

We need to have faith to back up our belief. We need to have a time for personal devotions. It's not something we can insert a card for and print out a deeper faith. It takes time; it takes commitment; it takes a life totally committed to God; it takes being in community with others. We can't phone in our presence. We can't insert card and think we are in fellowship with our brothers and sisters. It takes a real person in the pew like real cash is needed to back up our purchases.

So let's consider our faith. Let's make our faith **a real faith backed up by real commitment to God**, not a credit card faith that is lifeless, distant, and stiff. And may it be so.

In Christ, for Christ,  
Pastor Carol M. Pfeiffer



### **Women's Spring Rally - April 9**

The Women's Spring Rally will be held Saturday, April 9 at **White Branch Church of the Brethren, 10:00 a.m.** There will be a pitch-in dinner at noon. The guest speaker will be Linda Coy Gilchrist. Her message will be "Bernice Goes to Hawaii." She will also sing.

### **Rural Urban Banquet – April 9, 5:30 p.m.**

The Rural Urban Banquet will be held at the Hagerstown High School with Dr. Greg Hellwarth speaking. Dr. Hellwarth is affiliated with Central Indiana Orthopedics—mainly spine surgery at Ball Memorial Hospital. He lives on a farm in Dalton Twp. Throughout the years he has been a globe-trotting humanitarian in medical missions doing orthopedic missions, acute and neglected trauma, infections, deformity, spine and reconstructive work as well as using his skills at a leprosy hospital. See Steve Wieseke, Ron Hoover, or Pastor Carol for tickets. Any Rotarian or Young Farmer has tickets. Tickets are \$5.00.



### **Guitarist and Folksinger – Sunday, April 10, 4:00-5:30 -m.**

**First Friends Fellowship** at 2010 Chester Blvd., Richmond is having guitarist, folksinger, storyteller, composer and recording artist present a concert. His concerts are fun for all ages and quite interactive and relaxed. The concert is free with a free-will donation. A sloppy joe meal will follow at 5:30 p.m. Plan to stay for the meal.

### **Rummage Sale – April 21-23**

Rummage through your things and bring us your tried but true items to sell. This is an all-church rummage sale. You may start bringing in your items NOW. If you want the proceeds to return to you, price your items with your name on the tag. Otherwise, the money will go to the church. Place your items in the basement.

### **Regional Youth Conference**

**Saturday, April 16, 2005 — Sunday, April 17, 2005** are the dates for the Youth Conference to be held at Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana.

### **Church Council - April 24**

Don't forget to be present at our April Council Meeting following a pitch-in dinner. Come enjoy fellowship around the meal and then stay for the meeting. All are needed for their input.

### **Spring Fellowship Day – April 30**

Spring Fellowship Day is sponsored by the "Friends of Timbercrest." It will be held **at Timbercrest Saturday, April 30, 2005.** The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with a fellowship hour and food market. The program is at 9:55 a.m. featuring The Timbercrest Choir under the direction of Marlin Brightbill. Dr. Park Marden will speak (using a quote from Satchel Page) on "How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are." Lunch is at noon followed by a business session.

### **Bethany Theological Seminary Graduation**

**Ann Bach** will graduate from Bethany Seminary on **May 7.** Ann is a licensed minister in the Church of the Brethren and a member of Nettle Creek. We celebrate with Ann on her accomplishments.