



The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



Newsletter of the Dillsburg Brethren In Christ Church

June 2017

Sailing On

By John Reitz

"A ship is safe in the harbor, but that's not what ships are for."

-William Shedd

Over the years I have been privileged to experience a few journeys on a cruise ship. I have found it to be one of my more relaxing experiences of life. It has also provided me with new learnings along the way. One such learning is the importance of the harbor pilot. I've been known to lean over the side of the railing and watch as a small boat comes alongside the ship and the temporary pilot transfers and waves the cruise ship on its way.

A harbor pilot is usually a person who has years of experience in piloting ships on the open sea. This person also has had many experiences of navigating through difficult waters and keeping his passengers safe. As a temporary pilot, he or she knows the channels of a particular waterway, the actual depth, direction, strength of prevailing winds and the rising and descending tides. There are times when a harbor pilot makes what appears to be a severe turn or shifting of speed. Most people on the boat wonder why such changes are being experienced, but the harbor pilot knows what's under the waters and is merely protecting the ship and its passengers from running aground. If the harbor pilot does his job, most people on the ship will be unaware of his presence and the handoff comes with a grateful wave of thanks. Harbor pilots don't take the cruise; that's the job of the captain of the ship.

Over the past year I have served as your harbor pilot. I knew from the start as you knew from the start that I would only be at Dillsburg for a short time. It has been a privilege to work with the men and women who serve you as leaders. Together, we have navigated through this year without the ship running aground. You may have felt some turns and even changes of speed

while you've taken this trip with us. Some of our actions may have felt s o m e w h a t uncomfortable, but you can count on the fact that we have had your best interest at stake. Just as a harbor pilot has to be knowledgeable of what others don't see, so we have had to take some things into account that might have been

unnoticeable to you. Thank you for trusting what was happening on the bridge of the BIC Dillsburg.

As I sail away on my pilot boat, I will be thinking about all of you and cheering for your on-going success as you sail into the future. I trust that you will give the same respect and support to your new captain as you afforded to me. I'm sure that you will question some of the turns and changes of speed as they take place on the open sea. Before you react, please remember that there are many things under the sea that have the potential to create shipwrecks. Also any pilot worth his pay will be mindful of things far out ahead of the ship that are unseen by the naked eye. Get to know the pilot and you might have a better understanding of how difficult navigating a ship can be.



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As I've watched harbor pilots drift away into a next assignment, I've often wondered what's next for them. You may be wondering the same about me. Beginning July 1, I will be going on staff at The Bridge church and beginning a ministry that extends locally, regionally and globally. I will begin a "for fee" ministry of counseling, coaching and consulting. Some of my ministry will be to provide services for the local church, some will be to provide help to the regional conferences, and still others will be assisting global workers in accomplishing their ministry.

Both you and I are entering some uncharted waters. I'm doing so to live out one of my main values of life: to take more risk the older I get. I hope that you will also be willing to take new risks and put yourself in positions that will demand new levels of faith. Together, we will find that we all need a personal captain who can help us sail through the next season of life. My best encouragement is to reach out to the One who knows the sea better than anyone.

*Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee:
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
-Edward Hopper*



*Congratulations to our
High School and College Graduates!
Blessings on your Future!*

High School:

Hilman Maulana—heading back to Indonesia
to finish his schooling there.

College:

Chad Brubaker—graduating from Messiah College
Bachelor's of Science in Engineering

Olivia Kimmel—graduating from Messiah College
Bachelor's of Science in Nursing

Jessica Raboci—graduating from Messiah College
Bachelor's of Science in Engineering

Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

At our April Leadership Council meeting, Pastor John, as the interim Outreach Commission Chair, posed several questions about the function of the Outreach Commission that led to discussions about ministry partners and the scope and purpose of the Outreach Commission. The Transition Team also reported that there will be an informal farewell for Pastor John and Terry on June 25, which will be his last Sunday with us. The Transition Team also provided an update about the ingathering for Pastor Rob and Chris. A check was sent to Pastor Rob and a gift basket containing gift cards and other items to welcome them to the Dillsburg area will be presented to them at an informal welcome during the Sunday school hour on July 9.

We also discussed what God is bringing to the forefront of Leadership Council in light of Pastor Rob coming. Some things that were discussed were: working on making sure that we present a generous welcome to others, asking the question, "What is our vision and mission?" and spiritual growth in the congregation and community.

The full minutes of the Leadership Council meeting are located on the bulletin board in the lobby. If you would like additional information or to follow up on any items, please contact a Leadership Council member, Mike Beachy, Clarence Brubaker, Jason Brubaker, Christie Gustafson, Gary Lebo, Pastor John Reitz, or Avis Whitesel.

Transition Team News:

Wow, time has a way of flying by! It is almost time to say good-bye to Pastor John and Terry. We hope you can join us on **Sunday, June 25** from 9:15 a. m. to 10 a.m. for an informal time of saying good bye with coffee and light refreshments. We would also like to shower them with cards expressing thanks for the service that they have provided. Please feel free to put a card in their mailbox.

As we say good-bye, it is time to welcome Pastor Rob and his family! On **July 2**, during the morning worship service, there will be an installation service for Pastor Rob. Bishop Ken Hoke will be here for this service. On **July 9**, we will have an informal time of welcome for Pastor Rob and family from 9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m. We will have coffee and light refreshments during this time as well. Stay tuned for more ways to welcome Pastor Rob and Chris, Bekah, Andrew, and Julie.

Please be in prayer for these two men and their families during this time of transition. May we as a congregation be generous in our expressions of thankfulness and welcome.

Transition team: Kathy Bennett, Clarence Brubaker, Susan Hatch, Ed Strayer, Avis Whitesel

*** Update: Praise the Lord! Pastor Rob and his family sold their house and are in the process of buying a house in Dillsburg! They will be moving into the area around the middle of June!*



In The Pew Next To You...

Rachel & Steven Miller

Born and raised in

Rachel: Dillsburg. If it weren't for Steven, I think I'd be living in South America right now. Maybe someday.

Steven: Central PA, NJ, VA, and Malawi (Africa)

A bit about my family

Rachel: I've been married to Steven for *almost* 5 years. We have two cuties, Ellie (3) and Lucy (1), and a Baby Boy on the way who might even be born by the time you read this! Yes, we have our hands full. Yes, we like it that way! You might also know my parents, grandparents and some of my siblings-in-law who also attend DBIC.

Steven: Rachel covered our nuclear family together, so I'll just mention my family of origin. I have three siblings currently in the Mechanicsburg/Dillsburg area and one sister headed overseas. My parents are missionaries in Malawi and have been there for over 17 years.



I spend my days doing

RACHEL: Buying, preparing, serving, and cleaning up food; reading picture books; taking walks; cleaning anything and everything - from laundry and floors to little hands and toys; snuggling; refereeing disputes; pretending; and napping. It's a life of luxury.

STEVEN: Installing decorative curbing for Red Rock Landscape, as well as other odd jobs that probably come to your mind when you think of landscaping.

How I became a Christian

RACHEL: Before my dad was my Sunday school teacher and youth leader, I was dedicated and baptized in this church, so that gives you kind of an idea of how I became a Christian. The specific event occurred during nightly prayers as a four-year-old. I confess praying to "ask Jesus into my heart" had a little to do with stalling before bed and trying to be just like my big sister. I like to think my faith has matured at least a little since then.

STEVEN: Growing up in a Christian home, I gave my life to Christ at an early age. But in reality, I'm still becoming one.

A time I really saw God work in my life was

RACHEL: In college I was required to study abroad (#Spanishmajor). I did not want to go. Then I did not want to come home. I extended my stay by another semester but was required to come home due to political unrest. It was only because I had to come home early that I ended up getting to marry Steven. Living in a foreign country requires dependence on God. It wasn't so obvious during that time, but hindsight is 20/20 and now it is quite clear that God was orchestrating so many details, large and small.

STEVEN: I moved back to PA in 2010 while the rest of my family stayed in Malawi. That experience gave me a new appreciation for how God cares for me - providing a job, housing, friendships, church fellowship, education, etc.

My biggest passion is

RACHEL: I am *really* not a passionate person. I guess loving my kids and raising them well? My heart flip flops when I hear Spanish and one of the things I get most sad/angry about is the refugee crisis – so if I *were* passionate, maybe it would be about one of those things?

STEVEN: What lights me up is learning about the history of ideas and how people in societies work.

I spend my free time doing

RACHEL: "Free time." Could I have the definition? Could you use it in a sentence? Ok #1 is definitely napping. #2 would be writing - either journaling or blogging #3 would have something to do with food. I can't believe I've made it this far down the interview without mentioning eating.

STEVEN: Walking around town with my family and reading – blogs, articles, books

Favorite Bible verse

RACHEL: 1 Peter 1:8: Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an indescribable and glorious joy.

STEVEN: Psalm 16:6: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places. Surely I have a delightful inheritance.

My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is

RACHEL: It's home <3

STEVEN: The generous spirit of the people here

Something that might surprise you about me is

RACHEL: I really hate reading. I fall asleep every time I try! I like to learn but would much prefer to listen to a lecture or watch a movie.

STEVEN: I really hate writing. I hate it so much that I'm dictating these answers to Rachel who is typing them for me.

My favorite song is

RACHEL: Take My Life and Let it Be

STEVEN: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

A prayer request I have is

RACHEL: That we would hear and do what God calls us to rather than only doing what we want God to call us to. Also my prayer life could be less... lacking. #realtalk

STEVEN: That our family adjusts well to its newest member arriving soon!



"I look to the future because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life."

- George Burns



*“We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.” Prov. 16.9. This is what we see the Lord doing as we get ready for a very busy summer of 40-plus camps, which will be upon us before we know it! **Thank you** for being part of this work. Without your support, we could not follow these plans and be confident in the resources to carry them out.

David P. Walton, President, Push the Rock

*Your support of New Hope Ministries directly impacts your neighbors in need and is critical to more than 7,600 families who rely on our programs and services every day.

Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries

* Our sincere **thanks** to everyone who volunteered during our Family Promise Week last month. We appreciate everyone who donated and prepared food, helped set up and tear down the bedrooms and living areas, spent overnight and hosted dinner with our guest families. We also appreciate the prayers for this wonderful program and its leadership. (Our next Family Promise Host week is July 30-August 6.)

Anne-Marie Brandt & Sarah Hoover, Family Promise Coordinators



Baby Bottle Blast takes off

By Jan Kerstetter

By now you have probably heard about the way DBIC is currently supporting the ministries of the Capital Area Pregnancy Centers (CAPC). Of course, it's the Baby Bottle Blast. I hope you've already picked up a baby bottle at the display in the lobby. If not, be sure to do that by June 4.

Fill your bottle with spare change, bills, a check made out to Capital Area Pregnancy Centers or all of the above. Then return the bottle to Jan Kerstetter or put it in her mailbox no later than Father's Day, June 18. That's important because CAPC's fiscal year ends on June 30 and they count on the donations in the bottles to finish balancing the budget. CAPC will pick up the filled bottles the week of June 19 so the money can be counted, deposited, and help them end the year in the black.

What services does CAPC provide to those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy? Counseling, pregnancy test, ultrasound, maternity clothes and baby supplies, and many hours of sharing the love of Jesus, and all these services are free! CAPC also provides an abortion recovery ministry to help women who have experienced abortion. Thank you for your support of CAPC!

Stop Traffic

By Marj Strayer

Thank you all for your donations of purses. We collected around two dozen purses. That is wonderful! However, no one took me up on the offer of \$25 towards a new purse. So, I donated that money to Change Purse.

If you did not get your purses into church in April and still have some to donate, there is a blue bin under the coat rack where you may place your purse donations all year at any time. Just look for the Change Purse sign on the lid.

I would also like to say that if you are planning an event where Change Purse would fit with your venue, just contact me and I can help arrange for Change Purse to be there selling purses. They would also be available to share information on human trafficking and the ministry of Peace Promise.

Some upcoming events to put on your calendar include "Blues, Jazz and BBQ" on Saturday, August 19, with live music and plenty of pork BBQ. Tickets will be on sale prior to the event. Also, on September 30, there will be a "5K run for Freedom," which will take place on the track at West Shore Evangelical Free Church. There will be more information coming on each of these events. All money will go to Peace Promise.

I am going to share an experience I had this week that spoke to my heart. On Friday, May 5, I had the privilege of hearing Patty Seamans, who directs the outreach into two adult clubs in the Harrisburg area, give an update on the ladies who dance at these clubs. Some of the information was very discouraging and some was very hopeful. That is the nature of this ministry. One must be committed for the long haul, be willing to be obedient to whatever Jesus asks you to do, to love these girls with the love of Jesus with no agenda, be willing to suffer with them and rejoice with them. Patty shared about one of the girls, I will call her Lea, who was suicidal and ended up in a psychiatric hospital. Her life was void of anyone to love her and that included family members. This has been the situation since she was a little girl. Patty described what it was like going to see Lea. It broke my heart. She has visited her every evening since she was admitted over a week ago. Lea comments every night, "You came back," as if she cannot believe someone actually cares for her. On Thursday evening, after visiting with Lea, Patty turned around to look as she was leaving and there was Lea looking out the glass windows with her hands pressing on the glass and her face with ever so faint a smile. Patty shared, "That is what makes it all worthwhile."

Another girl, I will call Ellie, also suicidal, called Patty one evening at 9:30 and they talked until 1 am. Patty said Ellie was in a better place by the end of their 3-1/2 hour conversation. This is not unusual for Patty. Most evenings she has made herself available to the girls. This includes meeting with them and sometimes their family members, giving counsel and looking for housing and taking them shopping for food and helping to provide a great deal more. She limits her time to evenings because she must work fulltime and is also the wife of the pastor of the Exchange, a church plant in Wormleysburg. I found myself wondering how does a person give of themselves to this extent. I heard in my spirit God say to me, "I have called Patty to this." As I contemplated the experience I knew God would provide what Patty needed to be obedient to this call on her life. As I was writing this article I felt God also saying, "I knew she would depend on me." There is a lot here to digest, perhaps for all of us.

We support Peace Promise, in part, to provide the funds so Patty can come on board fulltime to meet the needs of women like Lea and Ellie and share the love of Jesus. Thank you Dillsburg, for the support you have given. May we continue to share what we have with this ministry in answer to God's call to help.



Inquiring minds want to know: What's this about a Capital Campaign?

As you may have heard, DBIC is undertaking a Capital Campaign to raise funds for facility improvements. For some answers about what's happening and what's planned, we asked **Gary Lebo**, who is the Leadership Council representative leading the Capital Campaign effort.

Q: What's the purpose for the money we are raising?

A: Several months ago, the Property and Facilities Team identified facility improvements that would need to be addressed in the coming years. The DBIC Ministry Council also has made requests to enhance both in-house and outside ministry opportunities. It became obvious to Leadership Council that these needs and opportunities would need funding beyond our regular budget.

Q: What's your role in this effort and who is working with you on it?

A: The purpose of a Capital Campaign is to raise funding to address these needs.

Leadership Council requested that I work with others to provide leadership to this effort, but I will need a lot of help along the way. For starters, Jeff Conrady is representing the Ministry Council and Phil Engle brings insights from the Property and Facilities Team; Landon Horton is tracking the finances; Mel Brough has volunteered her services and I intend to invite others to actively participate in areas of expertise that are represented in our congregation.

Q: What process went into deciding what needs to be replaced and/or remodeled and who spoke into it?

A: It has been 20 years since we did the major expansion here at DBIC. Time takes its toll. Things become outdated, technology evolves, shingles wear out, and other areas have just gotten ugly. I know what I see and you know what you see, but we decided to seek outside professional advice to hear what they see as well. Two architect/design firms have done an extensive walk-through of our church facilities and are working on proposals for us to compare. We will contract with one of these firms for overall guidance that will, among other things, help us set priorities, understand building codes and effectively assess and address space allocations for ministry.

Q: Any idea how much this will cost? And how much money are we hoping to raise?

A: What will this cost? I do not know. But I do know that I really prefer us paying cash for these projects and not borrowing money. Over the last several years, there have been some excess funds that accumulated from spending less than we so generously gave in our tithes and offerings. Leadership Council has directed that these funds be used as seed money for the Capital Campaign, which means we have more than \$18,000 to start us off and haven't even begun to request funding! That is until NOW. On **Sunday, June 11**, as a part of our worship service, we will have the opportunity to give through an Ingathering Offering designated for the Capital Campaign. It would be great if we could double the amount in the fund through this offering.

Q: When do you anticipate work will begin – as soon as the goal is met or have projects been ranked in priority to start them incrementally as money to fund them comes in?

A: If we give NOW, then we can begin work on some of the projects that will be identified. This Campaign and the improvements can take place simultaneously if we give generously. It would be great if we could see projects and facility improvements begin early in 2018.

Q: How do these planned improvements enhance the vision and future of DBIC?

A: I have spent more time in the last several months inspecting our facility than I have in the past several years. But the really interesting experience was to walk through our facility with potential design professionals. On one of these walks, it was brought to my attention that our outreach to the community may be hindered because of improvements that our facility needs. Our lights need to be brighter; our signs need to provide direction; our air needs to be fresh; our toilets need to flush; our children need an area that is secured and that fosters an energetic environment; our sanctuary needs to enhance worship . . . all of this so that we at DBIC can honor God by providing a place where our neighbors can find Jesus.

The Book Nook

By Harriet Conrady

Check the cart at the entrance of the library for the new books added to our church library for the month of June. I think you'll find something that interests you.

NONFICTION

- ***Shalom! A Journal for the Practice of Reconciliation.*** Among the periodicals to which our library subscribes is this quarterly publication of the Brethren in Christ Church. It is edited by Harriet S. Bicksler. This recent edition was a significant one; an entire edition of stories . . . stories of identity formation, of spiritual formation, of forgiveness, and of revolution in relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus often taught in parables, a form of storytelling. Read one story written by a member of our own congregation.

FICTION

- ***The Pattern Artist***, by Nancy Moser. Read about the fascinating life of a young immigrant woman who attempts to find love as she forges a new life in the world of fashion and design. The book is rich in historical detail as we read how Annie finds employment with Macy's and the Butterick Pattern Company through hard work and God's leading.
- ***A Draw of Kings***, by Patrick W. Carr. Last month I listed the first two books in *The Staff and the Sword* series. This book is the third and last in the series that is listed as Christian fantasy set in a medieval world. Fantasy fans will enjoy this highly-rated series.
- ***When Crickets Cry***, by Charles Martin. The story begins on a town square where a seven-year-old has a brisk business at her lemonade stand. A beat-up bread truck careening around the corner, radio blaring, is about to change the story. There are painful moments ahead when crickets cry, but miracles also wait around unexpected corners.
- ***The Mark of the King***, by Jocelyn Green. After the death of her client, midwife Julianne Chevalier is branded and imprisoned. She trades her life sentence for exile to the 1720s French colony of Louisiana. Julianne must find her way in this dangerous and rugged land . . . and she is not able to escape the king's brand on her shoulder that labels her as a criminal. Readers of historical fiction will enjoy this well-written novel.

See you in the library!



The more that you READ,
the more THINGS you will KNOW.
The more that you LEARN,
the more PLACES you'll GO.

- Dr. Seuss

THE QUIZ BOX

By Mel Brough

Our Dillsburg BIC quiz team took home second place from the Charlie Crider Memorial Bible Quizzing Tournament held May 6 at Elizabethtown BIC church. Ryan Brubaker was the third top quizzzer; Tyler Whitesel was the eighth top quizzzer and Meredith Engle was the ninth top quizzzer.



The six teams that participated were, by conference: Atlantic – Elizabethtown (two teams) and Souderton; Great Lakes – Nappanee; Susquehanna – Dillsburg and Grantham. Dillsburg finished in second place. We had pizza and subs for lunch, with yummy desserts provided by Elizabethtown.

Our next quizzing event will be Denominational Round Robins and Finals at the **Bongiorno Conference Center** in Carlisle on **June 23-25**. Details about the quizzing schedule for the weekend will be provided as soon as it is available. For the first time in many years, Susquehanna Conference will not have a Round Robins and Finals event.

***Verse of the month: Luke 19:33 –
“Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will never pass away.”***

A great way to financially support the quizzing ministry at Dillsburg is to purchase Giant gift cards. Please see Avis Whitesel to purchase gift cards or if you have any questions.

Next year we will be quizzing on 1st and 2nd Corinthians using the Berean Study Bible version. Since the World Bible Quizzing Association uses the Berean Study Bible, it was decided that BIC quizzing should use the same version.

To be eligible to quiz, you must be between the ages of 12 and 19 sometime during the quizzing year, which is defined as beginning Nov. 1 and running through Oct 31. Quizzing provides an opportunity to study God's Word, fellowship with other youth, participate on a team and experience positive competition.

If you have any questions about quizzing, please contact one of us:

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

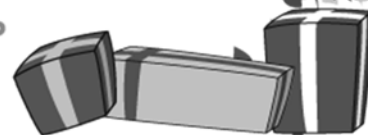
Rob & Chris Douglass	June 1
Jason & Naomi Smith	June 11
John & Esther Spurrier	June 13
Randy & Tammy Straw	June 14
Mark & Cindy Burkholder	June 16
Randy & Sue Fish	June 16
Scott & Chris Eyster	June 16
Kenji & Meghan Kanazawa	June 20
Tony & Deb Monko	June 25
Vern & bj Martin	June 25
Chuck & Deb Hill	June 26
Matt & Krista Reitnour	June 27

Birthdays of the Month

Jim Spurrier	June 3	Zachary Poole	June 22
Joshua Conrady	June 3	Isabella Moesch	June 23
Donna Stoudhour	June 4	Zoe Kamin	June 24
Jill Poole	June 4	Emily Sowers	June 25
Jared Beachy	June 5	Dianne Rudy	June 27
Carolyn Kimmel	June 13	Jese Brubaker	June 27
Brianna Eyster	June 17	Emily Raboci	June 28
Sue Lawver	June 19	Karen Pomeroy	June 29
Brent Whitesel	June 22	Tim VanDyke	June 30



Happy Birthday!



June 2017						
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4 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship	5	6	7 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Praise	8 Doulos Deadline	9	10
11 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship	12 6:30 p.m. Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers')	13	14 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Praise	15 6:45 p.m. Leadership Council	16	17
18 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25 9:15 a.m. Farewell for John and Terry 10:15 a.m. Worship	26	27	28 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Praise	29	30	