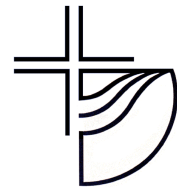


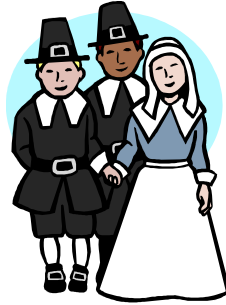
# News from the Brick

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Worship: 10:00 a.m.

**November  
2006**

***Continuing the Work of Jesus.  
Peacefully. Simply. Together.***

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## **Carol's Comments**

### **"Grace Spotted"**

*And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by **grace** you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.* Ephesians: 2 6-9

It had been a long day. I had driven back from a viewing for my brother-in-law's father in Plain City, Ohio, which was a two hour drive. Traffic on I-70 was backed up around construction, so it took me longer to move from Ohio back to Hagerstown. I left from home to go up to stay overnight with my son in Columbia City, so that I wouldn't need to get up so early to go to the Camp Mack Festival the next day.

I have a tendency to have a heavy foot on the gas pedal. I was traveling on Route 3 between Hartford City, Indiana and Markle. It was a straight shoot with no traffic; so of course, my heavy foot was indeed heavy. I was cruising along (I don't have cruise control) with no traffic in sight. Then a couple cars headed toward me. As the one car passed it whipped around. Yes, it was the State Police. I knew I'd had it. I immediately slowed down. I watched the rearview mirror to see if he had turned on his flashing lights. It wasn't long and they began flashing and I pulled over.

"Do you know how fast you were going?" he said.

"Not really," I responded, though I did have an idea.

"Are you in a hurry?"

"Yes and no." I thought, "Yes, I'm in a hurry, but no, I didn't need to be."

"You were going 71," he informed me.

"I need to see your driver's license and registration," his authoritative voice spoke.

I reached in the glove compartment and pulled out the registration and rambled through my wallet to get my driver's license. I handed him the plastic card. It was my **credit card!** I couldn't believe I did that. I must have been nervous, for I mumbled, "Oh that not it, it doesn't have a picture on it."

He said, "That's all right."

I was befuddled. He took my information back to his vehicle to check on my driving record. I knew I was ok there, as I've NEVER had a speeding ticket before in my life. I was stopped once coming back from my aunt's viewing, but only had a warning. But I KNEW I deserved this one.

After a few minutes he approached my car again and handed me a green slip of paper saying, "This is a **WARNING** this time. Slow down."

Whew! No ticket.

As I drove on, it hit me. This is what God's grace is like. I deserved a ticket and only got a warning. I **deserved** a ticket and only got a **warning!** We deserve death and God gives us life. God's grace is love undeserved when we miss the mark of his intention for us. Yet, in his love for us he gave himself, the Son,



Jesus, to bridge the gap between sin and God. The grace of God is actualized in Jesus Christ. Grace gives us what we can't accomplish for ourselves. As I pondered my incident I wondered how many other times I've missed noticing the grace of God. It's there all the time. We just don't always pay attention. God breaks through to us and reminds us through all of life. This flash of insight happened to come through my speeding...a reminder to slow down...to slow down in life and appreciate my God and his love for me.

I later wondered if the State Policeman thought I was trying to bribe him. I wasn't, but I wondered what he thought. Sometimes I suppose we do try to bribe God with promises to be kinder or to attend church more faithfully or to give up some bad habit or to pray more. Nevertheless, God's grace is still there even when our motives are wrong. Would God's grace have been any different had I gotten a speeding ticket? No! Sometimes our actions have consequences and we "pay the price," so to speak. But that doesn't negate God's love for us. This particular event awakened me to the wonder of God's grace. **I spotted grace** through the circumstance of my life. Brothers and sisters, look for grace all around you. You might just be amazed where you find it. Indeed, ...*it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.* Ephesians: 2 6-9

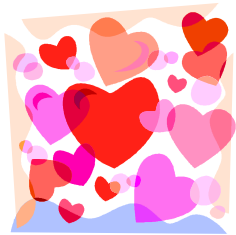
In Christ, for Christ,  
Pastor Carol Pfeiffer

### Harvest Dinner

The Harvest Dinner is **November 4** to be held at the **Congregational Christian UCC Church** in Hagerstown 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Our congregation is helping with the dinner. See Teresa Renaker for food to donate or sign up in the East classroom.



### Church of the Brethren Women's Fellowship Project



The CBWF will be doing a service project called **SPARKS of LOVE**. It is for Clyde Sparks and members of his platoon who are stationed in Baghdad. This article was in the October 25 issue of the *Nettle Creek Gazette*. There will be a box to collect items in the room off of the sanctuary. These items have to be in no later than **Thursday November 9th** as Geneva Davis will deliver them to the Masonic Temple on Friday November 10th. Items suggested are peanut butter, ziplock bags, magazines and local newspapers, instant drink packages, lip balm, bar soap, wash clothes and towels, toothpaste and brushes,

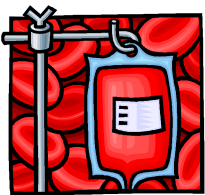
waterproof bandages, combs and brushes, baseball hats, liquid hand sanitizer, body and baby wipes, socks, toilet paper, tissues, paper, pens, envelopes, pencils, razors and aftershave, tampons, and the list goes on. Many of these items you may have in your own homes. There will be a complete list of the items at the church for those of that don't take the local paper.

### Church Women United – World Community Day

**Church Women United** will meet at the **Congregational UCC church at 9:30 a.m. November 11**. The theme is "Peace and Unity". The guest speaker will be Angelica Reyna-Bland. She is a Hagerstown resident and author of *Last Ride on the Ferry*. She will be speaking about her life as a migrate worker.



### Give the Gift of Life - Community Blood Drive



There is a Community Blood Drive honoring Nettle Creek Area Veterans & Emergency Workers at the Hagerstown United Methodist Church, **November 11 from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon**. Anyone who registers will receive a 6 inch sub coupon compliments of Subway. The Nettle Creek Ministerial Association (NCMA) is offering breakfast to the veterans and emergency workers from 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

*Gratitude takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder, and to praise of the goodness of God.*  
- Thomas Merton

## **CBWF – Church of the Brethren Women’s Fellowship Meetings Planned**

It was decided that CBWF will meet the **second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** unless noted otherwise. The following dates and programs are as followed:

- November 9<sup>th</sup> Plan to clean the sanctuary
- November 18<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am) Making noodles for the Church to sell at Hometown Christmas December 1-2
- December 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas party. Women will bring a \$5 gift and play Christmas bingo.
- January 7<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Immediately following church—All Church Birthdays. CBWF women will provide cake, ice cream, soup, and sandwiches.
- February 8<sup>th</sup> will help the youth decorate the church basement for the Sweetheart dinner on the 10<sup>th</sup> and share in helping with the banquet.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Will be doing stamps. Carol Pfeiffer will find out what size they need to be and where and when we send them
- April 12<sup>th</sup> Possibility of having the local garden club speak on gardening.
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Mother, Daughter, Sister, and Friend salad bar.

## **Nettle Creek Ministerial Association Sponsors Community Thanksgiving Service**

This year the Community Thanksgiving service will be held **November 19 at West River Friends at 6 p.m.** with **Tom Kerr**, pastor of Chicago Corner, speaking. **Dr. Dan and Lisa Schrock** will provide special music.

## **Hometown Christmas December 1-2**

This year at Hometown Christmas the Nettle Creek Ministerial Association will hold a **worship service of carols and scripture** at 2:30 p.m. It will be held at the **Hagerstown United Methodist Church.**



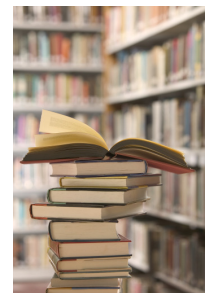
## **Pies Needed - Put on Your Aprons!**



Get out your flour and Crisco and other ingredients and put on your aprons to start baking for our booth at **Hometown Christmas, December 1 and 2.** We will be selling pies again this year at Hometown Christmas. Our booth will be in front of Juli and Tim Proctor’s new store, “The Front Porch.” So roll up your sleeves and start baking. Plastic bags, labels, and ties will be provided.

## **Church Library News**

The church library is full of information that would be of interest to you. We have many different categories of books to choose from such as autobiographical, biographical, church history, health, marriage, poetry, death and dying, devotions, family living, fiction, prayer, bible references and many more. The library is there for your education, spirituality, and enjoyment. Please stop in and browse and pick out the books of your choice. Carolyn Wieseke



## **Giving For October**

Average Weekly Offering needed to meet budget.....	\$1,390.77
Average Offering for October.....	\$1,300.82
Total Offering for October.....	\$5,203.26
October 1.....	\$1,706.01
October 8.....	\$ 983.00
October 15.....	\$ 799.25
October 22 .....	\$1,715.00
October 29 (not available at printing).....	

**Average Attendance for October.....37**

**Other Giving:** World Missions: \$103.92



**Special Offering Dates**

November 12 – Hagerstown Food Pantry  
December 10 – Christmas Offering

**Worship Leader and Speaker Information for October**

November 5 – Brad Bowman, Ann Bach speaker  
November 12 - Laura Nicholson  
November 19 – Kim Hall  
November 26 – Lucille Dilling

**Study on “Together Conversations” Begins**

Come and join in the conversations. Dates for the study are **November 5, 12, 19** for “Together Conversations on Being the Church.” It will be held during the Sunday School hour at 9:00 a.m. It is important for all persons in the congregation be a part of the study and share what “being the church” means to them. Bill Stout and Marjorie Briar will facilitate the discussions



**Silent Auction**

Three beautiful crocheted afghans were donated for the auction by Jodi Johnson. Proceeds went to the diaper pantry. The auction took in \$135. Winners were: Karen Garrett, Carolyn Wieseke, and Beverly Nicholson.

**Diaper Pantry**

The Diaper Pantry is off to a good start. Donations of diapers and money are being accepted. Also, save those diaper coupons. If you know someone in need of help with diapers, contact Julie Potter, 765-478-4305 for information on signing up to receive diapers.



**Prayer Concerns**

<b>*Terry Poole</b> Dennis Nicholson Don Seibert Gratia Waskom	<b>*Guy Warmoth</b> Tim Proctor Howard & Geneva Davis Mary Knipp	<b>*Velma Paddock</b> Greg Giffen John & Sondra Roberts	<b>*Leland Nicholson</b> Sally Schmittler Mark Werking	<b>*Clova Hollowell</b> Barry Nicholson Jay Burroughs
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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.)

**Results of Special Called District Conference held October 21**

The following recommendation from the District Board was voted upon by the delegates on October 21 at the Kokomo Church of the Brethren. There were 147 registered delegates. The recommendation passed.

*The District Board of S/C Indiana recommends that any South Central Indiana District Church of the Brethren congregation that allows a same sex covenant service on church property or with the assistance of church ministerial leadership will have a three year moratorium place upon their participation in elected and appointed District offices, including seating delegates at District conference. During this time of moratorium, the Church will also submit to work with the District Board, Ministry of Reconciliation, Annual Conference Council and other entities as directed by the 2004 Annual Conference paper—Congregational disagreement with Annual Conference decisions—to address the issues surrounding their broken relationships with the larger church. Further, that the Church will be directed to suspend indefinitely conducting or facilitating same sex covenant services, on church property or with the assistance of church ministerial leadership.*

**Christmas Day Dinner Planned – December 25**



For anyone who doesn't have a place to go for Christmas, a meal will be served at **noon at the Masonic temple**, 200 S. Pearl St, Hagerstown. Last year there were 83 persons who attended the dinner. 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.**

## District News

### **Pensacola, Florida: Hurricane Ivan Recovery: Nov. 26-Dec. 2**

- **Work to be Done:** Work consists mainly of repairs to water-damaged sections of homes, including drywall, floors, insulation, siding, etc. An ER/SM truck, van, and tool trailer are on site. Volunteer
- **Housing and Meals:** Volunteer housing at St. Sylvester Catholic Parish center in Gulf Breeze. Please limit group size to 20.
- **Note:** Please include an assistant cook with your groups.
- **What to Bring:** towels, pillows, bedding, and work gloves.
- Contact the District Office to volunteer for this work assignment.

## Denominational News - taken from CoB *Newsline*

- **Commemorative Calendar:** Only a few days remain to purchase the **commemorative calendar for the 300th Brethren Anniversary at "early bird" rates.** The price increases by one dollar on Nov. 2. The calendar will be a **unique keepsake** as well as useful for teaching about Brethren history and tradition. It will include 18 contemporary feature photos of historical sites and items, 20 inset photos, 6 pages of information about Brethren history, and sidebars entitled "This Month in History." **Order forms may be downloaded from [www.brethrenanniversary.org](http://www.brethrenanniversary.org).**
- **Norman and Carol Spicher Waggy to develop health ministry for Dominican church.** Dr. Norman and Carol Spicher Waggy, from Northern Indiana District have accepted a position with the Global Mission Partnerships of the Church of the Brethren General Board, to develop a new health ministry with the church in the Dominican Republic. They will begin in January 2007. A team that brings both health care and pastoral training, the Waggys have previously served with the Rural Health Program of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa in Nigeria (EYN—the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), a community-based health program that may also be appropriate for the Dominican context. The Dominican church is seeking to find ways to serve the regions of the country where it is active and where many communities have little access to any health care. During an initial four-month assessment period, the Waggys will explore needs and options and discuss possibilities among the DR church. As agreement emerges to move forward, they will then guide and implement this new ministry. Financial support for this new mission venture is invited; designate for "DR-Waggy support" and send to the Church of the Brethren General Board, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120.

*Come and give thanks to the Giver of life; all that we have is from God.  
Gather the flowers and fruits of the land, lift up their fragrance with song.*

*All life, all love flows from Creator God.  
Earth is one holy gift; life is one holy breath.*

- *Hymnal: A Worship Book*, Brethren Press, Elgin, IL, p. 57

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