

## *Missions and Service*

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In this issue of the Communicator, I'd like to review some of the resources that are available for our use as we promote our American Baptist mission.

Both National and International ministries publish a variety of resources for our use. Both publish bi-monthly new periodicals which you

can receive by calling, e-mailing, or writing them to be put on the mailing list. MISSION IN

AMERICA is published by National Ministries;

UPDATE is the

International Ministries publication. Both of these periodicals give lots of

information—don't miss them! In addition, prayer cards for all missionaries can be obtained from

International and/or

National ministries—again just by contacting them. The new service project book is now available; it covers projects for both International and National ministries. If you attended the ABW conference at Bucknell in June, you have one. If not, just like the other printed materials, contact either group.

We also have terrific resources at several web sites. If you don't have a computer, or if yours is old like mine and keeps getting 'knocked off' sites, go to your public library, or perhaps your church has a computer that you can use. These sites include:

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

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

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

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



These sites will also provide the e-mail and web site addresses for individual missionaries and groups related to our American Baptist missions.

In the World Mission Offering packet received by your pastor or mission person in your church, there should be a copy of the Global

Servants book. It has a page for each of our overseas missionaries with lots of information about each — check it out. It was available last year and has been revised. Extra copies should be available through International Ministries.

Many of you have asked about our special interest missionaries list. Each association chairperson has or will shortly be getting that list. The missionaries are not

divided up by churches—each association gets the entire list to divide or not divide as you see fit.

There is one final resource: a week-end World Mission Conference. There are two conferences that are left in 2008:

Suffield, Connecticut      September 19-21

Marshelton, Iowa      October 3-5

Call International Ministries for details.

**1-800-222-3872**

My hope and prayer is that you'll make use of several or all of these available resources to enable us to serve OUR Lord in Mission and Service.

*Louisa*

## CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

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“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)



Greetings my Sister in Christ,

The lazy hazy days of summer are passing quickly and autumn is in the air. Observe the signs of autumn and give thanks for the beauty of nature.

Our PA/DE Women's conference at Bucknell University in June was spirit filled and Christ centered. The facilities were excellent and warm fellowship was experienced in workshops, meals and worship. If you were unable to attend, please visit our web site ([www.ABCOPAD.org](http://www.ABCOPAD.org)) to share in the conference. Hats off to the committee for a job well done.

We are preparing for our National Women's conference

at Greenlake, WI, August 9—15th, and I am looking forward to the spiritual energy and fellowship I have always experienced there.

Carol Shannon, our national coordinator of church and community, asked us in our Leaders' Reader, to broaden our perspective about God. If we do, it allows us to experience and meet God in new ways. She reminded us of Moses and the burning bush (Exodus 3:3); Of Jesus walking on water in the middle of a storm (Matthew 14:25-29) as situations to broaden our perspective. Are you willing to give God the opportunity to move freely in your life; your church; your women's ministry? What “new thing” are you, your church/community doing for the children? Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Fall events to be included in your church planning are:

AB Women's Sunday—

September 21 (suggested date) order Sunday bulletin for your program ([www.ABWMinistries.org/resources](http://www.ABWMinistries.org/resources))

Children's Sabbath weekend—October 19—21—order handbook from Children's Defense Fund ([www.childrensdefense.org/childrens\\_sabbath](http://www.childrensdefense.org/childrens_sabbath)) or call 202-628-8787

ABCOPAD Biennial—October 24—28, 2008 at the Blair County convention center, Altoona, PA ([www.abocopad.org](http://www.abocopad.org))

US Presidential election—November 4

When YOU go to the polls to VOTE, invite someone to join you.

It is my hope that God will touch each of us as we come to the edge of this “new thing” to pray, to trust him, and love each other.

To God be the Glory!

*Mary*

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to increased costs, this will be the last mass mailing of the Communicator. It will be available free of charge on the ABW website. If you do not have access to a computer and need to receive a hard copy, you will still be able to subscribe. For those of you who have a paid up subscription, you will continue to receive your hard copy until your subscription runs out. To subscribe, please send a check for \$3.00 (one year subscription cost) made out to ABWMOPAD and send to: Gaynor Sale—347 Fox Pointe Drive—Dover, DE 19904.

## STUDENT LOAN COORDINATOR

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Busy is the only way to describe my household right now. Along with working and processing several student loans, I am also preparing to send my two daughters off to college. There are all the items for the dorm room to purchase as one is going off to college for the first time. Talk about expenses—tuition, room and board aren't the only expenses college students have. There are the books, bedding, personal items, clothes, computers, to name a few.

Our students will be back in school by the time you read this article. Please remember to lift them in prayer during this school year. Many of our student loaners are seniors this year and will be facing major life decisions as to join the work force or to continue their education. Let us pray that they will seek God's will for them as they make these decisions.

If you know of any American Baptist member of PA and DE or Philadelphia who is or will be continuing their education and are in need of a loan please have them contact me. I will send the information about the student loan to them. It does take a few months to process so, if interested for the

winter semester, now would be a good time to contact me for information. If interested in next fall, early spring would be a good contact time. Information about the student loan program is also available on our website.

Please keep our student loan program in your prayers. This is a ministry that touches our youth and lets them know that we care about them and can demonstrate God's love to them. If you are interested in financially supporting the student loan fund, a tribute fund sheet is available on our website or you may contact our treasurer or me.

*Karol*

### **TOMATO PIE**

2-3 ripe tomatoes, peeled seeded and sliced  
 1—9 inch pie crust  
 1/2 tsp. salt  
 1/2 black pepper  
 1/4 cup chives, chopped (may use green onion tops)  
 1/2 cup mayonnaise  
 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese, grated  
 1/2 cup Cheddar cheese, grated

**Bake pie crust at 425° for 5 minutes. Reduce heat to 400° and remove crust from oven. Layer tomatoes into pie crust, sprinkle with salt, pepper, basil and chives between the layers. Mix mayonnaise and cheeses. Cover tomatoes with mayonnaise mixture sealing to edges of crust. Bake at 400° for 35 minutes.**

**Seeding the tomatoes will reduce the amount of moisture in the pie, and it will not be soggy.**

Mary Smith Jones

## We Want "EWE" (YOU) to Grow!



It was so good to see so many of you at Conference that had also attended

the Spiritual Retreats of the year. Thank you for sharing photos and for stopping by the booth to see our display. We do hope that E.W.E. Spiritual Retreats will reach many Associations this year, too.

Thank you for your love, support and encouragement during my term as E.W.E. Chairperson. You seemed to enjoy (and several of you willingly became the legs) the sheep crossing the stage each year as we presented our "stingers." Remember, "EWE TOO" can host a Spiritual Retreat!

I am very happy to present Rieta Boyden as our new E.W.E Chairperson! Reita Boyden has a contagious laugh, but is also a deeply

spiritual person, and a great prayer warrior. She is great with the computer and will respond quickly to e-mails and phone calls. You can reach Rieta at [rpboyden@npacc.net](mailto:rpboyden@npacc.net), 570-549-2233, or 168 Boyden Road, Mainesburg, PA 16932.

She is a busy lady, as she serves her community as Tax Collector. But she looks forward to serving ABWMOPAD women!

*Myra*

## We Want "EWE" (YOU) to Grow! Ethel Wheeler Enrichment

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Thank you, Myra, for the great introduction. You also will be a hard act to follow. I hope I can live up to the high marks. I certainly will strive to keep in touch and answer calls promptly.

I look forward to serving each of you as you promote EWE programs in your Local Churches and Associations. I will be getting together with Sue Fitzgerald in the near future to fill our committee

vacancies. If you are interested in serving with us, please notify me as soon as possible.

There are nice new fliers out, listing topics being offered at this time. Maybe some of you have a particular topic in mind and would like to help develop a whole new theme that we have not yet thought of. Let me hear from you. Your input would be welcome.

Meanwhile, "Know the

Heartbeat of God" and be thinking about "Potpourri of Prayer", "Real Women, Real Leaders", "Water Walking", "Stress Management", "Spiritual Gifts", "Forgiveness, Unity, & Growth" or "Chocolate Boutique", where we taste and see that the Lord is good. "Clothes Really do Make a Difference", "Ruth and Naomi" and "India, A glimpse into Our World" are also topics being offered.

*Rieta*

### News from Around the Region

**Linda Shearer, President, French Creek Association, announced their Sept. 13 meeting**

**COME TO THE EDGE—Location: Townville Baptist Church Main Street, Townville, PA  
Welcome by Mary Fife—Townville President**

Praise and worship—Devotions with Nancy Gage—Highlights from Conference with a challenge for next year—Dance Interpretation with Bethany & girls—Meeting—White Cross with Janet Beanland—Special Music by Erin Yarnell—Power Point presentation: ABWomen **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!**