

weren't learned men, but they were willing to learn and to experience God. There was excitement and wonder. There was joy and hope and peace. They didn't keep this good news to themselves. They were willing to go and share the news about Jesus'.

The Advent season is upon us. It comes every year. It's a reminder that Jesus always comes. God is always with us. Christmas is about Jesus...about God caring so much and loving us so much that he gave us his son. The question is: Are you **READY** for some Jesus? Are you ready to receive him into your life? Are you ready to be cranked up about serving the One who gave so much for us? This Christmas season, let's put Christ back into Christmas by opening ourselves up to the transformative power of God's love. We might just discover that focusing on Jesus and his love will fire us up with God's compassionate love for others. So, are **you** ready for some Jesus?

In Christ, for Christ,  
Pastor Carol Pfeiffer

### **Christmas Party**

The **Faith Seekers and the Seekers Sunday School Classes** will have a combined Christmas party at Tim and Juli Proctor's on **Sunday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m.** Bring a Christmas ornament for a gift exchange and finger foods.



### **Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren is sponsoring at least one family as well as doing the Angel Tree.**

Names are now on the Christmas tree for you to pick for Angel Tree. If a S.S. class or other group within our church would like to sponsor a family for **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**, our other Christmas project, contact the Jefferson Township Trustees Office: 765-489-4824 or email Joe Smith at [jeffersontwpwayne@insightbb.com](mailto:jeffersontwpwayne@insightbb.com). The Township Trustee's Office will be the central drop off place and provide the list of families needing assistance with sizes for clothing and other items requested. **Deadline for the gifts is the first week of Dec.4-9<sup>th</sup>.** There will be a call go out **for volunteers to wrap gifts at the Trustee's office** when the time draws closer. Some items on the list may be covered by Nettle Creek School classes, so check with the Trustee's office to see if the items on the list are covered.

### **Christmas Gift Suggestions**

Still need suggestions for Christmas gifts? Check out the catalogue at church for **Heifer Project International**. You can use the catalog to make a regular charitable gift or order online: [www.catalog.heifer.org](http://www.catalog.heifer.org) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Also, check out [www.BrethrenPress.com](http://www.BrethrenPress.com) for books, clothing, or logo items from the Church of the Brethren. There is a gift catalogue on the church bulletin board.

### **Reminder About Community Advent Service**

The Nettle Creek Ministerial Association will not be providing a community Advent service this year due to all the activities at Hometown Christmas and closeness to the Thanksgiving Community service.

### **Christmas Shop**

See Carol Bullock or Donna King if you can help in the **Thrift Shop or the Christmas Shop** during December. Also, visit both shops as you do your Christmas shopping. You'll find some good bargains. Hours are noon-4:00 p.m, Tues.-Sat.



### **Hagerstown Faith Housing Inc. Seeks Persons for Waiting List**



Hagerstown Faith Housing Inc. provides 1 and 2 Bedroom Apartments in Hagerstown. The apartments are for persons 62 years of age and over or disabled/handicapped persons of any age. If you or someone you know may be interested in living in a well-maintained apartment community, please contact our community manager Floyd Sanders at 765-489-4898 for more information, and an application. You need not live in Hagerstown to apply.