

# My Amish Home: Lovely Moments and Chicken Pot Pie

By Millie Otto  
 "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who healeth all thine iniquities; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles." Psalm 103:1,2,3,4,5  
 "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31  
 On this late Tuesday afternoon, it doesn't look like a winter is coming. It is cloudy, sort of windy and yes, sort of warm for the first of February. Maybe the storm will come

later on this evening or in the night. Rain I don't mind so much, but ice and snow, I'll pass, thank you!  
 So, did we hit the panic button for nothing? Sis Barb called to see if we need anything or if I want her to take me to get Erwin. So, we made plans as I did need to pick up a prescription at the pharmacy.  
 My little miss, Lauranna was sick yesterday and today, so I don't have to leave this afternoon. But right now it doesn't look very threatening. I guess we'll wait and see.  
 Really, I'm highly satisfied if we don't get anything. It may move in tonight, who knows?  
 If we are going to get snowed in, I wish I had some books to read. I've read all ours. I have some really old books that I got out of the Cadwell School library that I almost wore the pages thin,

I read them so often as a kid. Maybe I could read those again.  
 But seriously, I have enough things to work on, I don't need books to read.  
 I had kind of a bad experience this morning when I wanted to leave town.  
 When I wanted the horse to back, he acted up a little, managing to slip and fall. And he wouldn't get up! I tried but was afraid I'd get in the way of his hoofs if he starts flailing around. I did get him unhitched from the buggy and rolled the buggy out of the way. Now what? No one noticed. No one looked my way. If only I could get Lyle from Oye's Hardware.  
 Ahh! Here comes Angie, the one who works in the Welcome Center. So, I yelled at her. She came over so I asked if she would get Lyle for me. Well, Lyle wasn't there but Austin was. He came to help, bless his heart.

Of course, he didn't have a problem getting the horse on his feet. I was too shaky. I'm surprised I wasn't bawling. Anyway, I was so thankful for Angie and Austin's help.  
 I went on home without incident. Except, I did fret about the storm. Angie had warned me. It didn't do any good to fret. The storm is still not here.  
 This is now much later in the afternoon. I just read the weather forecast in the paper. Not as much snow as some were saying but yes, later in the week, frigidly cold again. I don't know, I don't want snow but I don't like frigid either.  
 At least this past weekend was fairly nice. We could go to church. That is always a highlight for me. I need the church.  
 And Sunday evening our children Lloyds and Milton Yoders and grandchildren Robert Yoders and Richard

Chupps brought pizza and ice cream for Erwin's birthday. They also brought lots of cheer!  
 It was so good to see the "Littles" again.  
 Logan, 1½, apparently likes cinnamon rolls. The other evening his parents, Robert and Marilyn heard him say, "umm! umm!" So, checking it out, he somehow got a 9x13 pan of rolls off the table, stabbed one out of the middle with a fork and was sitting on the floor, pan between his legs, take a bite, "umm! umm!"  
 I have an 8 oz. sour cream container with little teddy bear beads in it. It broke, so Jamin, almost three, came to me asking for a "kessley" (kettle) What would he want with a "kessley"? Oh! He wanted another container for the teddy bears!  
 In closing—Lovely moments are like seeds in the soul that grow into tender

memories.  
 Maybe we could make this pot pie this week.  
**Chicken Pot Pie**  
 2 tbsps. oil  
 1 tbslp. chopped onion  
 1½ tbsps. flour  
 ¾ cup chicken stock  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 1 cup cooked chicken, cut in small pieces  
 ¼ cup cooked peas  
 ¼ cup cooked, diced carrot  
 Fry onion in oil until lightly browned. Add flour and stir until blended. Slowly add chicken stock and stir over low heat until smooth and thick. Season to taste. Arrange chicken and vegetables in layers in pie pan or 8x8 or 9x9 square cake pan, cover with sauce. Top with baking powder biscuit dough (or use Bisquick) rolled like a pastry. Bake at 425 degrees for 15-20 minutes.  
 Can also use chicken seasoning and/or Spike veggie-salt for seasoning.

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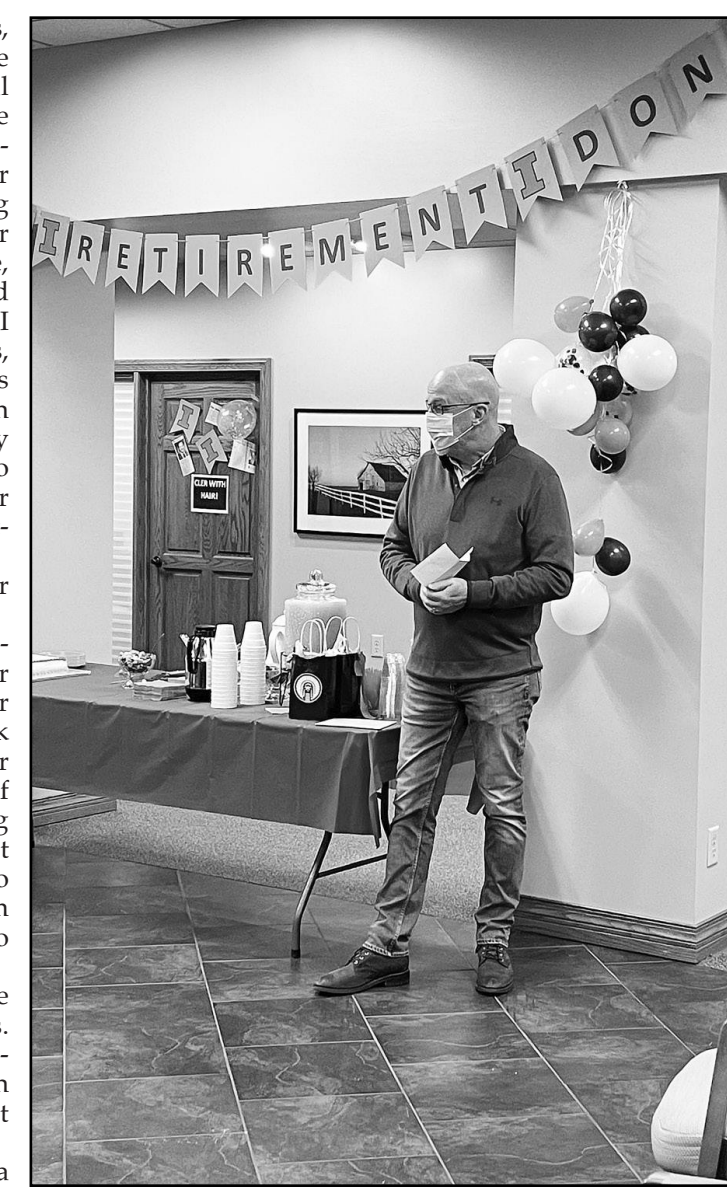
Venus asks Cupid to have the girl, Psyche, fall in love with a monster. Cupid agrees, but once he sees Psyche he "accidentally" hits himself with one of his own golden arrows and falls in love with Psyche. The resulting match does not prove easy, and through a series of unfortunate events, Psyche must prove her love to Cupid and accomplish various tasks to win back his heart. Eventually, Psyche does and achieves goddess status.  
 Cupid has been portrayed both as a young man and

child through Renaissance art and beyond. When Valentine's Day became popular in the 18th and 19th centuries, Cupid was linked to Valentine's Day celebrations due to his matchmaking abilities. His popularity only continued in the early 20th century, when Hallmark began to manufacture Valentine's Day cards featuring Cupid.  
 Cupid helped push people together in ancient mythology, and he can even be the catalyst for modern day matchmaking as well.

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part-time in the trust department at Boatman's bank. There was a gentleman there who was a family friend who ran the department, and he hired me part time, and it evolved into full time.  
 That was around 1984?  
 No, took a couple of years off between my bachelor's and Grad school, so it would have been around 1986.  
 And what did you do for those two years?  
 I did odd jobs. I sold insurance for a while. I did construction for a while, just some odds and ends. I was working at the Clinton Power Plant as an Iron Worker permit, working on the sides of the containment building in the freezing cold, and the thought crossed my mind that I didn't want to do this all my life! <laughs>  
 When did you come to Villa Grove?  
 I came to Villa Grove in November of 1987. I knew a good family friend of ours was a director at the First National Bank, so I called him and got an interview and ended up getting the job.  
 And then First National and the State Bank consolidated?  
 Right. In late 1989.  
 What was your initial position with the bank?  
 I was an assistant vice president. My main responsibility was in the loan side of the bank, mainly, until I took over as president of the bank.  
 How long were you president?  
 Right at 20 years. I started in January of 2002.  
 Is it going to be easy for you to walk away? Are you going to keep a finger in it? What's your plan, moving forward?  
 It's going to be a gradual process. I've retired as president, and I've given up all of the management and ad-

ministrative responsibilities, but I am going to continue working on the commercial loan side, mainly with some customers that I've developed relationships with over the years. I think it's going to be a good opportunity for me to ease out of workforce, rather than just stopping cold turkey. Jeff McCown and I talked extensively about this, and were able to create this position. To be honest with you, neither one of us really know what this is going to look like. We'll get together in 6 months and have a better idea.  
 Who will be assuming your role as president?  
 Lisa Corum is the President. She's been with us for about 8 years now, and prior to that, she was at a bank down by Effingham for over 20 years. She had a lot of the responsibilities of being a bank president without having the actual title, so she's very qualified and I'm very confident that she'll do a great job.  
 Moving forward what are the plans for you and Mrs. Cler? Are you going to travel? Are you going to work on your game and shoot a 29 at Tri-City? <laughs>  
 <laughing> I won't get to a 29, but I do hope to improve my golf game a little bit. Traveling is definitely on the agenda. We have a son who lives in Paris, France. We plan to visit him a little more often. Our other son is up by Chicago, and we plan to visit him more often as well. We have family all around the country and we plan to travel around and see them and see parts of the country we've not yet been able to visit.  
 It's well earned, my friend.  
 Thank you. I appreciate that very much. It's been a very good ride. Again, I



Don Cler celebrates his retirement from Villa Grove State Bank after 20 years.

never dreamed that I would end up in a position like that and it's been very good. I can't take credit for the success of the bank. I've had an unbelievable staff to work with. They have made my job much easier, and there's no way one person could do it without a fantastic group around them, and I've been blessed with some wonderful people to work with. I've told a lot of people that one of the best parts of the job is that over the years, a lot of our customers have become good friends. So many of the people that walk in the door will pop their head in and say "hey", or I'll walk out in the lobby and greet people. The relationships have just been unbelievable and that will continue as we move forward.  
 Those relationships are probably a high point of your

career, right?  
 No doubt about it. When I was offered the position, one of the first questions I asked was about not wanting to be a bank president who sits in the corner. Budge McCown, the owner of the bank at that time, was 100 percent in agreement, and his family has continued to support that belief.  
 I can't say enough about how much you and your institution have done for the city. A lot of times, it's behind the scenes, but you've always been stand up for us.  
 I appreciate that. The school and the city and local businesses all have to work together in a small community like this. I remember years ago, the board told me that if the school or the city needs something, that I should find a way to make it happen, and I've always tried to do that.

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gether inferior version of what love, or a great pancake should be. Spend the time to offer something that is as perfect as you can get. Make it memorable, and put some

work into it.  
 Now, go make some pancakes for someone you love. \*And don't forget the ones you love on Valentine's Day!

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT URBANA, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
 PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MAGGIE CLARK, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MAGGIE CLARK, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MAGGIE CLARK, DECEASED, DARLENE CLARK LITTLETON, EARLENE SMITH, DANIEL CLARK AND NICHOLAS CLARK, Defendants.  
 CASE NO. 19-CH-134  
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 407 E. CHURCH ST. CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820  
 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
 NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Maggie Clark, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Maggie Clark, deceased and Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Maggie Clark, deceased, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 407 E. Church St., Champaign, IL 61820, more particularly described as:  
 i. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.  
 ii. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.  
 iii. The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs and Devisees of Maggie Clark, deceased  
 iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
 LOT 22 OF A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF LOT 1 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN DEED RECORD "F" AT PAGE 415, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN, IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
 Permanent Index Number: 46-21-07-328-007  
 v. A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows:  
 407 E. Church St., Champaign, IL 61820  
 vi. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
 Names of the Mortgagors: Maggie Clark  
 Names of the Mortgagee: Summit First Financial LLC-CLS  
 Date of the Mortgage: April 14, 2006  
 Date of the recording: April 17, 2006  
 County where recorded: Champaign County  
 Recording document identification: Document No. 2006R09026  
 YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME. DO NOT IGNORE THIS DOCUMENT. By order of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation Pre-Conference on March 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the Champaign County Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room, First Floor, 101 E Main Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801. A mediation coordinator will be present to discuss options that you may have and to assist you with a potential mortgage modification.  
 YOU MUST APPEAR FOR THE PRE-MEDIATION CONFERENCE OR YOUR RIGHT TO MEDIATION WILL TERMINATE.  
 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Champaign County Courthouse, 101 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61801 on or before March 4, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.  
 CLERK OF THE COURT  
 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
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