

It only takes church peanut butter, cheese spread and bread to make a lunch

“Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say on the Lord.” Psalm 27: 11,12,13,14

changed over the years. Use to, I didn't pay much attention to the weather. It was what it was.

I took it day by day, dealt with it, whatever.

I guess sometimes, way back, at times it was hard to deal with. Like when we got caught with the first snowstorm of the season and our birds weren't moved inside yet. We'd have to go out in blowing snow, freezing cold, catch those elusive birds and move them inside. Not fun!

But, yes, I guess now that I'm the responsible person for my aging mom and my handicapped husband, and, of course, I also am older and feel the cold more, it's just different.

This is now after lunch, church peanut butter, cheese spread, homemade bread, you call that lunch?! Well, anyway, yes, we made it home okay. The wind wasn't real bad. Actually, by now the sun has broken through the clouds some.

I'm running behind with my writing. I was messing with our weather station thingy. The thing on the roof of the shed that records the wind speed isn't working right. It needs a lubricant. And no, I will not climb up there to do it.

At least I think I have the rest fixed. The temperature was



My Amish Home

By Millie Otto

stuck at 33 degrees. I knew that wasn't correct. So I changed the batteries. Things seem to be right now. Except for the wind thing. I really miss that, but oh well, it is what it is.

Church on our little commune is now history, huge sigh of relief. We had such a beautiful day. Which was very, very much appreciated. Lloyds have room for services and to serve lunch, but if it isn't nice that the men can be outside after lunch or even while lunch is being prepared, well, anyway, they could be outside. I don't know what Plan B would have been if it would have been cold or raining. It wasn't so it doesn't matter.

Now I have to get down to business and get a few things out of the way so I can work on getting material figured out for granddaughter Julia's quilt.

I also have to make my mom's and my dress for the wedding.

But first—my sewing room needs some serious attention and organization. Would it be easier to just add on a room? Well, I doubt it, but I do need more space.

I've been trying to declutter and take some things to the MCC store. I should have taken some yesterday. It was such a nice day.

I had to go to the doctor about my toe and thought I could do it afterward. But my toe hurt

so bad and I didn't what would have to be done to it, so I just left the things at home.

I have/had some serious infection in my toe but it has improved already-(I think!). I am on antibiotics and a soak solution to use twice daily.

That works well when I do it in the evening. I can soak my foot while hubby beats the stuffings out of me playing marble chase. Maybe we should play Scrabble. I can sometimes beat him in that.

In closing---A positive thought can change your whole day!

How about trying this melt in your mouth chocolate pie.

Chocolate Silk Pie

1 unbaked pastry shell (9 in.)
1 jar (7 oz.) marshmallow crème

1 cup (6 oz.) semisweet chocolate chips

¼ c. butter, cubed

2 oz. unsweetened chocolate
2 tbsps. strong brewed coffee

1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped

Topping:

1 cup heavy whipping cream
2 tbsps. Powdered sugar
Chocolate curls, optional

Line unpricked pastry shell with a double thickness of heavy duty foil. Bake at 450 degrees for 8 minutes. Remove foil; bake 5 minutes longer. Cool on wire rack.

Meanwhile, in a heavy saucepan, combine marshmallow crème, chocolate chips, butter, unsweetened chocolate and coffee; cook and stir over low heat until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Cool. Fold in whipped cream; pour into crust.

For topping, in a large bowl, beat cream until it begins to thicken. Add powdered sugar; beat until stiff peaks form. Spread over filling. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours before serving. Garnish with chocolate curls, if desired.

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. I am trying, seriously. But when it is so cloudy then ---sigh---my mood tends to be cloudy also. Then I try to cheer myself with food. Doesn't work. Because then I feel bad because I'm eating. Again. And when it's really windy, then yes, it just adds to it.

And yes, wind, high winds anyway, put a knot in my inards. At least until we get home from work and Erwin is safely inside and the horse is out in his lot.

The east was really red this morning. It looked beautiful, awesome, really, but, somehow, those clouds looked like they had a lot of wind in them.

Some things have really

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This year, the Illinois Agri-Women (IAW) organization is offering 4 scholarships for females studying agriculture. The Illinois Agri-Women (IAW) organization supports the agriculture industry, works for legislation to support and preserve family farms, communicates with other agriculture organizations, and strives to educate the public and promote agricultural awareness.

One \$1,500 IAW Helen Hentert Agriculture Education Scholarship will be offered to a student who is an agriculture education major who will be finishing their undergraduate degree in the next year. The application can be found at: <https://forms.gle/fbqc-T2rUMyAAzFz9>

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high school senior, one will be awarded to a current college student, and one scholarship will be awarded to a current graduate student. The application can be found at: <https://forms.gle/VBnqPx7Xxw-Gp8MWPA>

Applications can be submitted online. The deadline for submissions of completed applications is March 31, 2023. To access applications or find out more information about scholarships, visit Scholarships – WCFA (womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com) or www.illinoisagriwomen.org.

University Of Illinois New Student Scholarship FarmHouse Fraternity Offers Scholarships to Incoming University of Illinois Students

FarmHouse Fraternity at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is offering multiple scholarships to incoming students of all majors that will be attending the university next fall. In 2022, the Illinois Chapter awarded over \$15,000 in scholarships to incoming students. In 2023, we plan to award more dependent on the pool of qualified candidates. Scholarship amounts range from \$500-\$4,000.

To be eligible, you must be

a male student who will be attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for the first time during the 2023 fall semester. All majors are encouraged to apply, and applications are due April 15. If there are any questions, please reach out to fcfhau-uc@gmail.com.

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