

**Leon Kagarise**, Baltimore, MD, brother to Dean Kagarise, Nappanee, passed away January 26th, after a long battle with congestive heart failure. Leon attended the Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren and leaves behind a daughter Judy and son Michael and their families. Services were held February 2.

**New Salem** has a new ministry... **The Parents' -Night-Out Kids' Club**. Free childcare and VBS style program for infants thru elementary aged children. Wholesome fun, healthy snacks, and safe adult supervision provided. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month, beginning January 24, 2008. parents can drop-off their kids between 5:30-6pm and pick-up between 8-8:30pm. Structured programming runs between 6-8pm. All this is happening at the New Salem Church of the Brethren, Milford, IN; SE of Milford at county roads 900N & 200E, across from Maple Leaf Farms. For additional information: (574) 658- 4965 and leave a message.

**Archival Internship opening:** The program will provide the intern with work assignments in the Brethren Historical Library and Archives (BHLA) and with opportunities to develop professional contacts. Work assignments will include processing archival materials, writing descriptive inventories, preparing books for cataloging, responding to request references, and assisting researchers the library. Term of Service: 1 year (starting July 1); Compensation: Housing, monthly stipend of \$1050, & health insurance; Requirements: graduate student with 2 years, interest in history or library work, willingness to work with detail, accurate word processing skills, ability to lift 30# boxes. Send resume, college transcript three letters of references to: Director, Human Resources, Church of the Brethren General Board, 1451 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120.

**Jonathan Shively**, has submitted his resignation as Director of the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, effective June 30, 2008. He has accepted the call to serve as executive director of Congregational Life Ministries beginning July 1, 2008. Jonathan, and his wife Kim, and their 3 children will be moving to the Elgin, Il area.

Mark & Brenda of "**Hope of Ireland**", as of February 10, will once again be stateside. Their temporary address is Mark & Brenda Ray; c/o Brian Moore; 8962 Light Street; Williamsport, MD 21795. Stay in contact by their blog at <http://hopeofireland.blogspot.com>, or email them at [wayfaringstranger3@gmail.com](mailto:wayfaringstranger3@gmail.com).

**Decade to Overcome Violence** - Because of the Brethren, Mennonite and Quaker witness and appeal to the Nov. 10, 1998 session of the World Council of Churches @ Zimbabwe, the year 2000 was proclaimed to be the Year for the Culture of Peace. The years from 2001-2010 were to be the International Decade for Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World. The appeal was joined by every living Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. As this goes to press, the 40th anniversary commemorating the life and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr. is taking place. Providentially, excerpts of his sermon at the Ebenezer Baptist Church on April 30th, 1967 bring to our attention a chilling relevancy to our time. If we substitute "Iraq" for every time he says "Vietnam" in that excerpt, we are aware of the adage that if we do not learn from studying the mistakes of the past, we are doomed to repeat them. In stating that he was determined to take the Bible seriously, in a "society that has gone mad on war," he described war as "a suction tube" and an "enemy of the poor." As then, the press giving accolades for his "working for the brotherhood of man," but "strangely inconsistent" when his efforts were bringing people into the struggle, so in our day, "the Truth must be told" while "we languish under our bombs." Opposing war "because of love for America" seems to make one as much a pariah today as it did then. To refresh your memory - and to stand with the DOV - "for the children of the world" - and to be inspired to carry out the GOOD NEWS of the Gospel that God loves all unconditionally, pray for guidance as you hear the words of one who said, "History's biggest tragedy is not the violent acts of bad people, but the appalling silence of good people." To listen to the excerpt, log on to Google and type in Dr. King's Vietnam speech. Scroll down the list of websites to the one with the video. Gather a few friends or group that you are in and listen. Then pray for the Holy Spirit to guide. **Lois Clark, DOV District Representative**