

Join The Angels And Sing & Pray  
Let There Be  
Peace On Earth  
Let It Begin With Me

## CHRISTMAS 2012

Dear Loved Ones,

The end of another incredible year is almost here and once again, I have been richly blessed. I'm still involved with many Sonnewald store activities as well as local and national church events. Other activities that give me great pleasure include art exhibits and music. York has an excellent symphony, wonderful drama, and other assorted cultural events.

It's great seeing friends that have been customers for decades, as well as new customers who are thrilled with what the store offers.

We often exhibit at community events such as the York Fair, Garden Show, Herb Festival, Women's Show, 50+ Expo, Prime of Life, Mother Earth Harvest Fair, etc.

Faye Burtch and I were honored to have been workshop leaders at the PA Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) Conference at Penn State. The topic: Harvesting wild edible and medicinal weeds for selling at local farmers' markets. The annual PASA Conference has grown to over 2000 attendees from everywhere.

This summer, I conducted 15 "weed walks", with over 300 participants. Sonnewald is creating "Walking with Grace", a DVD & Fieldguide, so many more people can experience a weed walk. It's been a big project, but it's almost finished. Visit our website [www.sonnewald.org](http://www.sonnewald.org) or friend us on Facebook for details.

In August, we held a reunion for as many Sonnewald employees & farm apprentices as we could locate. It was a very special day and many who managed to get here, or sent entries for a scrapbook, shared how their lives were changed by the experiences they had at Sonnewald. Although most are married with children, or even grandchildren, I still think of them as my "kids". More than ever, I realize that Tim & I were surrogate parents for many young people we welcomed into our family over the years.

I'm still giving presentations at local groups. More and more people are finally becoming aware that God's natural foods make a difference in their health.

Living in different states and getting older makes it more challenging, but my Trimmer siblings finally got together. My two younger sisters and their husbands, my only brother and his wife, and the daughter of my deceased oldest sister, made 8 around the table for delicious meals.

My own 5 children, 7 grands and 4 great grands are also scattered. I'm grateful that I can still drive to the airport & fly by myself to see some of them from time to time.

During the year, over 17 of my friends made their passing journey to their heavenly home. I still am blessed with many friends, some of whom are in their nineties.

I'll be turning 90 on 12-12-12. A Birthday Open House will be held at my church. Some of you may have received the invitation by email. Some will get the invitation with this Christmas letter. If I missed you, please let me know.

May we all celebrate the Birthday of our loving Savior Jesus Christ, as we come to the end of another year.

With Peace And Love,

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