

done it that way before? We're not allowed to do that? We can't do that? We won't do that?" That gives us pause to think, doesn't it?

We ARE beginning a new year. Let's resolve to revolutionize our thinking, our behavior, our spiritual lives, our outreach, our love as Jesus commanded in John 13:34 "...love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." And that certainly IS revolutionizing!

In Christ, for Christ,  
Pastor Carol M. Pfeiffer

### Congratulations on 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary



**Barbara and Richard Foulke** will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with an open house at the Don McCullough Bldg., 100 Main Street in Hagerstown on **Sunday, January 2, 2005 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** No gifts – “Your love is our treasured gift.” **All are invited to celebrate with them.**

### Bread and Cup Communion

**January 16** will be our Bread and Cup Communion. Come join in the service of worship and communion. This is a time when we as Christians remember and renew our covenant with God and one another as we share the bread and cup. The bread and cup represent the body and blood of Christ and are not to be given or received lightly. Prayerfully prepare your hearts to receive communion and to renew your covenant.

### Church Council

Our church council is coming up **Sunday, January 30**. This is our quarterly council meeting. We will have a carry-in meal after worship and then convene our meeting. All members take note of this date as we do the business of the church.

### Youth Essay Contest!



**What do you like best about the Church of the Brethren?** If you're age 13-18, you are invited to tell the *Messenger* in 300 words or less. Up to five entries, chosen by a panel of *Messenger* staff, will be published in the July/August 2005 issue. The writer of the top entry will be invited to share his or her essay at the 2005 *Messenger* dinner at Annual Conference in Peoria, Illinois. All entries are due to the *Messenger* office by March 31, 2005. They can be sent via e-mail to [messenger@brethren.org](mailto:messenger@brethren.org) or by regular mail to *Messenger*, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 6 0120. Please include your name, age, address, phone number, e-mail (if applicable), and home congregation and district. Questions? Send an e-mail to the address above, or call 1-800-323-8039-ext. 263.

### Interest Groups

We are moving forward with having interest groups. If you have **an interest in a certain area** and would like to get together with others of similar interest (with churched and unchurched folks), let Pastor Carol know. If you have a group you'd like to see started of an interest of yours but don't want to lead, also let Pastor Carol know. 765-489-3435 (parsonage phone). More information forthcoming.

### Musicians Sign Up



It is time to sign up for January-March. Also, anyone interested in providing **special music**, please sign up on the **separate list**. The lists are behind the organ on the wall.

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*Living as a Christian in the world is to experience all of the frustration of delay and silence in the prayer requests we make. But faith, if it's really faith, lives with the limits, settles down with the silence, and keeps knocking on God's door, trusting that on the other side is the Someone who knows my name.*

*- Christy Dowdy, co-pastor of the Stone Church of the Brethren, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania*