

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

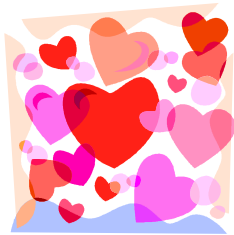
In Christ, for Christ,  
Pastor Carol Pfeiffer

### 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,

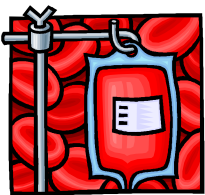
waterproof bandages, combs and brushes, baseball hats, liquid hand sanitizer, body and baby wipes, socks, toilet paper, tissues, paper, pens, envelopes, pencils, razors and aftershave, tampons, and the list goes on. Many of these items you may have in your own homes. There will be a complete list of 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