

## Gifts That Matter

There is a booklet on the bulletin board "Gifts that Matter" which has items listed from Brethren Press. You might find some **Christmas gifts** in this small catalogue of items. If you need some gift ideas, check out the bulletin board.

## Heifer International- Another Way of Giving



Choose a meaningful gift to give a loved one and help children and families around the world receive training and animal gifts that help them become self-reliant. There is a catalogue on the bulletin board by the secretary's office or check it out online:

<http://www.heifer.org/site/c.edJRKQNiFiG/b.204586/>. There are varieties

of choices in animals and price range from chickens and rabbits to heifers. This is just another way of giving to help those in need around the world.

## Prayer Concerns

Terry Poole	Guy Warmoth	Cheryl Oakes	Clova Hollowell	Rob Althoff
Dennis Nicholson	Greg Giffen	Laura & Barry Nicholson		Brad Richardson
Don Seibert	Howard & Geneva Davis		Mark Werking	Lance Nobbe
Gratia Waskom	Mary Knipp	John & Sondra Roberts		Jay Burroughs
Home: Mary Werking, Harriet Burroughs, Ruth Crull, Viola Nicholson, Bernetha Davis				
Care Center: LuFreda Bowman, Margaret Briar				

(Please let Pastor Carol or Jodi Johnson know if you want someone placed on or removed from the Prayer List.)

## District News

- **Safety Tips on a Sensitive Subject** - Church Mutual Insurance Company has asked to distribute a DVD containing Safety Tips on a Sensitive Subject: Child Sexual Abuse. I have (Allen Kahler) previewed this presentation and found it to be a good tool for churches to use in educating their staff and volunteers. Please review this information and use it as you call volunteers for the different ministries in your church. They are also sending along some forms that are mentioned in the DVD for you to use in you would like. Please note this information comes with no obligation to the church.
- **Recordkeeping Requirements For Cash Contributions** - A change that has taken place due to the Pension Protection Act of 2006 is the way that cash contributions are substantiated. All cash contributions must be substantiated by either a bank record (canceled check) or a written communication from the charity receiving donation showing the name of the charity, the date and the amount of the contribution.
- **Meet DeEtta Balsler, the new South Central Indiana District Treasurer** - DeEtta is a member at Eel River Community Church of the Brethren. She is an accountant and works at Himes & Krull, LLC in Pierceton. We are very thankful to have DeEtta join the district board as Treasurer.

## Denominational News - taken from CoB Newsline

- **Easing burdens of disaster recovery in Mississippi.**

Through its 300 volunteers who began arriving in Mississippi in January, the Church of the Brethren has lifted some of the burdens of families with unmet needs after Hurricane Katrina. They've helped primarily in George County by rebuilding or repairing more than 60 homes, replacing roofs and taking on countless other tasks that have earned them the respect and friendship of several communities mauled by Hurricane Katrina.

The Church of the Brethren is one of many voluntary agencies that work together in their disaster preparedness efforts through the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD), formed after the devastating Hurricane Camille in 1969 to coordinate services provided to communities affected by disasters. NVOAD participate in the National Response Plan. The plan forms the basis of how the federal government