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My UH H Moment

by Brenda Dwyer

At first it was barely discernable. Okay, let me stop right here and explain. I am just about half deaf and there are certain tones I can pick up with uncanny clarity and then there are others that just totally bypass my ears altogether. If things are quiet, I mean really quiet, I have a much better chance of discerning what a sound is or even where it



along at a very uncomfortable and undesirable rate trying to keep any "balls" from dropping. This wonderful, sunny day found me beginning to feel a few bumps – the phones were ringing (and I kept running in to take calls that I needed to attend to) and the faxes were piling up, my office staff was wrestling with a new directive I had given them and the guys needed "this, that and the other" to be able to take off for their assignments, deliveries were late, I burned my bagel in the microwave, coffee was spilled ... and then arooon arooon arooon interrupted my thoughts and "tipped my pile". Uh oh.

certain computer tower in the office. I was told by an adored employee that it was probably the fan that was going bad ... this from a fairly new computer? How dare it! I realized in an instant that I had gone from blissfully unaware to fairly agitated. I had to wonder why. Why had one little blip on my screen caused such a reaction? I'll tell you why. It is a phenomenon many of us are all too familiar with. Let's recap my day up to that point and you will see what I mean. I woke up feeling robbed. I had had a fitful night of bad dreams and a creaky neck. I wanted so desperately to just slide back under my covers and disappear for another 3 or 4 hours. Instead, I hoisted myself out of bed and dragged myself off to begin my morning rituals. That's where the

problems started as they usually do every morning. We have three dogs. It was somehow assigned to me (???) way back when dinosaurs roamed the earth that I would be the one to sacrifice sleep for dog duty. So, there I was – as usual – calling and calling (my apologies to my neighbors) for the biggest and dumbest of our dogs to come hither. (Did I just call him dumb? ... How rude! What if he is partially deaf to?) And there you have it ... my morning has begun and my mind is in full swing. After lumbering big dog finally appears (looking as oblivious as ever) I am off in a dash to the restroom to shower and prepare for my day. (Note to self: have his ears checked!) By the time I am in the garage and wracking my brain to see if I've remembered everything I am already in a slightly ruffled mood. A

few brief moments later I arrive at the shop to pave the way for our employees. I make coffee and tidy up around the showroom and behind the counter (and oh yeah ... don't forget to check the phones). I hurry into my office to hang up my coat, put my bags away, sort yesterday's mail and bring up my emails on my computer ... then run off to unlock our doors and plug in the OPEN sign. Employees usually start dribbling in about that time and greetings are exchanged along with any noteworthy mentionables. Now ... once the phones start ringing and the techs begin dispatching and the trucks are warmed up and loaded one of two things usually happens. I either find that I am in succinct harmony with the flow of my day or I am bouncing

origi- nates.

When I do hear, it is always in distortion so that I find myself lip reading and being more alert in other ways UNLESS I have purposely cocooned myself in my own little world and tuned everything else out. So, having said all of that ... let us move on. To my ears it was barely discernable. The (annoying) arooon arooon arooon that was emanating from a

QUICK!!! ... EVERY-ONE TAKE COVER!!! SHE'S GONNA BLOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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SALISBURY'S STAKE

by Stephanie J. Salisbury

There's a current in the river. Sometimes you can't see it on the surface, but it's there, pulling and tugging beneath. Sometimes you stand next to the river, wishing for the cool refreshment of the water, wanting to experience the flow, to quench your skin's thirst for exhilaration. Sometimes you dip a toe in to test first, then decide that this might not be the right time, since you're in public, you don't have a swimsuit, and you have to be somewhere "more important" in about twenty minutes.

And sometimes you throw caution to the wind, and you jump in, fully clothed, and feel the most incredible adrenaline rush, and you remember what it's like to be alive. You shiver first with anticipation, scream in delight, shiver again at the temperature change, smile at the tugging and pulling that you can finally feel beneath the surface, and the only thing you want more than to be right where you are is to bring others along with you so they can join in the fun.

That's exactly what it should feel like to be a Christian.

The problem is, most of the time we're so preoccupied with what we call "life", we don't take the time to invest in what really matters. It shouldn't be how many minutes a day we read the bible, how many people we "witness" to, how many prayers we send up, or whether or not we go to church in a given week. It should be the excitement we feel at becoming part of the flow, then living in that flow every day.

I'm finding in this journey that, more often than not, I feel good about myself. That's a big step for me, because I've spent so much of my life feeling bad about myself, and not just because of things on the surface that I don't like, but because of the things BENEATH the surface. Nagging thoughts, frustrating temptations, a nasty little voice reminding me of who I used to be and the things I used to do and the people I once hurt. But lately it's been alleviated to the point where I can think to myself, "You know what? I'm somebody completely different than who I used to be, and I don't have to focus on that anymore because I'm focusing on something that's going to continue making me different from here on out". I fail - yes, miserably sometimes. I still hurt people, including myself and those I love the most, from time to time. I make mistakes, I have fear and anxiety, I'm nowhere near perfect.

Remember being a child, attempting something new for the first time and failing miserably? It wasn't until I was eight years old that I started to learn how to ride a bike. Fear of failure held me back. Then, when I did attempt, MISERABLE failure made me feel like I was stupid. I rode a bike up a tree. We all know that what goes up, must come down. Picture it in a circle... curve up the tree, flip over backwards, fall on back on ground with bicycle on top. My mom, knowing I was all right, just a little bruised pride, hid her smile at my clumsiness and helped me to my feet, wiped my tears, and assisted me while I tried again.

Isn't that what God does?

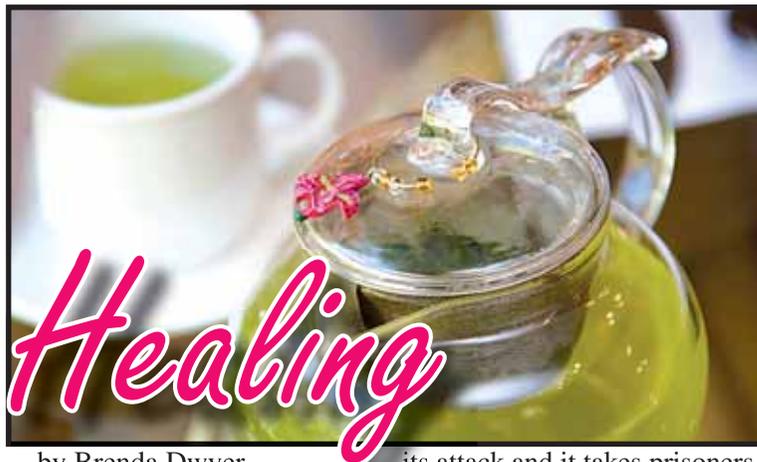
Every day, I make mistakes, but I'm trying to live in the flow of that exhilarating Spirit. Sometimes I dip my toe in, and, on rare occasions, I throw caution to the wind and hurl myself, full-throttle, limbs akimbo, at the surface of the water, longing with every fiber of my being to FEEL something. Sometimes I miss the water completely and lay, pride bruised, on the bank of the river, tears streaming down my face.

But there's God, hiding his smile and wiping the tears, helping me to my feet so I can try again.

It's the biggest rush in the world.



Inside the Tearoom



Healing

by Brenda Dwyer

My innermost thoughts were there in front of me ... scrawled across the page in a hurried and angry script. This is the last time I said to myself ... the same way I had said it hundreds of times before and defeat swept me away to a new low. Abuse is a horrible thing - the way it cuts you and shreds every ounce of dignity you ever possessed. It is a cruel and unkempt thing. It is wild in

its attack and it takes prisoners.

Every innocent eye or ear in the vicinity will know your ugly secret. The perfect picture you try so hard to paint is revealed and you feel, once more, that it is time to move on to a new location, uproot yourself (and your family) so as to try to protect the innocent and the image you have in your mind of how things could be. How they should've been. How they would've been if you hadn't rushed in to a fool's trap. You think back to when life was simpler and trust was something you did freely and love was not just a four letter word that someone used to manipulate you.

"He tells me that he will kill me if I try to leave." ... "I can't even see my way through the cycle anymore ... the abuse, the torment is unrelenting and my children wake with nightmares and live in fear every breathing moment." ... "This is not what I want for them." ... "I don't know how to get out." ... "I'm so afraid." ... "For some

reason I felt like I could confide in you." ... "Please, help me." I sat in stunned silence as she poured her heart out to me and I asked, Lord ... what can I do? This was my story but one I had buried so long ago with so much life and experience between then and now that it felt somewhat awkward to try to dig it all up again ... how could it possibly help her? And yet ... the Lord was quietly persistent and I knew in my heart what I had to do. I had to relive my pain to help her see her way through hers. So I began a story of a broken love that cut like a knife for 15 years. I spoke of deflection and hour upon hour of prayer and pleading with the Lord to change things only to realize after years of agony and pain that the ability to change things had been there all along - in me. I allowed myself to be bullied and beat on, and took countless other punishments because I was determined to take a "rotten apple" and breathe life into it again. 15 long years of my life - 15 years that I could have done so much more - been so much more. Now here I was trying to help someone else salvage what was left just as someone had helped me all those years ago. Sometimes we pass through the fire so that others will not be burned.

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CHILD'S PLAY





From Our Kitchen

Someone's in the kitchen with grandma ... beggin' for a taste of summer!

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INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed tomato soup
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 8 hamburger buns

DIRECTIONS

1. Place ground beef in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook until evenly browned, stirring to crumble. I like to use a potato masher to even out the lumps. Add onion and celery, cover the pan, and cook until tender and transparent, about 5 minutes. Drain off any grease.
2. Stir the tomato soup (undiluted), ketchup, vinegar, brown sugar and Worcestershire sauce into the beef mixture. Season with salt and garlic powder. Heat to a simmer over low heat, and cook until thoroughly heated, stirring frequently to prevent it from burning on the bottom.
3. Spoon the hot beef mixture onto buns, which may be toasted first, and serve.

Grandmas

by Brenda Dwyer



Nana, G r a n d m a ,
Granny, Grammy, Nina, Busia,
Abuela, Nacio ... and countless
other names have one meaning
... grandmother. Sometimes we
don't accept this title gracefully
... sometimes it is an acquired
thing that takes time to develop

(us). Sometimes we chase after it, hoping that one day we will hear a small voice embrace our hearts with their first utterance of it. Whether or not we feel comfortable with it ... it grows on us and in us and somehow defines us. We are mothers and we are grandmothers and one day we may adopt the worthy title of great grandmother. Do you see the rhythm of it? Can you feel it? It is the environmental footprint of the female species to procreate and to bring forth strong individu-

als who we raise to contribute to this earth and appreciate it. We nurture our families and the generations of family that follow as time permits. We strive to leave a legacy of love and some magical, wonderful tidbit that is a symbol of who we were and why we were so loved. As the generations come and go the words mother – grandmother – great grandmother and so on will be cherished and revered. Should you be the apple of some little one's eye who knows you adoringly as Nana, Grandma, Granny, Grammy, Nina, Busia, Abuela, Nacio or any other matronly name – embrace it. We are here but for a short while. Now is your chance to be a star in someone's eyes ... SHINE!



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But I didn't blow up. I was nice, cool and collected (hey - that's my story and I'm sticking to it) ... I behaved as if there was nothing in the world that could bother me in that moment. I even recall myself chuckling in the face of possible catastrophe (I just can't afford for that computer to blow up today of all days) and I dismissed it all with the flick of a wrist. Okay ... seriously though ... I did pretty much just decide to put on my "coat of submission" and succumb to whatever it was the day had in store for me and try, TRY to be thankful for it. STRESS kills and we all need to remember it. No matter what comes along in your day DO NOT STRESS OUT ... if it is in your control to effect change and make the day better; then do it but if it's not ... don't sweat it! Have a little faith! SMILE and get through it. So many things we don't have control over but the things we find ourselves in control of - well, we need to be good stewards of those things ... we owe it to ourselves and those around us. So, when it's all said and done my only advice to you when your "pile is tipped" is this ... be the first to laugh at yourself ... if you're really blessed others will join in (it has a magical way of making stress evaporate into thin air!)



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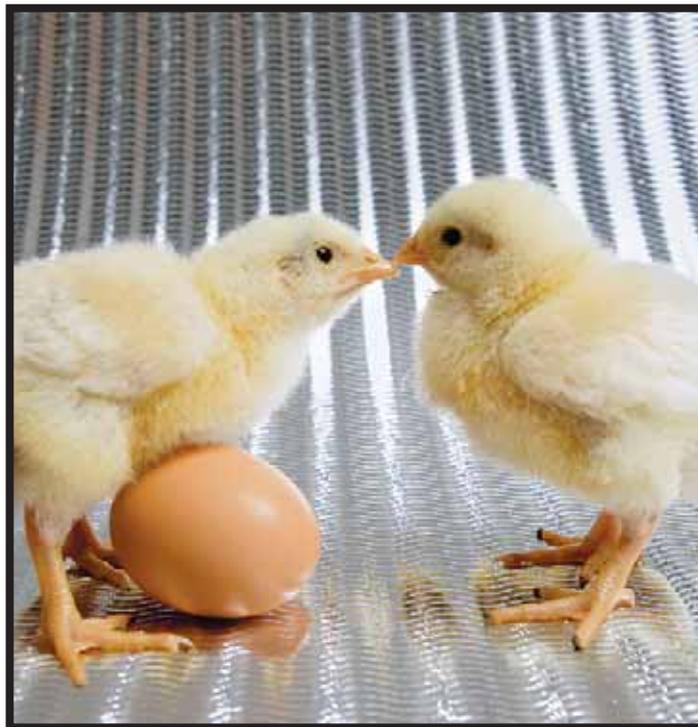
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Garden Gab

by Brenda Dwyer

I throw my hands up in surrender! I know good and well when I have heaped more on my plate than I can stomach. Yes, I've done it again. I've started something wonderful and watched as time and necessity have taken me from it. I love my garden. It is my happy place, my retreat and yet looking forward I don't know when I'll ever have time to maintain it this year. I am in desperate need of someone who loves to garden as much as I do ... or more. This is what has prompt-

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Talk Across The Fence

by Brenda Dwyer

ATTENTION TEENS AND TWEENS ... I just know that Bristol, Middlebury and Shippshewana have young adults with a lot on their minds and I would love to hear about it ... all of it. I want Talk Across The Fence next month to be about you. What is it you think about the world today ... this world that you will soon inherit and be responsible for? What is going on at school that has you excited or bothered? What about friendships ... is it easy to make friends today or do you feel a vast chasm of disconnect? How about your parents – what are your feelings about them? Mother's Day is in May ... is there something you'd like to say to your mom? **MAY IS YOUR MONTH!** Speak up, speak your mind and be heard! Email your submissions to Brenda@agoodneighboronline.com or snail mail to A Good Neighbor 524 S. Main Street Middlebury, IN 46540. What are you waiting for?



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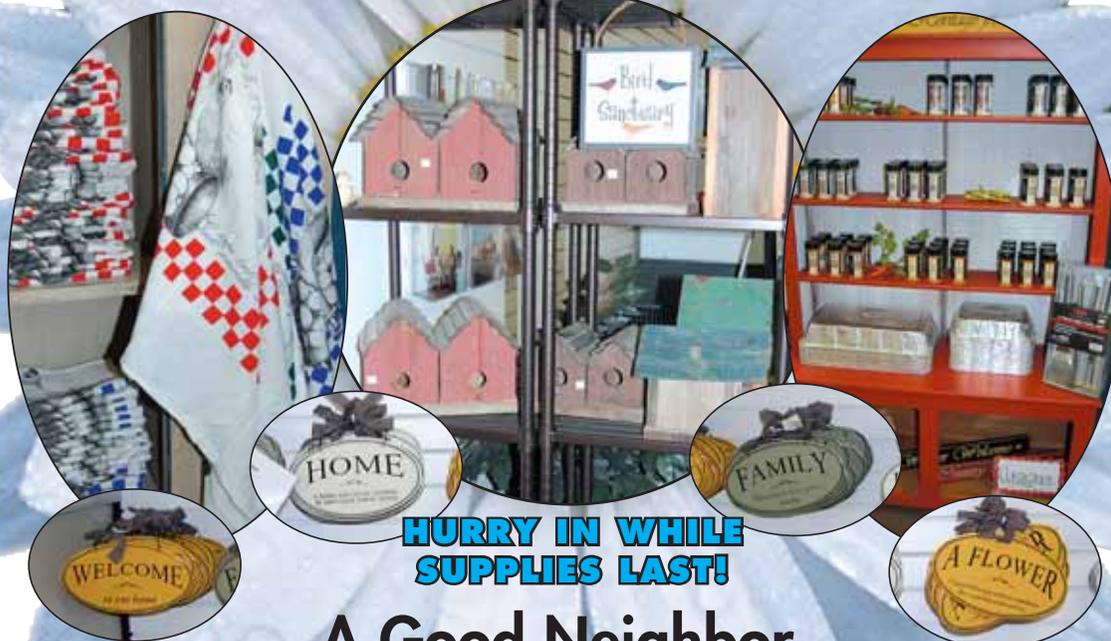
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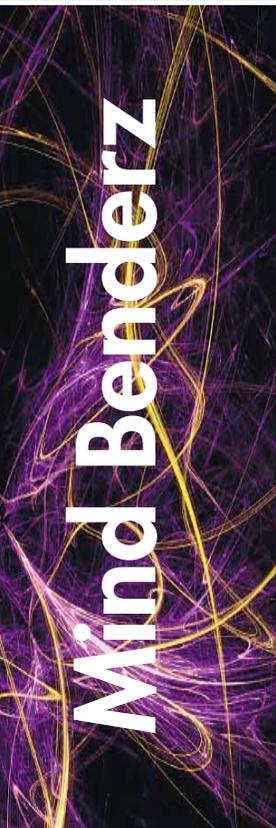
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ACROSS

- Assume
- European freshwater fish related to the carp
- A large but nonspecific amount
- Small hand drum of northern India
- Biblical birthright seller
- "Don't bet ___ ___!"
- Architectural projection
- Payment by tenant
- Fa, for example
- Study of substances extracted from ores
- ___ cheese with red wax covering
- Craving
- Small handbills
- Small cold rice cakes topped with fish
- Erasable programmable read-only memory (acronym)
- A music notation indicating repeat
- Breeches, as in clothing (2 wrds)
- Pallid
- Embankment to prevent flooding
- A New Zealander
- Historical name for Anatolia (2 wrds)
- Toxic snake bite substance
- Young cat
- Green ___, military
- Diamond-patterned socks
- Used to row a boat
- "Star Trek" speed
- Purplish cole slaw ingredient (2 wrds)
- "___ From Muskogee"
- ___ vera
- Dog-___, turned down corner
- Set aside
- Fish named Charlie
- River nymph or spirit
- "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
- Distinctive, stylish elegance
- Resembling wings

DOWN

- The smallest unit of an element
- Challenge someone to do something
- Final notice
- "Guilty," e.g.
- A cry that begins a fox hunt chase
- Any "Seinfeld," now
- ___-friendly
- "Drat!"
- Shops that do not apply taxes (2 wrds)
- Something profitable
- Region in a vacuum tube
- "Norwegian Wood" instrument
- Tobacco pipe tube (pl.)
- "Fantasy Island" prop
- Chop (off)
- Caribbean and others
- Thick, wrinkled skin fruit
- Nickname of Am. soccer player Marino
- Representative
- Equal
- Marienbad, for one
- Clark of the Daily Planet
- Opening time, maybe
- Blockhead
- Transgression
- Able to read and write
- "Cool" dollar amount
- Garden plant genus with showy spikes of colored flowers
- Bleat
- Came to
- Tool for gathering leaves (pl.)
- Stagehands
- Arctic ___
- Twelfth month in the Jewish calendar
- Lady of Lisbon
- Canaanite deity
- "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
- A toothed machine part
- Christian Science founder

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A WORLD OF WONDERS

by Monica Clark

AT WALDEN

The woods are washed out, a water color painting with few bright colors. Flowering Dogwoods bloom and sway like a gathering of butterflies. Violets, close to the ground, are easy to overlook if not for the brief splash of vibrant purple. An errant tulip stands guard near the ruins of the old homestead, scarlet and magnificent. This is Walden Place and it's good to be back.

Walden (not the famous Massachusetts Walden) is made up of two ponds, a small meadow, and a forest. This beautiful place was originally owned by Charles Webb, a retired school teacher, who brought children here to visit, study, and learn a deeper appreciation for nature. His notes are still in the drawers of the little camper snuggled under a wild cherry tree. Mr. Webb was an avid birdwatcher. He wrote about Herons hunting for breakfast and noted the arrival of wood ducks and Canadian geese. He also kept track of flowers and good mushrooming spots. Plat maps detailed the trees and flowers he planted. Early morning found him loading his old Station wagon with water-filled milk jugs and visiting his garden at Walden. At key spots along the ponds, limber fishing poles stood ready at a moment's notice to flick a fly out and catch a sunfish for his supper.

Mr. Webb is gone now, but the

beauty of Walden is eternal. Rabbits bound, deer meander, and squirrels chase each other, quarreling through the trees. Last year a female turkey took up residence. "Henrietta" we call her. She is a nosy, young thing. She never gets too close, but we see her watching us from the bushes and racing down the trails.

Winter was hard on Walden, a lot of downed trees. Brad will soon be busy with his chainsaw. We will stack the wood near the fire pit for campfires and we'll spend hours trimming back the Rose of Sharon that grow everywhere, smell heavenly and grab fiercely. The huge old willow near the pond will fill in and her long, slender limbs will sway, tickling the water.

Best of all, friends will come. On the nights of the full moon, we'll wander along the forest trails. Moonbeams will light our path and we'll stalk, single-file and silent, like the Indians that once roamed this same land, always hoping we don't startle a skunk! But, that's later in the year.

Today, a carpet of last year's leaves crunch under foot. Near the pond, black mud squelches up along the sides of my sneakers. Birds twitter and sing. A Mockingbird performs an early afternoon concert with a litany of stolen birdsongs. Gentle sunlight caresses my face, so warm after winter's frigid touch. Spring is here. I finally believe it. What a wonder!

From the Pulpit CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICES OFFERED IN MIDDLEBURY

During this Lenten season we often name things to give up, like a favorite food or activity. Another ritual of the season is to examine ourselves, our lives, and take stock of how we are faring in our spiritual life. This season of reflection is in preparation for the Easter season, when we celebrate our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, and His faithful sacrifice on our behalf. Considering His willingness to follow the Father even to death, it is fitting for us to review how we've done in our efforts at faithful discipleship. Does our life identify us as followers of Jesus, or are we sucked in by the glitz and smooth talk of this world?

One way to enter into the season is to attend contemplative worship services with other Christians. This very widely recognized and practiced form of worship is often referred to as a "Taize" service, so named after the services held at the religious community of the same name in France. Established during WW II to aid war victims, over the years the Taize Community became a refuge for and ministry to the poor around the world. As stated on their website (www.taize.fr/en

) "Today, the Taize Community is made up of over a hundred brothers, Catholics and from various Protestant backgrounds, coming from around thirty nations. By its very existence, the community is a "parable of community" that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples. . . . Certain brothers live in some of the disadvantaged places in the world, . . . (and) share the living conditions of the people around them. They strive to be a presence of love among the very poor, street children, prisoners, the dying, and those who are wounded by broken relationships, or who have been abandoned."

Over the years, Taize has become a popular destination for young adults and church leaders from around the globe. The distinctive contemplative worship style has spawned many followers on every continent, who regularly hold services and sing the music written in the community.

Several Christians in the Middlebury area have joined together to offer contemplative worship services, styled after the Taize services, at the for-

mer Pleasant Oaks Mennonite Church building, across from Das Essenhaus Inn. The worship is currently held each Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Contemplative worship consists of reading scripture, prayer, and singing simple worship songs, some of which appear in many Hymnals. This worship can be described as thoughtful and meditative. A significant amount of time is spent in silence, reflecting on the scripture as we seek the presence of God. Prayers are offered, with opportunity for persons to offer their own spoken sentence prayers, or quiet prayers.

This is not an attempt to start another church, but simply to offer an opportunity to worship, across social, denominational or ethnic lines, to anyone who attends, whether a regular church attendee or not. The organizers and attenders are members of several churches in the Middlebury area. If you are interested please come and join us next Tuesday. If you want more information contact Bill Swartzendruber at bjswartz@frontier.com.

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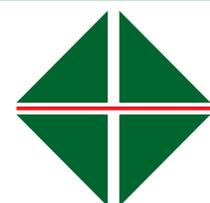
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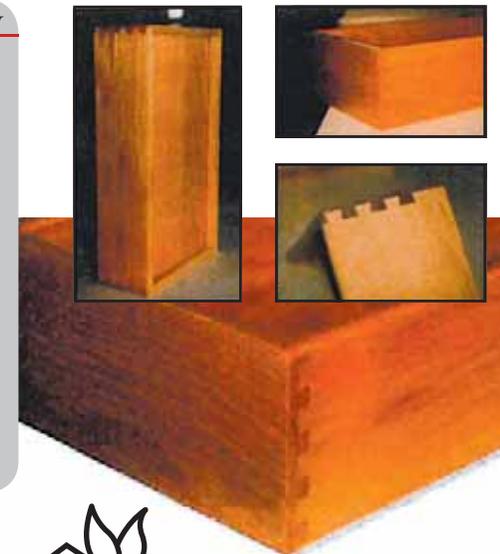
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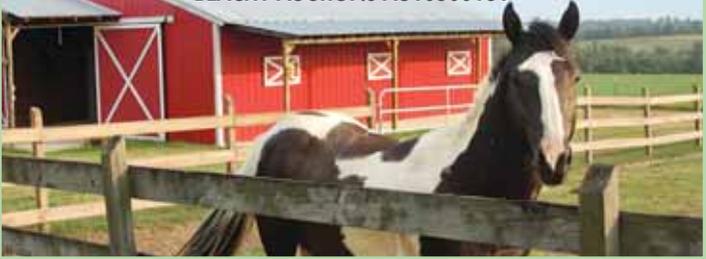
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A Trip Home



and fell with frightening severity, when all the adults were scared half to death, that marvelous child was completely composed and unafraid."

The minister could hardly believe his eyes.

It was not surprising therefore, that, when the plane finally reached its destination and all the passengers were hurrying to disembark, our pastor lingered to speak to the girl whom he had watched for such a long time.

Having commented about the storm and the behavior of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid. The child replied, "Cause my Daddy's the pilot, and he's taking me home."

There are many kinds of storms that buffet us. Physical, mental, financial, domestic, and many other storms can easily and quickly dark-

A minister had been on a long flight between church conferences..

The first warning of the approaching problems came when the sign on the airplane flashed on: Fasten Your Seat-Belts.

Then, after a while, a calm voice said, "We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting a little turbulence. Please be sure your seat belt is fastened."

As the minister looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive.

Later, the voice on the intercom said, "We are so sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The turbulence is still ahead of us."

And then the fury of the storm broke. The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightning lit up the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash.

The minister confessed that he shared the discomfort and fear of those around him.

He said, "As I looked around the plane, I could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed.

Some were praying. The future seemed ominous and many were wondering if they would make it through the storm.

"Then, I suddenly saw a little girl. Apparently the storm meant nothing to her. She had tucked her feet

beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and everything within her small world was calm and orderly.

"Sometimes she closed her eyes, then she would read again; then she would straighten her legs, but worry and fear were not in her world.

"When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm when it lurched this way and that, as it rose

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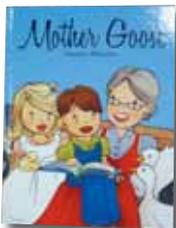
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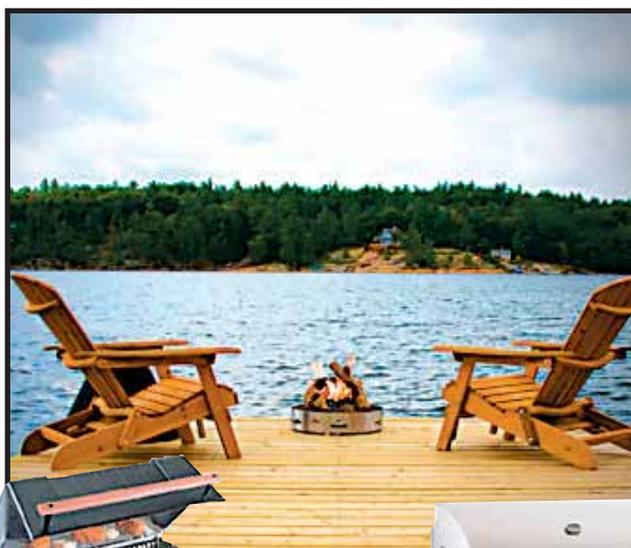


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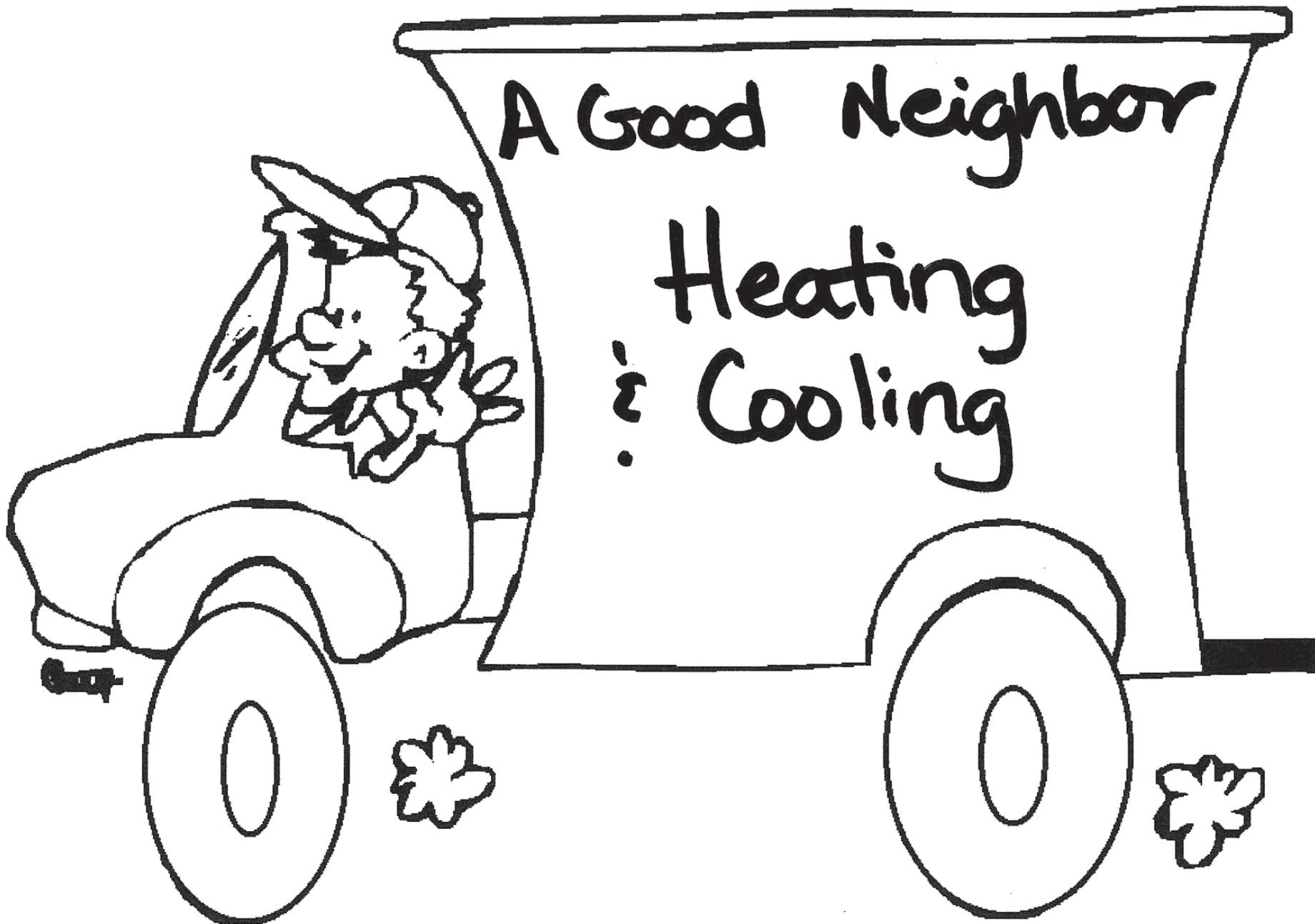
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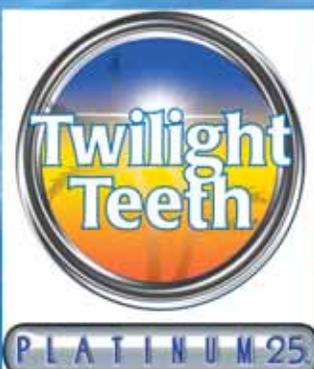
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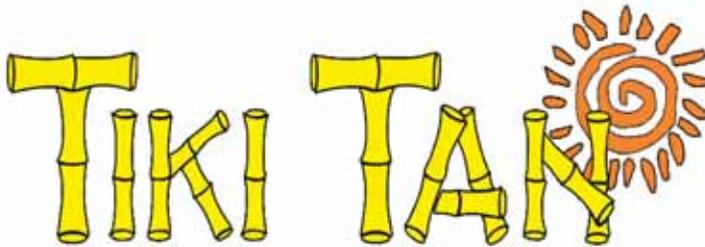
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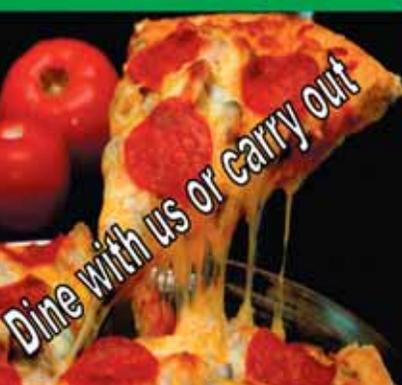
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