



**You! You! You!** (Submitted by Lucille Dilling, written July 30, 1986)

I was so excited about going to church on Sunday because I would see you. I hurried to the door and entered. When in the door, I met Jesus. He walked up the aisle with me. We talked and laughed and He sat down with me. He asked why I was so early and I replied, "I am going to see my friends today. They are like my family. I love them." He smiled and patted my hand. We talked about you. Yes, you. I waited in great anticipation hoping to see you.

The service soon began. I kept looking for you. I could hardly keep my eyes on the hymnal and sing...waiting for you to come in. During prayer, I asked God where were you...the offering was taken—you were not there to share. The sermon was given—I missed sharing it with you. My heart aches for you. The service over—I walked down the aisle with Jesus. As a tear rolled down my cheek, He whispered to me, "MAYBE NEXT SUNDAY."

**Junior High Sunday**

November 2 the Junior Highs will be in charge of the worship. There will be skits entitled "Turn Aside." Come and enjoy a worship experience planned by the Junior Highs.

**Chili Sundaes Supper**

The Seeker's Sunday School Class is sponsoring a Chili Sundaes Supper Sunday, November 2, 5:00 p.m. at the church. Just bring yourselves and an appetite. Food is provided. Yes, **free** food! There will be Bingo with prizes from "The Two Sisters." Come join the fun!



**Joint Harvest Dinner**



We will be sharing a Harvest Dinner with the Congregational Christian Church in Hagerstown, November 8 from 4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Last year the dinner was held at Nettle Creek CoB. We are asked to furnish pies and relish. **See Dee Reneau or Lucille Dilling if you can donate items or help.** Let's see a large group supporting this event with help and attendance. The food promises to be yummy!

**Polymer Clay Crafting – Church of the Brethren Women's Fellowship (CBWF)**

November 12, 6:30 p.m. the CBWF is going to do some clay crafting with Penny Robinson, who will be demonstrating. All women and girls welcome! There will be a free will offering.

**Special Offering for Food Pantry**

The Hagerstown Food Pantry is in need of canned goods and money. We will have a special offering on **November 9 during worship.**

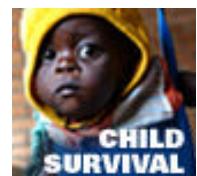
**Nettle Creek Ministerial Community Thanksgiving Service**

This year the **Community Thanksgiving Service will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Congregational Christian Church** in Hagerstown. Please bring a can of food to help keep the food bank supplied. Also, the offering for the service will go to help with food and other emergency needs. Join us for this time of community praise and thanksgiving along with fellowship with one another.

**CBWF UNICEF Collection**

The Church of the Brethren Women's Fellowship collected \$95.65 after worship on October 26. The United Nations Children's Fund - **UNICEF** - works for children's rights, their survival, development and protection, guided by the Convention on the Rights.

[www.unicef.org/](http://www.unicef.org/)



**Continuing to Pray for...**



Fred Dilling Shirley Root Carl DeVinney Lou Malkemus  
Care Centers: Estella Hilbert, Philip Stout, LuFreda Bowman  
Homebound: Ruth Crull, Viola Nicholson

**Giving For October**

Average Weekly Offering needed to meet budget..... \$1,513.56  
Offering for October was.....\$1,097.14  
World Mission Offering.....\$57.25  
UNICEF Donation.....\$95.65



Average Attendance..... 46

**November Birthdays**

- November 1 Chad Bowman, Eric Rodenberg, Duane Briar, Ruth Stout
- 2 Doris Stout, Carolyn Wieseke, Jacob Briar, Verna Hilbert
- 4 Eloise Beeson
- 7 Julie Potter, Mike Petty
- 9 Brad Bowman, Patti Arn, Rita Hilbert
- 10 Craig Nicholson
- 12 Juli Proctor
- 14 Brandon Meyer, Gene Stone, Philip Stout, Tim Proctor
- 16 Brad Beeson, Tom Mendenhall, Judy Hailey
- 21 Mallory Owen
- 23 Mary Paul
- 24 Allen Renaker, Al Hollenberg, Loretta Higgs
- 26 Lucille Dilling, Steve Wieseke, Wade McMillan
- 27 Dorothy Murray
- 28 Eli Reagan
- 29 Donnie Lewis



**Worship Team News Notes**

**“Together you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of that body.” 1 Corinthians 12:27**

Greetings from the worship team! November is a month that we are intentional about offering our Thanksgiving to God for all that we have been given. The Worship team would like to offer our thanksgiving to God for all of you for your active participation in our Sunday morning worship services. We have tried some new things this month that seem to be working well. On Sunday morning a member of the worship team as well as Pastor Carol, the musicians, chorister, and worship leader are meeting together for prayer before the worship service. Also, Julie Wieseke is calling worship leaders through the week to let them know that she is praying for them and to offer a word of prayer while on the phone. She is also available to answer any last minute questions that may come up before the service. If you feel a leading of the Spirit and would like to worship lead, she'll call and pray with you too!

We are eagerly anticipating the advent season that is right around the corner. This year the Worship Team is sponsoring an Advent Soup lunch. This lunch will take place on November 30, 2003 right after the worship service. Bring one crock of your favorite soup as we eat and fellowship together. Worship team will provide salad fixings and we will be asking for donations of various items as well. Julie Wieseke will be coming around to your Sunday school classes with a sign up sheet starting November 16. Following the meal, we will move upstairs for a short hanging of the greens service. We would ask each family to bring an ornament to hang on the Christmas tree.

God's blessings on each of you as an important member of the body of Christ!

Yours truly,  
The Nettle Creek Worship Team  
(Brad Bowman, Julie Wieseke, Chad Bowman and Valerie Heulton)

### **Pastor Sabbath and Midwest Pastors' Conference**

Camp Mack Conference and Retreat Center in Milford, Indiana will be the site for both Pastor Sabbath and the Midwest Pastors' Conference. The Conference is sponsored by Congregational Life Team of Area 2, which includes Illinois-Wisconsin District, Michigan District, Northern Indiana District, Northern Ohio District, South/Central Indiana District, Southern Ohio District and Camp Mack. The Theme for the Conference is "Stewardship in a New Century". Primary leadership will be Rev. Wayne Antworth, Associative Minister of Stewardship, Marble Collegiate Church, New York, New York. He is also Program Director for annual giving, gift planning and special gifts. Continuing Education Credits will be available for pastors. Pastor Carol will be attending November 9-12, 2003.

### **District Conference Report – September 12-14, 2003**

Camp Mack was the site of the 333<sup>rd</sup> Annual District Conference for the South/Central Indiana District. The conference was blessed with an abundance of sunshine, good weather, and the "Holy Hospitality" of the camp staff. The Moderator for this year's conference was Allen Kahler and the Moderator-Elect was Dave Donaldson.



The Friday evening worship was led by Moderator Allen Kahler. Annual Conference Moderator Chris Bowman gave the message entitled "Loving God and Neighbor – In Jesus Name". His message included many hopes that Moderator Bowman has for the Church of the Brethren.

Ed Jackson (Anderson) was elected to the position of Moderator-Elect. Helen Wenger (Anderson) was elected to serve as Conference Secretary Committee.

Business actions of the Conference:

- Approval of "Articles of Acceptance of Camp Mack, Inc."
- Approval of the Statement from the District Board – reaffirming the Annual Conference position on homosexuality.
- Approval of the 2004 Proposal for the District Budget.
- Approval of the appointees to serve on the governing boards of related agencies or institutions of the Church of the Brethren with our state.

In addition to the business items and reports, there were times of celebration. Some of these included recognition of Ron and Harriet Finney for their 10 years of service as our District Ministers. Also, the Lower Deer Creek congregation brought greetings and announced their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mission Village was also dedicated as the newest camper facility at Camp Mack.

Complete election results and reports may be obtained from any of the District Conference delegates. The Delegates from Nettle Creek this year included Pastor Carol Pfeiffer, Church Board Chair, Curtis Heulton, Valerie Heulton, and Linda DeVinney. We would like to again thank the Congregation for allowing us to serve in this manner. (Submitted by Linda DeVinney)

### **Tapestry – A new newsletter**

*Tapestry* is a newsletter highlighting the mission and ministries of the Church of the Brethren General Board. It is a successor to *Agenda*, which finished its long run in September. It was passed out in worship November 2, but you may view it online at [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org). Keep up to date with the broader church and read this new newsletter.

## District Ministers

**Harriet and Ron Finney, District Ministers of the South Central Indiana District** have served in that capacity for ten years. They are announcing their retirement, effective March 31, 2004. Their future plans are only partially clear to them. They want to *pursue some new areas of interests such as genealogy and the dulcimer*. Also, travel is in their plans and spending more time with family. They will continue to serve the church in ways that will fit their new lifestyle. We extend our best wishes and prayers as they enter a new phase of their lives.

## National Young Adult Conference

**Have you heard?! The first ever National Young Adult Conference will be held**

**June 14-18, 2004!** Young adults (ages 18-35) register for NYAC between January 1 and April 15, 2004. Participants will gather in the Rocky Mountains for a week of spiritual growth, fellowship, and fun. Twice a day worship services will feature outstanding speakers like **Tony Compolo, Angie Lahman Yoder, Stan Noffsinger, Susan Boyer, and Belita Mitchell**. Padares, or workshops, and community groups will meet daily.

Hiking, swimming, volleyball, and other recreation options will round out the afternoon schedule. For more information, contact: Becky Ullom, NYAC Coordinator, 800-323-8039, x 286, [nyac2004\\_gb@brethren.org](mailto:nyac2004_gb@brethren.org), [www.nyac2004.org](http://www.nyac2004.org). Cost - \$225.



## Christmas Shopping Started? Special Giving Opportunities

Consider giving to **Heifer International**, a hunger program begun in 1944 by the Church of the Brethren to help families become self-sufficient. Now an independent, ecumenical organization, Heifer's mission is to work with communities around the world to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth, and they currently have several Special Giving Opportunities to help achieve that mission. There are opportunities to help families and communities become self-reliant and have the chance for a bright and happy future. Make it a **family project** to give rather than always being on the receiving end. Help put a dent in hunger and poverty this Christmas. Go to the following website to see how you can help others.

[http://www.heifer.org/giving\\_prog/sp\\_appeals.htm](http://www.heifer.org/giving_prog/sp_appeals.htm)

## Seniors Beware

AARP Indiana, Indianapolis Senior Citizens' Center, US Postal Service, Senior Sentinels, Indianapolis Police Department and concerned community partners will present a **Financial Fraud Forum**. US Postal, AARP, and the Indianapolis Police Department present this free information to you. It is open to all private citizens, non-profits, and businesses. It will be held **Friday, November 7, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Indianapolis Senior Citizens' Center, 708 E. Michigan Street**. Learn to protect yourself from:

- Charity Fraud
- Identity Theft
- Predatory Home Loans (Free refreshments and door prizes! You may RSVP to 263-6272.)

