

# 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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**Philippians 4:13,14** Paul writes "... this one thing I do forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The Christian life is set in forward motion. We don't rest on our "laurels" (honors) and we don't get bogged down in our past

The change of season from Summer to Autumn holds for some a sense of change and excitement. As summer 'dies' fall comes in with cool crisp days and leaves ablaze! There is a sense of something fresh in the air.

At Amwell our opportunities to gather together increases: Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study, Youth Groups, and assorted meetings pull us back from the lethargy of hot summer days.

We have much to look forward to as a church family and much to Thank The Lord.

- Our meeting place is in the throes of revitalization; new bathrooms improvement and renovation of the Annex.
- Preparations are underway for our 275<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration in the Fall of 2008

But ... even more blessed than those events are the individuals whom God has directed into our family.

All of us together those that have been at Amwell all their lives and those here just this year have much to do to reach our family, friends and neighbors for Christ moving forward for the church means 'expanding the walls of heaven' i.e. reaching those who don't know Christ with His Good News (The Gospel) and seeing them receive Him as Lord and Savior This is God's Work and our opportunity to be used of Him.

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# Blanche's Corner BY Blanche Carl

## 10 WAYS TO MEASURE YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

A HUNGER TO KNOW GOD AND HIS TRUTH ON AN INTIMATE LEVEL

AN INCREASING AWARENESS OF SIN

SINCERE REPENTANCE AND THE DESIRE TO BECOME MORE CHRIST-LIKE

VIEW SPIRITUAL BATTLES-TRIALS, TEMPTATION AND FAILURES AS AVENUES OF GROWTH INSTEAD OF OBSTACLES

A DESIRE TO BE USED BY GOD IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

A DESIRE FOR GODLY OBEDIENCE AND COMMITMENT REGARDLESS OF THE PERSONAL COST

AN INCREASING FAITH

A HUNGER FOR PRIVATE DEVOTION AND PRAYER

A DESIRE TO PLEASE GOD BY MAKING DECISIONS BASED ON HIS WILL AND NOT ON PERSONAL WANTS

A VIBRANT LOVE FOR GOD AND AN AWARENESS OF HIS PRESENCE INDICATE SPIRITUAL GROWTH`

# Prisons to Restore Purged Religious Books

By [NEELA BANERJEE](#)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 — Facing pressure from religious groups, civil libertarians and members of Congress, the federal Bureau of Prisons has decided to return religious materials that had been purged from prison chapel libraries because they were not on the bureau's lists of approved resources

The bureau had said it was prompted to remove the materials after a 2004 Department of Justice report mentioned that religious books that incite violence could infiltrate chapel libraries.

After the details of the removal became widely known this month, Republican lawmakers, liberal Christians and evangelical talk shows all criticized the government for creating a list of acceptable religious books.

The bureau has not abandoned the idea of creating such lists, Judi Simon Garrett, a spokeswoman, said in an e-mail message. But rather than packing away everything while those lists were compiled, the religious materials will remain on the shelves, Ms. Garrett explained.

“The bureau will begin immediately to return to chapel libraries materials that were removed in June 2007, with the exception of any publications that have been found to be inappropriate, such as material that could be radicalizing or incite violence. The review of all materials in chapel libraries will be completed by the end of January 2008.”

*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!*

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*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!*

## WHAT DENOMINATION?

*Read Ephesians 4:5*

A lady said to the postmaster, "I'd like 200 stamps, please."

"What denomination?" he asked.

"Oh, dear!" she exclaimed. "Make it 100 Baptist and 100 Methodist."

There are denominations on earth, but none in heaven. The company of believers is like a wheel. The rim is faith in Christ, which embraces them.

The believers are like spokes. If some are broken, the strength is affected.

The nearer the spokes are to the axle, the nearer they are to each other. The axle is Christ. The nearer we are to Him, the nearer we are to each other.

**Prayer: Father, we thank Thee for Thy fellowship and favors. We come to Thee this morning, submitting our time and our talents to Thee. Take us, all that we are and have, and use us to Thy glory: in the name of Jesus. Amen**

# FAVORITE RECIPES

## FROM Christian Chefs Fellowship

### EASY CHICKEN CASSEROLE

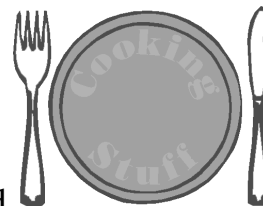
serves 6-8

- **CASSEROLE:**
  - 1 cup diced carrots
  - 3/4 cup chopped onion
  - 1/2 cup chopped celery
  - 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
  - 1 cup sour cream
- 3 cups cooked, chopped chicken
  - 1/2 cup mushrooms
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1/8 teaspoon pepper
  - **TOPPING:**
    - 1 cup all-purpose flour
    - 2 teaspoons baking powder
      - 1/2 teaspoon salt
      - 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk 1-1/4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

- **Method**

Casserole: In saucepan, combine carrots, onion, celery and chicken broth.

Simmer 20 minutes. In 3-quart casserole dish, mix soup, sour cream, chicken, mushrooms, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Add simmered vegetables and liquid; mix well. Topping: In mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add eggs, milk and 1 cup of the cheese. Mix just until well blended. Drop tablespoonfuls of the topping onto the casserole and bake in 350° oven for 40-45 minutes or until golden brown. Sprinkle with remaining cheddar cheese and return to the oven until cheese is melted.



# 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 2007! 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:

## Hebrews 2:12

**- Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.**

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PLEASE SHARE!

Our web site recently celebrated its 17,900 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](http://www.amwell.org)

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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.



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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.

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**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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## MISSIONARY UPDATE

CHUCK AND ARIEL RHINEHART  
BEGINNING THEIR 22nd YEAR IN ITALY

[www.web.mac.com/senise](http://www.web.mac.com/senise)

[senise@mac.com](mailto:senise@mac.com)

VIA ROMA n. 51

85038 Senise (PZ)

ITALY

MILA

Today, at the mercatino, only 2 women came in. The heat has slowed everything down. As God prospers this ministry, we reach out to more and more people. Romanians are pouring into Italy now that the borders are open, and the Ukrainians, Albanians etc. are pouring in illegally. They are all seeking a better life and work. As they learn the language, we are able to communicate better with them. Most seem to be Catholic and eagerly accept tracts and Bibles. One Ukraine woman is now coming to church, and we are praying she will be the instrument God uses to reach her own people here. Mila accepted the Lord in the Ukraine when the Lord healed her back.

When she came here, she knew no Christians but watched a Christian program everyday on TV. The preacher kept saying, "It's good you watch us, but you need to find a church." Mila was convinced she needed to respond to that counsel and began asking if anyone knew any evangelical Christians. The village where she lives, San Constantino, has a population of about 1,500 people. After searching, she found no Christians there. Then she began looking in other villages. God led her to us. Another Ukraine woman stopped me in the street one day, pulled me into a corner, and whispered, "I have a friend who wants to be an evangelical." Through this woman, Mila made contact with us, praise God!!

### LEONARDO (LEO)

Leo is a 9 year old Italian/Albanian boy who helps out at the market in San Arcangelo. He was born on a ferry while his mom was making her way to Italy with other refugees. Italian men looking for wives go to the refugee camps to choose a mate. Leo and his mom ended up in San Arcangelo with Franco, his Italian father. When Leo was 6, his mother suddenly died while walking down the street. Since that time his father has had one live in wife after another. Often he has had two women at a time. The house is old and has only 2 rooms. Franco's mother, who is mentally ill, also lives with them. They live in poverty because of the father's drinking and gambling problem. In spite of all this, Leo is a beautiful sweet child who has a heart for God. He accepted Jesus about one year ago and is always ready to pray and talk about the Lord.

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Recently, with his Bible in hand, he was talking with another little boy,

Angelo, in front of the mercatino. The conversation went like this:

Leo: "Do you want to play or listen to the Word of God?"

Angelo: "I want to listen."

Leo: "Good, we're going to read about the birth of Jesus."

While Leo was reading, Antonio found a snail crawling by and began playing with it in a rough way.

Leo stopped and said:

"You can't destroy what God made! If I did to you what you did to that snail, how would you feel?"

Angelo: "Bad."

Leo: "Do you like white hearts or black hearts?"

Angelo: "White"

Leo: "Do you like the name Satan or God Almighty?"

Angelo: "God Almighty."

Leo: "When you pray in school don't pray all those memorized prayers. Think with your mind and pray your "LEO" personal prayers with your heart."

GOOD PREACHING, LEO!!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

...the 25 kids now attending the Sunday school classes. Pray they remain faithful to the Lord in spite of opposition from family members, and threats of the priests.

... the mercatino that it continues to prosper in every way, fulfilling the scriptures to feed the hungry and preach the good news.

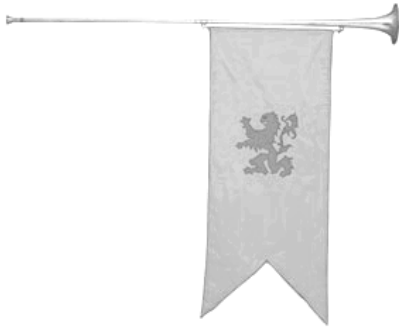
...the 3 church ministries we are involved in: "IL MERCATINO"

SANT'ARCANGELO

The Praia a Mare Church is meeting in a one room refurbished garage, but they are in great need of a larger building. The church is growing as are the number of children. The kids are meeting in the back of the church during the preaching.

The San Arcangelo Church as they are discouraged often. Pray they will press on and walk by faith not letting a lack of numbers dictate their emotions.

The Francavilla Church where God has birthed the largest kid's ministry. They need your prayers as they bring the Word of God into their homes.



## Announcing ...

Youth Groups will resume shortly.  
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!

OCT 2007

- TBA BUSY BEES
- TBA TRUSTEES MEETING
- 18th THURSDAY NOON GROUP
- 15th COS MEETING at 7 PM
- 21th MISSION SUNDAY SCHEDULED
- 28TH HERITAGE DAY OBSERVANCE
- 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
- 21ST LOVE FEAST AT 6:30

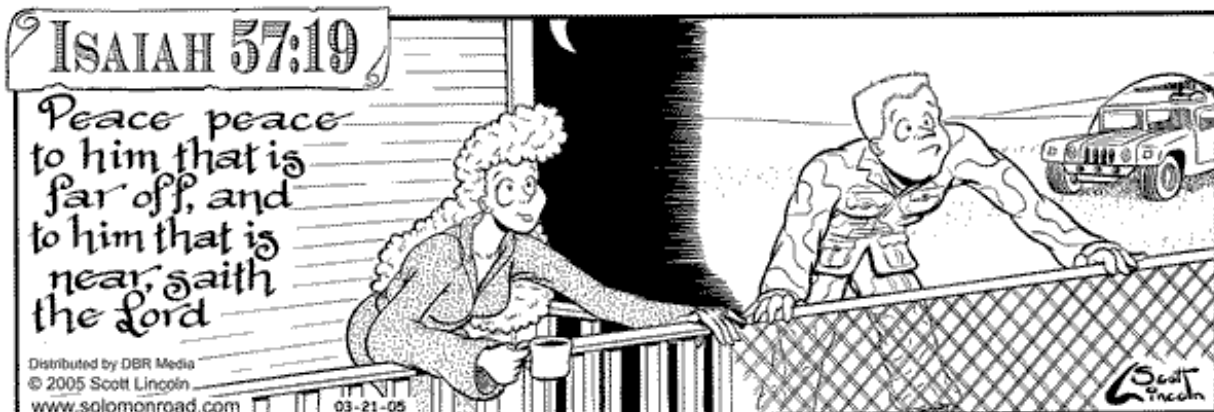


- NOV 2007
- 1st BUSY BEES
- AS ANNOUNCED TRUSTEES MEETING in the ANNEX
- 15th THURSDAY NOON GROUP
- 19th COS MEETING
- 18th MISSION SUNDAY SCHEDULED
- MORNING STAR CRAFT GROUP EACH TUESDAY
- OLYMPIANS AND TEEN YOUTH as announced
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY continues at 7 PM
- 18TH DURING SERVICE WE WILL OBSERVE COMMUNION
- 21ST WEDNESDAY NIGHT THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AT 7 PM



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).*

## **RELIGIOUS LEADERS MEET WITH PRESIDENT AHMADINEJAD OF IRAN**

Three Church of the Brethren representatives were among some 140 Christian leaders who met with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in New York this morning, Sept. 26, at the Tillman Chapel at the Church Center for the United Nations.

The event titled “East West Dialogue: An Interfaith Encounter Between North American Religious Leaders and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran: A Time of Dialogue and Prayerful Reflection Among the Children of Abraham,” was arranged by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and hosted by the UN office of MCC. The Church of the Brethren General Board was one of 11 endorsing agencies.

The Brethren participants were James M. Beckwith, Annual Conference moderator and pastor of Annville (Pa.) Church of the Brethren; Doris Abdullah, the Church of the Brethren representative to the United Nations and a board member of On Earth Peace; and Phil Jones, director of the Brethren Witness/Washington Office.

Leaders from all the major Christian denominations were present, Jones said. Groups that also endorsed the meeting included the Mennonite Church USA, American Friends Service Committee, World Council of Churches, Pax Christi, and Sojourners, among others.

Intentions for the event were “to build bridges of hope and peace with sisters and brothers around the world,” said Stanley J. Noffsinger, general secretary of the General Board. “Our participation as a Living Peace Church will speak clearly to our understanding that it is God’s desire for his creation to live together peacefully.”

The meeting began with the reading of sacred scripture, from the Bible and the Koran, and included a 20-minute address from President Ahmadinejad, responses and questions from a five-member panel, an opportunity for the president to respond, a brief opportunity for questions from the audience, and closing prayers, both Christian and Muslim. Romans 12:18 was read at the beginning of the meeting, and Philippians 4 was read at the closing. Readings from the Koran included Al-Baqarah 285, Al-Nimran 64, and Yunus 31. Opening and closing comments were brought by staff and leaders of MCC and the United Methodist Church.

The panel included Father Drew Christiansen, editor of “America” magazine; Rev. Chris Ferguson, representative to the UN Commission to the Churches on International Affairs; Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton, executive secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches; Mary Ellen McNish, general secretary of the American Friends Service Committee; and Dr. Glen Stassen, professor of Christian ethics at Fuller Seminary.

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“This gathering came on the heels of two other gatherings,” explained Jones. A small group of religious leaders met with President Ahmadinejad during his last visit to the US, and a delegation of US religious leaders traveled to Iran in February, with Mennonite initiative.

President Ahmadinejad asked to meet with a larger group of religious leaders during his current visit, Jones said.

Beckwith said the meeting was both a personal opportunity to meet President Ahmadinejad in the spirit of Matthew 18, and an opportunity for the Church of the Brethren to accompany and stand with the Mennonites--who have workers in Iran--as they continue dialogue with the Iranian government.

“It seems to me that truth telling is a critical step in seeking justice and peace,” Beckwith said.

“It is important to hear the truths that a person reveals for himself.” The Christian leaders invited President Ahmadinejad to “speak from the heart,” Beckwith said, and the meeting was held in a much less hostile environment than some venues where President Ahmadinejad has spoken in recent days.

President Ahmadinejad was asked honest questions that did not avoid difficult issues, Beckwith said. The president on his side said religious leaders need to cleanse their true faith from materialism and deceit, and called on religious leaders to weed out the root causes of materialism, Beckwith said, adding that the president also reiterated a basic theological point that the day will come when the promised One will appear and God’s will will be established.

Jones noted that President Ahmadinejad gave “a very theological discourse,” on the theme of the narrative of Abrahamic faith, in his 20-minute presentation, and did not address political issues until the question and answer period.

Questions that were asked of the president mirrored many of those that have been asked in other venues, for example touching on his statements about the Holocaust and the state of Israel, Abdullah said. The Brethren group noted one panelist who said she had heard the president speak differently of the Holocaust in private settings than the inflammatory rhetoric he uses publicly, and asked him to speak publicly the way he speaks privately. Another panelist asked him to envision what kind of peace was possible if Iran and the US began to talk again.

However, President Ahmadinejad did not really answer questions, Abdullah said. “He basically stuck to his talking points used in other presentations,” she said. “He did say that any talks (between the US and Iran) would have to be fair and would have to follow international law.” She said the president’s remarks emphasized that the US has a stockpile of nuclear weapons and 100,000 people on Iran’s borders, and that the Iranians are the ones who should feel threatened. He also asked why chemical weapons were used against his people during the time of Iran’s war with Iraq, and reiterated his view that Palestinians are being punished for the Holocaust. He asked the group, “Who told the US we were responsible for the world?” Abdullah added.

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“A lot of people may say the religious community comes to this out of some naive perspective,” said Jones. “I come to this from a place of hope, out of humble prayer. Dialogue can lead to understanding.”

Jones said he and a group of US Christian leaders have asked for a meeting with President Bush to talk about the situation with Iran, and to talk about the underlying issues that can lead to war, but they have not yet had that opportunity. They had that opportunity with the president of Iran today, he noted.

“It was important that the Church of the Brethren was at the table,” Jones said. “We came representing a people of nonviolence. We have a responsibility as the people of Christ to make our voice heard.” Jones said the Matthew 18 passage “is imperative to who we are as a faith community. If we can carry that to the political community, everyone benefits.”

For more information contact the Brethren Witness/Washington Office, 337 N. Carolina Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20003; 202-546-3202; 800-785-3246;

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The thirty-eighth District Conference will be held at [Leffler Chapel](#) on [Elizabethtown College](#) campus on Friday, October 12 (**evening service, free and open to everyone**) and Saturday, October 13 Annual Conference Moderator, Belita Mitchell will be the speaker Friday evening.

The theme of the conference will be: “**God is Faithful**” based on Philippians 1:6. Melisa Wenger designed the conference logo. Moderator Norman Yeater will lead the business session. Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren will be the host for this conference.

On Friday evening, there will be a 50-years in the ministry recognition for the following individuals: Becker Ginder, Clem Rosenberger and Curtis Ziegler. An ice cream social will follow the evening service.

A **continental breakfast** will be available on Saturday morning in the M&M Mars Room from 7-8:30 a.m.

Also, Saturday morning there will be a Bible study led by Guy Wampler in the Performance Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Conference will continue at 8:30 as we listen to the District Board and Staff Report. Child Care will be provided Saturday only by advanced registration in the Elizabethtown church.

District Board commissions and Atlantic Northeast District’s Committee on the 300th Anniversary of the Church of the Brethren will have displays. These displays will be available for your perusal both Friday and Saturday.

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One of the main missions of our church is to help you in your efforts to tell The Story of Jesus:

- You can be better equipped in addition to your own studies to be at Sunday School and Bible Study
  - You can invite folks to church a church that visitors continue to report is “The Friendliest People” and where the music is uplifting and where the sermons are clear, understandable for today form The Word.
- You can tune people into our radio or website programming
  - You can bring CDs of particular sermons
  - We have terrific tracks you can mail or leave with people
- We have a wonderful mentoring program 18 weeks of one on one topic Bible study for anyone in our church

All this and more to equip your and your family to share The Gospel.

I pray you are encouraged and excited about what God is doing at Amwell as we move forward together!

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**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!!!**

**AMWELL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN COMMUNICATION SERVICES**



Carrying the Gospel as far as the World can Receive It

**We are on the Internet at:**  
[www.amwell.org](http://www.amwell.org)

**The Church of the Brethren Website:**

[www.brethren.org](http://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”**

## POTPOURRI

wednesday night bible study is now back on schedule!  
Please join us as we begin an in-depth study in Ephesians.  
Bring your mind and your bible!!!  
See you at 7:15 PM!!

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**SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICES  
OCTOBER 28 WILL BE A GREAT TIME OF WORSHIP AND  
FELLOWSHIP. WE WILL BE HOSTING A GROUP OF VISITORS  
FROM PENNSYLVANIA. PLEASE STAY FOR THE LUNCHEON  
FOLLOWING SERVICES**

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### **NOW IS THE TIME TO DONATE SCHOOL KITS**

**Brethren Disaster Ministries has received this word from Church World Service, "Please, please, please promote School Kits. We're approaching an excellent time of year when components are often on sale as students head back to school."**

**School kits are stored at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md. and shipped to disaster sites in the U.S. and around the world, especially when schools and homes are destroyed and children's school supplies are lost.**

**CWS also wants our constituents to know that there have been some revisions made to the kits. For instance, no construction paper is needed for the School Kit. Instead, three 70-count spiral or tape-bound pads or 8" x 10-1/2" ruled paper or pads with 200-210 sheets is what is being requested.**

**Also, cotton School Kit bags are preferred over heavy canvass or a cotton/polyester blend, because "cotton seems to hold up better and the thickness of the fabric allows for the correct number of bags to be packed into a shipping carton."**

**To see the most up-to-date School Kit list and for shipping instructions, visit**

**<http://www.churchworldservice.org/kits/school-kits.html>.**



'TIL WE EAT AGAIN!

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

busy bee auction  
october 4th

Enjoy silly fun and search out a few gems  
along the way!

PLEASE HELP

THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE CAN USE A HAND  
WITH NEW IDEAS AND FRESH THOUGHTS. PLEASE SEE  
TANYA OR SHERRY IF YOU CAN HELP!

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

thanks to Margaret Hughes

## Finally, Life Explained



**On the first day, God created the dog and said, “Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years.”**

**The dog said, “That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?” So God agreed.**

**On the second day, God created the monkey and said, “Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span.”**

**The monkey said, “Monkey tricks for twenty years?**

**That's a pretty long time to perform.**

**How about I give you back ten like the dog did?” And God agreed.**

**On the third day, God created the cow and said, “You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves, and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years.”**

**The cow said, “That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?” And God agreed again.**

**On the fourth day, God created man and said,**

**“Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years.” But the man said, “Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back? That makes eighty, okay?”**

**“Okay,” said God, “You asked for it.”**

**So that is why the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves.**

**For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our Family.**

**For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren.**

**And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.**

**Life has now been explained to you.**





## MEALS ON WHEELS IN HUNTERDON

"Would you like to do lunch? With Meals on Wheels, that is. Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon has provided "comfort food" to our recipients since 1973; now we'd like you to join us.

If you are over 60, homebound and/or have a disability, Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon can deliver a hot noontime meal Monday through Friday with weekend coverage if needed. Service can be short term until recovery or longer depending on individual needs.

Or - if you are able to - we invite you to join us at one of our Congregate Dining Nutrition Sites around Hunterdon County.

Delicious meals delivered and served by warm and caring volunteers - what could be better? If you or someone you know would benefit from the security and support of home delivered meals or congregate dining, contact Meals on Wheels today. Call (908) 733-8332 for more information"

**AT THE TIME OF PRINTING, BATHROOM RENOVATIONS WERE IN FULL SWING. A FEW MINOR CHANGES WERE IMPLEMENTED AND THE RESULTS WILL BE FABULOUS!**

**ALTHOUGH THIS TIME OF CHANGE AND IMPROVEMENT WILL BE A SLIGHT INCONVENIENCE THE EFFORTS WILL BE WORTH THE BOTHER.**

**BE IN PRAYER FOR DAN APGAR AND TEAM AS THEY BRING THIS DREAM INTO REALITY.**

**THE PROJECT WILL TAKE A LOT OF SWEAT AND HARD WORK BUT IN THE END, TO GOD'S GLORY, WE WILL BE BLESSED WITH MODERN AND BEAUTIFUL FACILITIES**



## 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:**

### RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

See Tanya or Barbara Waldron ASAP to reserve your spot for New York's finest Christmas show. The bus leaves from church on Saturday November 10 and arrives in The Big Apple with plenty of time for lunch and shopping before the show. Tickets are \$100 for breakfast, transportation and your special seat for the show.

**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

The precious and tender service known as LOVE FEAST is scheduled from Sunday October 21 at 6:30 PM. This is a time of a very simple meal with Bible readings, prayer, feet washing and communion. A service such as this is worshipful, respectful and a blessing. Please plan to join your brothers and sisters in fellowship.

**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



**CARY, ANN & GLENN PARKS**  
clparks@yahoo.com



**Missionary Outreach**



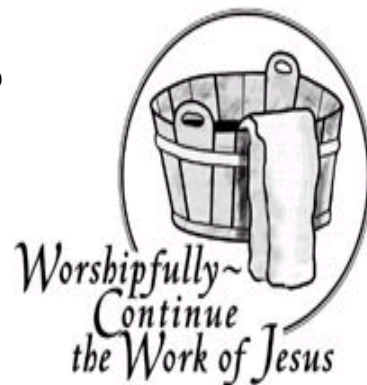
**Amwell Church of the Brethren** supports many Missionaries. Not only do these people and organizations count on our financial support they greatly depend on our prayers and encouragement.

**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





GIVE AWAY: VACATION WEEK IN  
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 VACATION TIMESHARE IN DUBOIS, PA. IT IS  
 WEEK 41. OCTOBER IS A PERFECT TIME TO ENJOY  
 FOLIAGE AND GOD'S MOUNTAINS. SEE STEVE IF YOU  
 ARE INTERESTED.

***CD MINISTRY***



**See Joe Ferello after service for a CD of Sunday  
 sermons.**

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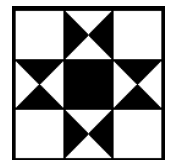
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## **EVEN MORE WANT ADS...**

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**A PLEA FROM THE NEWSLETTER STAFF  
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 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!



The greatest thing a man can do for his Heavenly Father is to be kind to some of His other children. -Henry Drummond

"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees. Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for." -Charles Spurgeon

"The right kind of heart is a kind heart like God's." . " ---UNKNOWN



"My disability is God's ability." Dr. Young Kang

JUST A LAST MI NUTE THOUGHT...

Submitted by Barbara Waldron

**DEATH**

**WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT!!!!**

**A sick man turned to his doctor,**

**as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said,  
“Doctor, I am afraid to die.**

**Tell me what lies on the other side.”**

**Very quietly, the doctor said, “I don't know.”**

**“You don't know?**

**You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?”**

**The doctor was holding the handle of the door;**

**on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining,**

**and as he opened the door,**

**a dog sprang into the room**

**and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.**

**Turning to the patient, the doctor said,**

**Did you notice my dog?**

**He's never been in this room before.**

**He didn't know what was inside.**

**He knew nothing except that his master was here,  
and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear.**

**I know little of what is on the other side of death,  
but I do know one thing...**

**I know my Master is there  
and that is enough.**