

What a book that is more than a book! What a joy that we don't have to wait till after Thanksgiving to delve into this book. It's more than a "wish book." It is THE BOOK of all time!

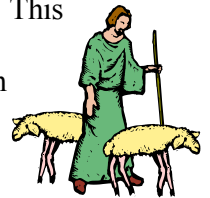
May you find the blessings of Christmas to be more than wishes but to be reality lived. And may it be so.

In Christ, for Christ,  
Pastor Carol Pfeiffer

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. December 24. This year's theme is "Shepherds Remember" using the monologues written by Dan Petry from Middlebury Church of the Brethren. Several of our youth will be shepherds and we will have a nativity scene using a child as Mary, the mother of Jesus. There will be singing of carols and the Christmas story will be read. Candle lighting will close the service with the violin playing as we sing "Silent Night." Come join us in this celebration of Christ's birth.



### CBWF Christmas Party

The next meeting of the CBWF will be **December 14 at 6:30 p.m.** A Christmas party is planned. Each woman is asked to bring a \$5 gift and play Christmas bingo. We will also make favors for "Meals on Wheels." For further information contact Geneva Davis.



### Need a Place for Christmas Dinner?



For anyone who doesn't have a place to go on Christmas Day, a meal will be served at **noon at the Masonic temple**, 200 S. Pearl St., Hagerstown. The dinner is sponsored by the Nettle Creek Ministerial Association. Area churches are providing the food. **For reservations call: Jefferson Township Trustees Office 765-489- 4824.**

### Angel Tree Gifts

According to their website <http://www.angeltree.org/contentindex.asp?ID=83>, *Angel Tree Christmas gives churches an opportunity to share Christ's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners. Participating in Angel Tree is a powerful way for your church community to lovingly answer the biblical call to minister to the least of these. Many churches make an annual commitment to this highly rewarding program, and recognize it as a way to care for some of the most overlooked members of our culture. Angel Tree Christmas works by connecting parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. In most cases, local church volunteers purchase and deliver gifts and the gospel to children in the name of their prisoner-parent. Our congregation has had the opportunity to give to Angel Tree again this year. This has been a project that many people enjoy. Our deadline for bringing the gifts was December 3.*

### Hagerstown Food Pantry

Nettle Creek is in charge of serving the Food Pantry in December. The pantry is in need of canned goods of all kinds. You may put your contributions in the grocery cart in the foyer of the church. The Nettle Creek Ministerial Association serves around 60 families a month. Monetary donations are also accepted.

### Harvest Dinner a Success

The Harvest Dinner was held November 4 at the **Congregational Christian UCC Church** in Hagerstown. Our congregation helped with the dinner. Thanks to all who donated food and helping hands.

### Church Women United – World Community Day Has Good Attendance

**Church Women United** met at the **Congregational UCC church November 11**. There was an excellent turn out. The theme was "Peace and Unity". The guest speaker, Angelica Reyna-Bland, spoke about her life as a migrant worker and her journey in life. A Hagerstown resident and author of *Last Ride on the Ferry*, she