thought I would spring to meet Him and serve Him with utmost care,

When a little child stood by me, with a face so sweet and fair----

Sweet, but with marks of teardrops, and his clothes were tattered and old.

A finger was bruised and bleeding, and his bare little feet were cold.

And I said, "I am sorry for you; you are sorely in need of care,

But I can not stop to give it; you must hasten on elsewhere."

And at the words, a shadow crept 'ore my blue-veined brow,

"Someone will feed and clothe you, Dear, but I am too busy now."

At last the day was ended and my toil was over and done.

My house was swept and garnished, and I watched in the dark alone.

Watched, but no footsteps sounded, no one 'er paused at my gate.

No one entered my cottage door; I could only pause and wait.

I waited 'til night had deepened, and the Master had not come.

"He has entered some other door," I cried," and entered some other home.

My labor has been for nothing!" and I bowed my head and wept.

My heart was sore with longing; yet in spite of all I slept.

Then the Master stood before me; His face was grave and fair,

"Three times today I came to your door and craved your pity and care.

Three times you turned me onward, unhelped and uncomforted,

And the blessings you might have had are lost, and your chance to serve has fled."

"Oh, Lord, dear Lord, forgive me! How could I know it was thee?"

My very soul was shamed and bowed in the depths of humility.

And He said, "The sin is pardoned, but the blessing is lost to thee.

For comforting not the least of mine, you have failed to comfort me."



Liberty Counsel Announces National 'Friend or Foe' Graduation Prayer Campaign

By Allie Martin and Jenni Parker
May 2006

(AgapePress) - A Christian law firm and a Christian university have teamed up to educate public school officials about students' rights when it comes to graduation ceremonies. The result is the "Friend or Foe" Graduation Prayer Campaign, a joint project between Liberty University and the Florida-based legal group [Liberty Counsel](#).

Dr. Jerry Falwell, founder and chancellor of Liberty University, joined Liberty Counsel founder and chairman Mat Staver in announcing the launch of the Friend or Foe Graduation Prayer Campaign on May 4. Staver observed that Liberty Counsel is offering school officials and others a free legal memo that outlines what current law has to say about religious expression at school graduations. He also noted that the pro-family legal organization's attorneys are prepared to confront schools that engage in religious censorship and to take legal action, if necessary.

The head of Liberty Counsel notes that the firm has been defending graduation prayer ever since it was founded in 1989. In one such battle, *Adler v. Duval County School Board*, the organization argued a precedent-setting case against the American Civil Liberties Union and won the right of students to pray or give religious messages during graduation.

The case went before a federal appeals court five times and to the U.S. Supreme Court twice, but the final ruling established the legal principle that public schools may safely adopt an equal access policy for graduation events, with students and other speakers being allowed to present either secular or religious messages, including prayer

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!

THE RESTORED SOUL

Read Psalm 23:3

A stranger said to a church woman, "I'm a Christian. Will you please feed me?"

"Yes, sir," she said. "But are you really a Christian?"

"Look at the patches on my knees," he said. "I wore out my jeans praying."

She fed him, and as he started to leave she noticed patches on the seat of his jeans. "Why the patches there?" she asked.

"I wore them out backsliding," he said, "before I wore them out praying."

Where do you have your patches? Backsliding always begins by being Bibleless, churchless and prayerless. But when there's repentance, there's restoration. The Psalmist said, "He restores my soul."

Prayer: *We confess, Father, that so often we tremble when we ought to trust; forgive us. Save us from our sins. Deliver us from our doubts: through Christ. Amen.*

BRETHREN ACADEMY OFFERS COURSES OPEN TO STUDENTS, PASTORS, LAY PEOPLE
(May 3, 2006) -- The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership offers an array of courses in theological and biblical study, open to students in the Training in Ministry and Education for Shared Ministry programs as well as pastors seeking continuing education, and interested laypeople. The academy is a ministry training partnership of the Church of the Brethren General Board and Bethany Theological Seminary.

Registration for each course costs \$150. Each offers one academy-level credit for students or two continuing education credits for pastors. Upcoming courses include:

“Interpreting the Brethren,” June 10-14, at Bethany Seminary in Richmond, Ind. Instructor is Timothy Binkley, archivist of the Center for Evangelical United Brethren Heritage at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

“Worship,” Sept 22-24, taught by Andrew Murray, professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and Religion, and director of the Baker Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa. This course is offered through the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center.

“Daniel,” Oct. 2-Nov. 11, an online course taught by Susan Jeffers, adjunct professor at Bethany and an academy instructor, is offered through the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center.

“Passions of Youth, Practices of Christ,” Oct. 12-15, a follow-up study to this summer’s National Youth Conference for youth leaders and others interested in the rising generation in the church. The course will be taught at Manchester Church of the Brethren in North Manchester, Ind., by Russell Haitch, Bethany’s assistant professor of Christian Education and director of the Institute for Ministry with Youth and Young Adults.

“Leaders, Boards, and the Brethren,” Oct. 19-22, is centered on the experience of attending the fall meeting of the Church of the Brethren General Board in Elgin, Ill., taught by Brethren writer and historian James Lehman. The course introduces students to denominational structure and program, and current denominational leadership.

Academy offerings planned for 2007 include a January one-week intensive on church history with Jeff Bach, associate professor of Brethren and Historical Studies at Bethany; also in January “Church of the Brethren Polity” taught at Elizabethtown (Pa.) College by Warren Eshbach, retiring dean of Graduate Studies at the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center; in the spring an online course on the New Testament books of Colossians and Philemon taught by Susan Jeffers; in the fall an online course “Now the Silence, Now the Songs: The Body of Christ at Worship” taught by Lee-Lani Wright, an ordained Brethren minister who has assisted with several hymnal-related projects of Brethren Press.

Travel courses in 2007 may include a May trip to Brazil to study church planting, led by academy director Jonathan Shively; and an October or November trip to Oman, Saudi Arabia, to learn about Muslim-Christian dialogue, led by Roger Schrock, pastor of Cabool (Mo.) Church of the Brethren and a former mission executive for the General Board.

Registration brochures are available from the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership at www.bethanyseminary.edu/academy or by calling 800-287-8822 ext. 1824. Register for the courses held through the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center by contacting Mary Schiavoni, Program Administrator, Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, Elizabethtown College, One Alpha Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022; 717-361-1450.

FAVORITE RECIPES FROM Christian Chefs Fellowship

TRADITIONAL AMISH RECIPE

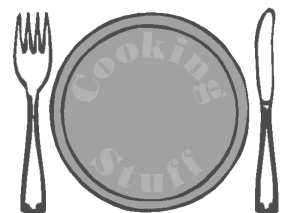
BROCCOLI SALAD

- 2 bunches of broccoli - cut into bite-sized pieces
- 2 medium red onions - thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 8 slices bacon - fried and crumbled
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tbsp. vinegar

Mix broccoli, onions, raisins and bacon together gently. Blend mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar thoroughly. Fold dressing into vegetable mixture and refrigerate 1-2 hours before serving.

VARIATIONS:

- Sprinkle finished salad with 1 cup shredded cheese.
- Add 1/2 pound fresh, sliced mushrooms to salad.
- Substitute 1/2 cup shredded purple cabbage in place of onions.



Places in the New Testament

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Antioch
Athens
Bethlehem
Capernaum
Colossae
Corinth

Damascus
Ephesus
Galatia
Joppa
Lystra
Miletus

Nazareth
Pergamum
Philippi
Rome
Sardis
Thessalonica
Troas

MUSIC MINISTRY GROWING ...and LOOKING FOR YOU!!!!



2005 turned out to be a year of more growth and change in our Music Ministry. Lauren Frankevich took charge a few years ago and hasn't looked back! The Music Ministry will grow and change even more in 2006! Lauren wants to coordinate with the talent 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 blessed 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:

[2 Chronicles 5:13](#)

It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever

PLEASE SHARE!

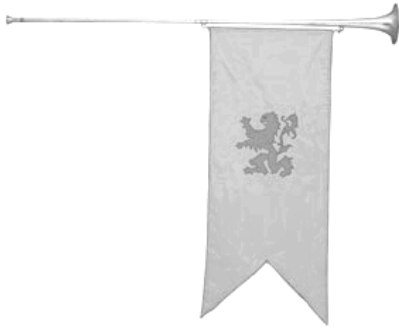
Our web site recently celebrated its 15,000 web visit. Our web site not only has the weekly sermons preserved, but there are plenty of pictures of our changing and growing congregation! This is a great and easy way to show off YOUR children to grandparents, uncles and aunts and family friends! We are reaching caring arms to the community and the world.

www.amwell.org



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.



Announcing ...

Youth Groups are at rest until the fall. Don't forget our VBS program after July 4th! Come join the gang! Bring a friend for some good times, laughs and growth in Christ.

Tuesday is Hagedorn Visitation. See Pastor or Ann Parks if you have a desire to aid in this ministry.

There is space in the choir for you! We joyfully welcome the added talents of Lisa, Dave and Joanie & John!

Your board of Trustees is committed to utilize Church funds for the furthering of Christ's Kingdom here on earth. They take their calling of responsibility seriously. Unfortunately the budget is trimmed to the bone this year; offerings are not as expected. The Trustees are asking you to prayerfully seek God's Guidance with your tithes and offerings.

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.

See you Wednesday night at 7 PM for Bible Study! Please note during summer we will NOT have an active Bible Study.

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.

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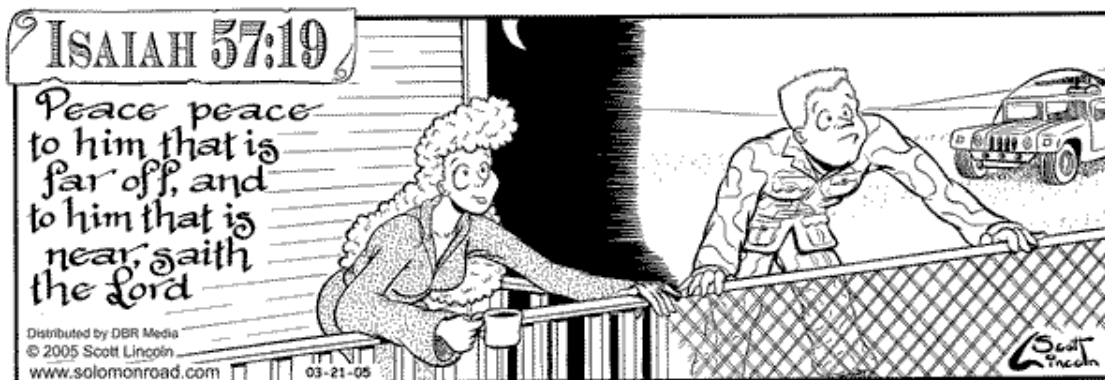
- 1st BUSY BEES
- TBA FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT TBA
- 10th GRILL AND SILENT AUCTION FUND RAISER 5-7 PM
- 13th TRUSTEES MEETING in the ANNEX 6:45 PM
- 15th THURSDAY NOON GROUP
- BROWERS GOSPEL CONCERT 7 PM
- 19th COS MEETS IN THE ANNEX at 7 PM
- 18th MISSION SUNDAY SCHEDULED
- MORNING STAR CRAFT GROUP EACH TUESDAY
- OLYMPIANS AND TEEN YOUTH ON HOLD UNTIL FALL
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY AT 7:30 PM (TBA)



- JULY, 2006
- 10th-21st VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- 6th BUSY BEES
- FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT SCHEDULED AS ANNOUNCED
- 11th TRUSTEES MEETING in the ANNEX 6:45 PM
- 15th TENT REVIVAL PIG ROAST GOSPEL CONCERT
- 20th THURSDAY NOON GROUP
- AS ANNOUNCED COS MEETS IN THE ANNEX at 7 PM
- 16th MISSION SUNDAY SCHEDULED
- MORNING STAR CRAFT GROUP EACH TUESDAY
- OLYMPIANS AND TEEN YOUTH MEET off until Fall
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY ON HIATUS

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.



Workcamp builds bridges in Guatemala.

“We were in Union Victoria after Hurricane Stan to build two kinds of bridges,” said Tony Banout, coordinator of a workcamp held recently in the Guatemalan village. The delegation, co-sponsored by the Emergency Response network and Global Mission Partnerships of the Church of the Brethren General Board, was called together to work alongside villagers to rebuild the remote highlands community of Union Victoria. Other workcampers were Ray Tritt of Boulder Hill Church of the Brethren, Montgomery, Ill.; Josiah Nell, Josh Yohe, and John Hilty of Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren, Spring Grove, Pa; and Ken Gresh of Denton (Md.) Church of the Brethren. The trip was hosted by Rebecca Allen, Global Mission Partnerships staff and Brethren Volunteer Service worker in Union Victoria. Banout had known Union Victoria before : over 60 mudslides occurred, and the community’s only bridge was washed away by the hurricane. He had been a mission worker with Global Mission Partnerships and a Brethren Volunteer Service worker. “Fortunately, no one there was killed by the storm, although one seven-month pregnant woman was caught in the river and later delivered a stillborn child,” said Banout. “One home was completely destroyed. Most of the damage, however, was clearly psychological,” he added. “We called our expression of solidarity with materially poor, disenfranchised, and largely voiceless Mayans the main bridge we would build,” he emphasized. The workcampers “lived in the simple homes of the villagers, eating with families and sharing stories.” “We hoped to visit as fellow brothers and sisters concerned about their plight and history,” Banout added. “Virtually every person in the community was profoundly affected during the war,” ...from firsthand experiences of torture to having loved ones killed or disappeared. We were open to learning from them.” There was also a profound need to speak of their recent trauma stemming from the hurricane, Banout said. The physical bridge that the workcampers helped repair had been destroyed by Hurricane Stan. The village of Union Victoria is situated alongside a mountainous river. “Fed by incessant rains and the ensuing hurricane, the river grew to dramatic proportions and entirely wiped out a bridge that provided vital access to the two sides of the community, coffee plantations, crops, and even the children's school,” Banout said. The workcampers “hailed wood boards out of the forest where they had been cut for the bridge, through the mountain terrain, and out to the site. We also worked with members of the community to prepare the foundations of the bridge by collecting and hauling sand from the river banks and digging the holes for the buttresses,” he said. “As if to emphasize our role as companions in solidarity,” Banout added, “on the day we were leaving the community, a shipment of additional supplies which we had expected earlier arrived for the bridge.” Workcamper Ray Tritt commented on the difficulties of making a “solidarity” visit to the village, rather than a visit focused on the construction work. “At first it was hard for me,” Tritt said, describing himself as “a hands-on guy who has been in construction for 50 years.... The Mayans gained respect for us as individuals because we listened to them rather than told them what to do. It was educational and inspirational.” Ken Gresh, a veteran of Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross, and denominational faith expeditions, said, “This workcamp hit home because it was not just a hands-on, doing-what-was-needed effort. It was moving beyond words to hear the stories of people who experience multiple injustices. Others will speak of our building bridges of identification and support with each other,” Gresh said, “but I think more of the way the people of Union Victoria showed me resilience for living and enjoying life in spite of their difficulties. They had a grateful attitude for all we did and for our presence without judgment of our prosperity.... It was a good trip there and back which helped me to not desire fast food French fries and quick fix coffees from kiosks.”

For more information about Global Mission Partnerships of the Church of the Brethren General Board, go to http://www.brethren.org/genbd/global_mission/index.htm.



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Philippians 4:8
reminds us:



Finally, brethren,
whatsoever things
are true, whatsoever things are
honest, whatsoever things are just,
whatsoever things are pure,
whatsoever things are lovely,
whatsoever things are of good
report; if there be any virtue, and if
there be any praise, think on these
things.

Pastor Bob

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LEADER ASKS FOR APOLOGY
FROM DR. PHIL SHOW

(May 16, 2006) -- A letter to the Dr. Phil Show and Paramount
Television from Stan Noffsinger, general secretary of the Church of the
Brethren General Board, has asked for an on-air apology and retraction
following a segment that erroneously named the Church of the Brethren
as linked to a child abduction case. The segment titled, "Missing," aired
May 2.

"The character of the Church of the Brethren was unjustly tarnished,
and the denomination was erroneously implicated in a child abduction
case," said Noffsinger in the letter that was sent May 15. The segment
about Mollie and Allene Hari, teenage girls abducted by their father
during a custody dispute with their mother, showed a Church of the
Brethren building and sign while the girls' mother, Michelle, was
discussing the "Old Order German Baptist" church.

"There is no current relationship between that group, or the Old
Brethren German Baptist church and the Church of the Brethren,"
Noffsinger's letter clarified "There are numerous groups with the word
'Brethren' in their name; however, it is incorrect to assume that any or
all such groups are related," he added. "Fair and accurate reporting in
the media, including the issue of defamation, is a justice issue of concern
to our denomination."

The General Board is awaiting a response to the letter.

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Carrying the Gospel
as far as the World
can Receive It

We are on the Internet at:
www.amwell.org

**The Church of the Brethren
Website:**

www.brethren.org

We also broadcast sermons on:

WDVR 89.7
Each Sunday at 7:30 A.M.

We encourage your listening of
the Ravi Zacharias
radio programs:

"Let My People Think"

and

"Adventures in Odyssey"

The Scars of Life

Some years ago, on a hot summer day in south Florida, a little boy decided to go for a swim in the old swimming hole behind his house. In a hurry to dive into the cool water, he ran out the back door, leaving behind shoes, socks, and shirt as he went.

He flew into the water, not realizing that as he swam toward the middle of the lake, an alligator was swimming toward the shore.

His father working in the yard saw the two as they got closer and closer together. In utter fear, he ran toward the water, yelling to his son as loudly as he could.

Hearing his voice, the little boy became alarmed and made a U-turn to swim to his father. It was too late. Just as he reached his father, the alligator reached him. From the dock, the father grabbed his little boy by the arms just as the alligator snatched his legs. That began an incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the father, but the father was much too passionate to let go. A farmer happened to drive by, heard his screams, raced from his truck, took aim and shot the alligator.

Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in the hospital, the little boy survived. His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack of the animal. And, on his arms, were deep scratches where his father's fingernails dug into his flesh in his effort to hang on to the son he loved.

The newspaper reporter who interviewed the boy after the trauma, asked if he would show him his scars. The boy lifted his pant legs. And then, with obvious pride, he said to the reporter, "But look at my arms. I have great scars on my arms, too. I have them because my Dad wouldn't let go."

You and I can identify with that little boy. We have scars, too. No, not from an alligator, but the scars of a painful past. Some of those scars are unsightly and have caused us deep regret. But, some wounds, my friend, are because God has refused to let go. In the midst of your struggle, He's been there holding on to you.

The Scripture teaches that God loves you. You are a child of God. He wants to protect you and provide for you in every way. But sometimes we foolishly wade into dangerous situations, not knowing what lies ahead. The swimming hole of life is filled with peril - and we forget that the enemy is waiting to attack. That's when the tug-of-war begins - and if you have the scars of His love on your arms, be very, very grateful. He did not and will not ever let you go.



My Dad Is A Soldier

My dad is a soldier. I can not lie,
When he was deployed it made me cry.
It made me feel angry, alone, and afraid.
I find myself wishing that he could have stayed.
I'm not sure I understand just why he had to go.
But I do understand that he could not say no.

I am so proud of my dad, for he's loyal, brave and true.
People say he's protecting my freedom - and your freedom too.
I will patiently wait for my dad to come back.

I pray things get better quickly over there in Iraq.
What a heavy burden he must be carrying around.
While conducting those raids in a dusty, foreign town.
The comforts of home, he must terribly miss.
He must feel so alone, with no one to hug and to kiss.

It's so hard to get through this, though I know that I will.
I can't wait for this void in my heart to be filled.
To hear the voice of my dad and feel the warmth of his arms.
When he wraps them around me, I feel protected from harm.

My dad is a soldier, I can not lie.
When he returns home, it will make me cry.
To know that he served this great country with pride,
and "An Army of One" standing right by his side.

by **Michele C. Fortenberry**

The Newsletter staff wishes all daddies a wonderful Father's Day. And to the men in our lives who influenced, loved and guided...a great big hug for being there.

The Righteous Eat

My pastor-husband Scott has a sweet tooth, so I knew the chocolate chip cookies I'd just baked might disappear before I returned from running errands.

To discourage him, I taped a verse on the wrapped goodies: "Everything is permissible for me -- but not everything is beneficial." - 1 Cor. 6:12.

When I returned I found half the cookies gone and another verse attached: "The righteous eat to their heart's content, but the stomach of the wicked goes hungry" - Prov. 13:25.



It Runs In the Family

An 8-year-old boy objected to Sunday School.

"Shucks", he griped, "I bet Grandpa never went to Sunday School when he was a kid."

His mother assured him that her dad had, indeed, attended regularly.

"Okay", he reluctantly agreed, "but I bet it won't do me any good either."

ONE LINERS:

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!



Minister Billy Graham

The Reverend Billy Graham tells of a time early in his ministry when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to mail a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was. When the boy had told him, Dr. Graham thanked him and said, "If you'll come to the Church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to Heaven."

"I don't think I'll be there," the boy said. "You don't even know your way to the post office."



"..But Pastor Fred, you TOLD us to 'bring a friend' this Sunday.."



TIME FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AGAIN!!!

We are proud to remind you and your children we are offering Vacation Bible School for the 55th time at the AMWELL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN.

Students from age 3 to High School are invited to attend. VBS will be held at the Church JULY 10 to the 25, 2006 from 9 AM until 11:45 AM (NO WEEKENDS). Our program will include Bible study and lessons lovingly taught by dedicated teachers, delicious and nutritious snacks prepared by our Kitchen Staff, and clever crafts and songs led by some of the best talent in the area!

The closing program on the evening of Friday July 22 is always
STANDING ROOM ONLY!

Our students take pride and pleasure showing their families what they have learned during the two weeks!

The AMWELL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN is located at
40 Sandbrook-Headquarters Road, Stockton, NJ.

Where the Sandbrook, Lambert & Dunkard Church Roads meet!



Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors for this annual event! You just need to submit a registration

form for each child BY THE DEADLINE! For your convenience you may register at our website:

www.amwell.org until June 20.

Any questions you have may be addressed to Barbara Waldron at 908-782-6206 or Pastor Robert DiSalvio at 609-397-4842.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. If you can join us, we would love to have your help!



OLD FASHIONED GOSPEL CONCERT

THE AMWELL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN IS
PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A SPECIAL GOSPEL
CONCERT

ON **FRIDAY JUNE 16TH AT 7 PM** WE WILL BE HOSTING A
NIGHT OF SOUTHERN GOSPEL WITH
THE BROWERS!!!

COME OUT AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF UPLIFTING MUSIC
AND TESTIMONY

BRING A FRIEND AND BE PREPARED TO BE UPLIFTED!!!
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR
AMWELL'S THIRD ANNUAL
TENT REVIVAL
SATURDAY JULY 15TH AT 4 pm



WEEKEND EVENTS INCLUDE FACE PAINTING, PIG ROAST
AND OTHER DELICIOUS FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP.

LOTS OF HEART-WARMING, TOE-TAPPING GOSPEL
MUSIC by THE CAMPBELLS!

SAVE THE DATE! COME AND BE BLESSED!
BRING A FRIEND OR TWO!



OUR PASTOR BOB WILL BE PREACHING
REVIVAL ON SUNDAY THE 16TH AT 10:45 AM

SUMMER HOURS NOW IN EFFECT



From May 28th through and including Labor Day
Weekend

Sunday School will start at 9:15 AM

Worship Service starts at 9:45 AM

Due to requests from the congregation, hours are changed to
allow Church attendance AND family fellowships



With nominations and a vote of confidence from the congregation,
Amwell Church of the Brethren welcomes Deacon-Candidate
Steven Harclerode.

Steve will spend a year in internship with Pastor Bob and Brother Jeff.
He will be studying and training to prepare for the awesome, wonderful
task of being in the Lord's Service to his brothers and sisters of the
congregation

Steve requests the congregation's prayers and patience as he embarks on
his new ministry. He considers this upcoming position as an exciting
journey along life's path. He will endeavor to follow the call of The
Lord. Steve holds the Bible and all its teachings as the true, inspired
Word of God.



BUILDING UPDATE

All systems are GO. The township has approved our building plans and we are ready to enter the next phase.
A group of learned men from our congregation will be searching for the proper contractors and builders.

These men, led by Brother Jeff, will have need for your constant prayers as they search for the proper workers.
There is much to consider at this point and this committee will be dedicated to ask The Lord to lead them in the proper
direction.



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 Barbara Waldron, Sherry Ferello or Tanya Drake.

June 3 (Saturday) Amwell Grill Picnic and Silent Auction

Shop-Rite Cards - always - Amwell has purchased approximately \$20,000 in cards from 11/2005 through 3/2006.

The Spare Change collection is an ongoing process also. Those extra coins added to more extra coins are adding up in an effortless way!

Upcoming Events - watch for the dates:

**Tastefully Simple Demonstration Party (TBA)
Ice Cream Social and Game Night (August)
Dinner at Matt's Red Rooster Grill (October)**

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!

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Your Children

It is hard to convince your children: That the work of the church is really important when you are not taking an active part in the work of the church.

It is hard to convince your children: That faithfulness to the Church is the most important loyalty in life when you permit them to forsake worship services to engage in other activities.

It is hard to convince your children: That the church is the body of Christ when you constantly complain and criticize the efforts of those who care enough to be doing something.

It is hard to convince your children: That the church is the world's most important institution when you give so little to finance the church's work.

It is hard to convince your children: That they can believe God's Word if you cannot believe Him enough to place the kingdom of God first in your life.



HELPING HANDS *A NEW MINISTRY*

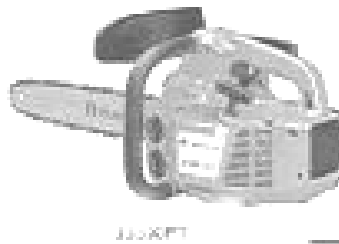
Brother Jeff Kiskurno has volunteered to spearhead the latest ministry here at Amwell.

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.



The Youth and Young Adult Ministries Office (Y/YA) is responsible for programming for the youth and young adults in the Church of the Brethren. The General Board staff person in charge of this program is Chris Douglas. Y/YA plans programs for youth such as workcamps, [Christian Citizenship Seminar](#), and [National Youth Conference](#); offers the [Internet listserver COB-YYA](#), and helps support [Ministry Summer Service](#) internships and regional youth programs. For young adults Y/YA organizes a [Young Adult Conference](#) every year, as well as [workcamps](#) and programming at Annual Conference.

Visit the official website at: <http://www.brethren.org/genbd/yya/index.htm>

Lots of information about Brethren youth, Brethren colleges and more!

What Makes A Dad



God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing
more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

~Author Unknown~

Ever since I remember

Ever since I can remember

You have been the one
who picked me up when i would fall
lift me up when i was down
You are the one who
wiped away the tears
And made a smile magically appear.

You are the one who
loved me no matter what I did

And you are the one who
helped me to be what i am today

How can I ever tell you
how very much I love



ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER

Please give an update to these addresses

Helen Marauda
140 West Pennsylvania Ave
Downingtown, PA 19335
610-269-7462



OPAL SMITH
Rolling Hills North
16 Cratetown Road
Lebanon, NJ 08833



Barbara Miller
Greenbrier Village
56 Acorn Court. North
Bath, PA 18014
Phone: 610-837-8001

Marge Landis
8106 Kensington Drive
Rowlett, TX 75088



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

**Love from home can make a
huge difference!**



Tom & Carol Everett
912-920-5021



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.

Rev. Leon & Lorraine Dillinger
C/O UFM International
Box 306
Bala-Cynwyd, PA 19004

Word of Life
Dave & Jane Van -Camp
1233 Meryln St
Lakeland, FL 33813

Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Martinez
C/O OC International
PO Box 36900
Colorado Springs, CO 80936



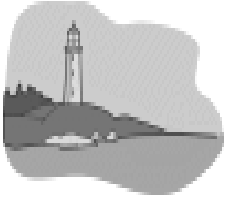
PARKS PLACE ANTIQUES

Carey & Ann Parks

704 Amwell Road

Neshanic Station, NJ 08844

908-369-1732 <http://\parksgroup.net>



CASSETTE MINISTRY



See Joe Ferello after service for a cassette of Sunday sermons.

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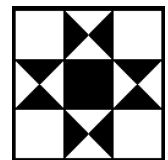
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EVEN MORE WANT ADS...

JOE AND SHERRY FERELLO are collecting used toner cartridges as part of a fund raiser at their children's day care. St. Paul's will benefit from this effort. Please help if you can! See Joe or Sherry if you have any questions!



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YOU ARE NEEDED

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 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!



I believe in the sun, even when it doesn't shine.

I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God, even when He is silent.

---Inscription on the wall of a cellar in Cologne where Jews remained hidden for the entire duration of the war

The only known cure for fear is faith.--Lena Kellogg Sadler (1875-1939)

A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty.

-Unknown

We are not justified by understanding the doctrine of justification. We are justified by Christ! - R.C. Sproul



JUST A LAST MINUTE THOUGHT...

submitted by Sherry Ferello

John 3:16

A little boy was selling newspapers on the corner, the people were in and out of the cold. The little boy was so cold that he wasn't trying to sell many papers. He walked up to a policeman and said, "Mister, you wouldn't happen to know where a poor boy could find a warm place to sleep tonight would you? You see, I sleep in a box up around the corner there and down the alley and it's awful cold in there for tonight. Sure would be nice to have a warm place to stay." The policeman looked down at the little boy and said, "You go down the street to that big white house and you knock on the door. When they come out the door you just say John 3:16, and they will let you in." So he did. He walked up the steps and knocked on the door, and a lady answered. He looked up and said, "John 3:16." The lady said, "Come on in, Son." She took him in and she sat him down in a split bottom rocker in front of a great big old fireplace, and she went off. The boy sat there for a while and thought to himself: John 3:16...I don't understand it, but it sure makes a cold boy warm. Later she came back and asked him "Are you hungry?" He said, "Well, just a little. I haven't eaten in a couple of days, and I guess I could stand a little bit of food," The lady took him in the kitchen and sat him down to a table full of wonderful food. He ate and ate until he couldn't eat any more. Then he thought to himself: John 3:16...Boy, I sure don't understand it but it sure makes a hungry boy full. She took him upstairs to a bathroom to a huge bathtub filled with warm water, and he sat there and soaked for a while. As he soaked, he thought to himself: John 3:16... I sure don't understand it, but it sure makes a dirty boy clean. You know, I've not had a bath, a real bath, in my whole life. The only bath I ever had was when I stood in front of that big old fire hydrant as they flushed it out. The lady came in and got him. She took him to a room, tucked him into a big old feather bed, pulled the covers up around his neck, kissed him goodnight and turned out the lights. As he lay in the darkness and looked out the window at the snow coming down on that cold night, he thought to himself: John 3:16...I don't understand it but it sure makes a tired boy rested. The next morning the lady came back up and took him down again to that same big table full of food. After he ate, she took him back to that same big old split bottom rocker in front of the fireplace and picked up a big old Bible. She sat down in front of him and looked into his young face. "Do you understand John 3:16?" she asked gently. He replied, "No, Ma'am, I don't. The first time I ever heard it was last night when the policeman told me to use it," She opened the **Bible** to John 3:16 and began to explain to him about Jesus. Right there, in front of that big old fireplace, he gave his heart and life to Jesus. He sat there and thought: John 3:16 -- don't understand it, but it sure makes a lost boy feel safe. You know, I have to confess I don't understand it either, how **God** was willing to send His Son to die for me, and how Jesus would agree to do such a thing. I don't understand the agony of the Father and every angel in heaven as they watched Jesus suffer and die. I don't understand the intense love for **ME** that kept **Jesus** on the cross till the end I don't understand it, but it sure does make life worth living.

John 3:16 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.