



# The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



*Newsletter of the Dillsburg Brethren In Christ Church*

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## **What do you want?**

*By Naomi Smith*

I have been assisting in my daughter's preschool this fall, helping fill a vacancy in the teaching roster. The beginning of the school year can be a wild ride, especially as the three-year-olds adjust to new routines and rules, and on several occasions I have held on tight to children who are overwhelmed or out-of-control. As I sat one day with a small boy who kept running away from the class, I asked him, "What do you want?" He looked up at me and quickly said, "I want to go home."

I doubt that my young friend is the only homesick soul among us. We all desire places that feel like home: to be safe, to be known, to be whole. The gospels of Mark and Luke record the story of a blind man named Bartimaeus, who spends his days begging by the side of a road near Jericho. Clearly Bartimaeus has heard about Jesus' power to heal, because when he is told that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he brazenly begins to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" The crowds attempt to hush him, but Bartimaeus shouts even louder. Jesus calls him over and asks, "What do you want me to do for you?"

At first glance this question appears to have an obvious answer. The man is blind, so of course he wants his sight, right? But Jesus is the master of questions, and his interactions with people are always significant. In both gospel accounts, the stories that lead up to this interaction are stories where Jesus explains how to enter the kingdom of God. Jesus tells his disciples that the kingdom of God belongs to those who are willing to receive it like a little child, to those who are willing to sacrifice, and to those who are willing to serve. In Mark's account, Jesus has just finished asking this

same question ("What do you want me to do for you?") to two of his own disciples, James and John. The brothers approach Jesus and request to be seated at his right and left side. Jesus tells them, "You don't know what you are asking," and he explains that those places of honor are not for him to grant.

When Bartimaeus hears Jesus' question, he asks for the deepest desire of his heart: "Lord, I want to see!" Yet the irony of the story is that blind Bartimaeus can already see Jesus more clearly than the disciples can. He implicitly understands something about the kingdom of God and what Jesus has to offer him. Unlike the disciples, who are seeking honor, Bartimaeus is begging for mercy. His request comes from a place of humility—a place of desperate need rather than entitlement. And his request comes from a place of confidence—a place of expectancy and child-like faith.

That day in preschool, I could not grant my young friend's request. I could not take him home right away, but I could (and did) promise him that I would stay with him until it was time to go home. I believe that often Jesus' answer to us is a promise of presence: "I am with you," he says. Yet I also believe that Jesus has the ability to do more than we can ask or imagine, and when we come before him as Bartimaeus did—with humility of heart and with confidence in his power—he is deeply honored.

The story of Bartimaeus makes me wonder... What would I say if Jesus asked me, "What do you want me to do for you?" What do I want? What do you

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want? Do we have the courage, humility and faith to ask Jesus for what we want? As I have imagined myself in Bartimaeus' place, the words of the blind man keep bubbling up in my heart: "Lord, I want to see!" I want to see Jesus and the true nature of the kingdom of God. I want to see others in the light of his mercy and love. And I want to see myself as Jesus sees me: as a beloved child and friend.

May it be so!

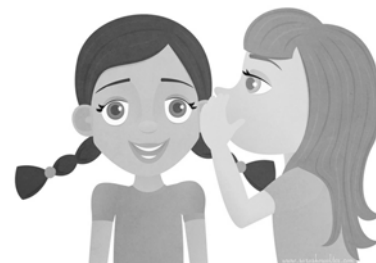


*Shhhh.....*

It's the best kept secret at Dillsburg BIC!

What is the secret? It's the Ladies' Secret Pal Program.

What is the Secret Pal Program? It's for all post-high school ladies of the church. It provides an opportunity for ladies to make new and lasting friendships.



How does it work? We gather once a year to PARTY! Really, it consists of keeping your Secret Pal in your prayers, giving a \$5 gift on her birthday and a \$10 gift at the end of the year party (suggestions given), and participating in the end of the year party. Yes, we do have a party. Complete with food, fun, and fellowship.

Regardless of whether you have a pal now, would like a pal for 2018 or simply would like to get out of the house, this is the party for you!

When is it happening? The dinner party will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall. Your personalized invitation will be placed in your church mailbox near the end of this month. If you do not currently have a mailbox, see Nina Hoover or Sue Lawver and they will be happy to provide an invitation for you.

## *New Hope Ministry Musings*

*by Ginny Spurrier*

New Hope Ministries is busy preparing for this year's Thanksgiving and Christmas programs to help people right here in our community who need a little extra help and encouragement at this special time of year.

Our church has been assigned to provide **at least 155 gravy mix packets** to put in the Thanksgiving Baskets. These should be placed in the New Hope donation box under the coat rack by the church office by Wednesday, November 15. Please pray that our community can give thanks to Jesus who is the true provider. Thank you!



Once again New Hope is having a free Christmas shopping room for eligible families. You will find the "Giving Tree" in the Narthex by the Welcome Center which has 'ornaments' with suggestions for needed items. Please take an ornament, purchase the item and place it **unwrapped** in the container beside the tree.

This year will be the Seventh "Christmas Blessings Express" where eligible guests are able to 'shop' for gifts for the whole family. If the guests desire, volunteers will wrap the gifts for them. Can you imagine the difference you can make in families lives by your willingness to help make their Christmas special in this way? May we, together, continue to be a river of hope and healing . . .and joy to our Dillsburg neighbors.

## Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

During our September Leadership Council Meeting, we spent some time sharing how God is at work in our lives before we jumped into business. It is exciting to hear how God is working in our church and among our members.

We discussed the possibility of having a budget ready for approval by the congregation in November. We will let you know more details if this comes together.

Behind the scenes, work is taking place for the Capital Campaign regarding renovations of the basement. We are excited about the possibility and, again, you will be hearing more about this in the coming months!

In order to support Pastor Rob in ministry, Leadership Council approved an increase in hours for Jeff Conrady and Emily Wingert to help with various areas of ministry. We are grateful to the support they have given over these past months.

Another point of discussion was the wonderful work that our properties and facilities team has been doing. When you see, Phil, Wendell, Ron, or Scott, please thank them for the work that they do. We also have a tentative settlement date for the property at 27 E. York Street is set for October 11! Things are moving along! (Editor's note: The settlement was later successfully completed and the building purchased.)

We spent some time discussing the lack of space and parking. We would like to encourage you to consider alternative parking to make space for our guests. The ushers and property & facilities team are working on a short-term solution for overflow seating.

Finally, if you have suggestions for someone to serve on Leadership Council as an Elder and/or Stewardship director, please contact one us. Thanks!

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, Pastor Rob Douglass, Christie Gustafson, Gary Lebo or Avis Whitesel.



## In The Pew Next To You...

Jo Reichard

**Born & raised in . . .** Watsontown, Pa.

**A bit about family.** . . I have two daughters, Andrea, age 33 and Erica, age 31. Andrea is married to her high school sweetheart, Nick. They have four children: Spencer, 9, Stella, 6, Scarlett, 3 and Slade, 6 mos. and live in North Carolina. Erica has a home in Dillsburg she shares with two chihuahuas. She is a corrections officer at Cumberland County Prison. My mother lives in Delaware. She suffers from early dementia. My father and brother are deceased. When I was 14, we moved to a "gentlemen's" farm, meaning we had lots of chores—farm animals, a large garden and lots of mowing but the land was farmed by someone else. My brother and I spent an entire summer painting a barn and outbuildings! We did fun things too like camping and traveling to a new state each year. By the time I was 12, we have traveled to every state on the eastern coast, Canada and to South Dakota. My aunts and uncles live in Maryland, Virginia and northern Pa. so I don't see everyone as often as I would like.

**I spend my days doing.** . . . I work for the Commonwealth full time. I moved into a 1903 home, so I am usually working on new projects to give it a new life and improve its appearance. There is always something to do (or fix). I have two rescued dogs and a cat. They also make sure I have something to do! I recently joined a wonderful prayer group at DBIC. I also work part-time at a restaurant and do a small amount of selling antique and vintage pieces on Ebay.

**How I became a Christian** . . . In Watsontown, there is a church on almost every corner. My grandmother lived in town and I stayed with her whenever I had a chance. Sundays we would walk to Sunday school and church at the United Church of Christ. My family also attended, but not every Sunday like my grandmother. So I would say she started the foundation of learning about God and what it is to be a Christian.

**A time I really saw God work in my life was** . . . So many times, but when I was 16, my dad had an old Thunderbird and I took the car out on a foggy night to run an errand. I stopped at the intersection of Rt. 44 and Rt. 15 in Allenwood and the car stalled and drifted into the center of the road. Rt. 15 has a lot of heavy tractor trailer traffic and sure enough, there was a truck coming down the hill. I didn't have time to get out of the car, but all of a sudden someone was knocking on the window (the truck driver had stopped). He pushed my car across the intersection to the gas station next door, out of harm's way. It was a time when I knew God was looking out for me.

**My biggest passion is** . . . To never forget about the sacrifices of our veterans. Service men and women from the past, present and future protect our freedoms to believe in God and keep our homeland safe. I think sometimes people are in such a hurry and take for granted our veterans. My uncle was in WWII in an army unit called Merrill's Marauders in Burma. Out of nearly 3,000 men who volunteered for this unit, only about 300 came home. My uncle came home. When life gets a bit overwhelming, I say a prayer and think of him . . . and realize my day was so much easier.

**I spend my free time doing** . . . I do not really have much free time but when I do, I like to visit antique auctions or go on road trips that usually end up somewhere with a lot of history. I find it very interesting looking back to see how people lived and the challenging times they went through. What I notice most is that everything new is old.

**Favorite Bible verse** . . . Daniel 6:24-6:28. King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations and men of every language throughout the land: "May you prosper greatly. I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."

**My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is** . . . Definitely the people. I have met so many kind, friendly and caring people since I have been coming to this church. I have to say it one more time; when I had surgery this summer, I had such a wonderful group of people visit, send cards, drop off meals or do chores, even people I had never met before. You will never know how much I appreciated it! It says a lot about the congregation and the support from this group of folks and how they look out for each other. The other (favorite) thing is where Pastor Rob and this congregation go when discussing God. The message is current with the times such as drug addiction, human trafficking, crime, etc. Life is not perfect and we do not live perfect lives. The insight and encouragement to get up and go back out there in the world is given each and every week.



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## ~ STOP TRAFFIC ~

By Marj Strayer

It has been some time since I have given an update on the ministry of Peace Promise. For those of you who may not be familiar with this ministry, they are one of our ministry partners. That means that we support them financially and in other ways as they reach out to women who are being exploited. This is usually in the context of adult clubs in the Harrisburg area, though they have also performed rescue for women and girls with whom they come into contact in other situations.



Several dancers have been able to find other jobs and have left the clubs behind. Others have gone on to higher education with their help and some have been able to get their GED. Patty Seamans, director of this outreach, is on call 24/7 in the lives of these women. Recently, she entered the life of a young dancer, who was from Dillsburg, in her early 20's, who became pregnant. Patty, also a counselor for Capital Area Pregnancy Center, was able to walk with her through the decision-making process of whether to abort, give her up or keep her baby. She decided to keep her baby. She is at peace with this decision and is currently living with a sister of a friend of hers who happens to be a Christian. God is so amazing.

Peace Promise has been involved in fundraising to hire Patty fulltime in the ministry. Their latest event, Blues, Jazz and BBQ, raised \$10,000. They are getting close to their goal. However, that is just the beginning as they are hoping to enter the second phase of their ministry to purchase and open up a walk-in center for exploited women. They have the personnel to offer services such as counseling, physical exams, transportation, life skills training, tutoring, a food bank and more.

Here at Dillsburg we gather to pray for this ministry as well as other ministries that are fighting human trafficking. We also provide meals every other month for the dancers at the clubs; we write notes of encouragement and we collect purses for Change Purse, which are then sold to raise money for ministries fighting trafficking. Some of us donate time and money to help out in their fundraising events.

**Time Out!** Talk about timing! As I am trying to write this, I am getting all kinds of texts from Patty and Krista Dollman, who heads up Change Purse. While Patty is at the hospital as coach for the young woman in labor, she has a friend picking up another young woman who is five months pregnant and on methadone and bringing her to Patty. As Patty puts it, "No plan at the moment but God has one." Krista has invited to dinner a young woman who is coming off addiction and is undergoing abortion recovery, her boyfriend and her 5-year-old daughter. As she does so, her own children are momentarily "off the wall, behavior wise." She refers to this as a rodeo. Perhaps it is kind of like dodging barrels and roping wild animals. Oh well, all in a day's work. This is what it is like for these ladies who don't hide their light under a bush, but are busy lighting up the darkness as they run head on into it.

I am going on faith. As I finish writing this, I have gotten word that a beautiful little baby girl has entered this world and I know she will find a much different home than she would have if God had not placed these ladies in her life.

To God be the glory. Thank you, Abba.



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**Something that might surprise you about me is . . .** I am nearsighted! As soon as I get home, I have to take my contacts out and I do not always wear my glasses. I function very well in my own home. But, if you are ever in the church parking lot and wave to me across the street (7 S. Chestnut St.) and get no response, please feel free call my name because I cannot see you!

**My favorite song is . . .** "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You" by Van Morrison. This song always reminds me of loved ones who have passed.

**A prayer request I have is . . .** For a fellow co-worker. I will make the story simple. She was seeking procedure and advice from her bosses on a particular case she was working on. The procedure they gave her was incorrect. Now she has legal issues (through no fault of her own) and they are not backing her. My prayer would be that the issue is dismissed and her previously respectful career of 25 years is not ruined.



**\*Thank you** for your recent donation to Messiah College Collaboratory operations. Thank you for the positive impact you are having on our students' lives!

*Beth Trott Clark, Director of Annual Giving, Messiah College*

**\*Thank you** for helping us share love, help and hope with those who need it most! Your prayers and support change the lives of the almost 18,000 people we serve!

*Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries*

\*It is because of you that we are able to share the hope of the gospel! Through your generous giving and continued prayer, we can be a source of love and compassion in the lives of so many kids. **Thank you!**

*David P. Walton, President, Push the Rock*

**\*Thank you** for your support of Matt and Julie Walsh. May the Lord bless you and keep you as you lean on Him each day. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel. Your compassion for people is encouraging!

*Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA*

## *HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE*

*By Steven & Rachel Miller*

### ***Bruce & Merly Bundy – Madrid, Spain***

In the last two weeks a lot has happened that has greatly affected the church. We won't go into details about the last two weeks, but back in April, the national church board got together, and we all felt that God was leading us into a time of change—and that we needed to seriously look at what we were doing as a church and ask ourselves what God was asking of us as a church body. Since then, we have seen people in leadership really struggling with God's call on their lives. We wish we could say wanting to take steps of total abandonment to God, but it's been more like being afraid to step out in faith, or at best very confused as to what God really wanted. Some are struggling with great apathy. At the end of September, we planned to get together with a group of people from both church boards (Hoyo and Madrid) to talk about the future of the church. Some of us have been fasting and praying in this regard. We feel like the church is at a delicate place right now. We could really use your prayers.

Would you especially pray for:

- Paola - She is in a dark place right now spiritually, admitting that she doesn't want to know what God has to say.
- Amalia - Her daughter wants to switch to a new church where there are a lot more youth. Amalia is not sure if that is where God wants them.
- Vane and Yelio - Ever since those conversations in April, they have been slowly letting go of responsibilities in the church and have become very distant.
- Patty - She longs for fellowship with other young adult Christians, and there are very few in our church. She also would like to prepare herself better to work with youth. She knows there's a call on her life, but just doesn't know where or when.

The pastoral staff and global workers could also really use your prayers for discernment and to boldly move forward in what God has in store.

Many thanks for praying, Bruce and Merly

# The Book Nook

By Harriet Conrady

There is something for everyone among the new books listed this month. You can choose from writings by our pastor, a retelling of *Pilgrim's Progress*, or even a book on this month's New York Times No. 1 Bestseller list, and many more good books. Just step inside our DBIC library and see for yourself.

## NONFICTION

- ***Unseen***, by Sara Hagerty. The subtitle of this book tells more about it: *"The Gift of Being Hidden in a World That Loves to be Noticed"*. Hagerty encourages the soul. She teaches that the most fruitful and fulfilling life of service to God is off the beaten path, yet in the center of God's will.
- ***Brethren in Christ History & Life***, August 2017. The first article in this issue, "Heresy: A Troublesome Word" was written by J. Robert Douglass. Dr. Luke Keefer had planned to write on the subject of heresy, but health issues prevented him from completing the study. Rob Douglass, Luke's friend, neighbor and seminary colleague, edited Luke's work, contributing some of his own scholarship on the subject of heresy. There are other articles in this issue that you will also find inspiring and helpful.

## FICTION

- ***The Proving***, by Beverly Lewis. Lewis is one of the very best writers of Amish fiction. In this most recent book, Amanda who is now an Englisher, hasn't spoken to her Old Order family in five years. When her mother passes away, she leaves Lancaster County's most popular Amish bed and breakfast inn to Amanda and she's shocked. Mandy accepts the challenge even though it brings back painful memories of the life she had left behind. This proves more challenging than Mandy had hoped. Only time will tell whether it proves to be an acceptable life-changing experience for her.
- ***To Be Where You Are***, by Jan Karon. When I checked the "New York Times Best-Selling Books of Fiction" this week, there it was at the very top . . . this latest book of the Mitford novels by Karon. So if you are among those who want to learn more about Father Tim and his adopted son Dooley, this is for you! My favorite "story" in the book was when Father Brad, who is Father Tim's successor at Lord's Chapel, called Father Tim for an appointment "in whatever confession booth you may have on hand." Father Tim's counsel was wise and loving. Read it for yourself.
- ***Jane of Austin***, by Hillary Manton Lodge. This is a modern spin on the Austen classic, *Sense and Sensibility*. Three sisters manage to handle an unfortunate situation and buy a tea shop in San Francisco. There is a tea-time recipe at the end of each chapter!

## FOR YOUTH - (OR ANYONE)

- ***The Land of Far-Beyond: A Re-telling of "The Pilgrim's Progress"***, by Enid Blyton. Many years ago, John Bunyan wrote the adventures of a pilgrim named Christian. In this book, you will enjoy following the adventures of children from the City of Turmoil to the Land of Far-Beyond.

See you in the library!



**THE QUIZ BOX**

By Mel Brough

The first quiz practice of the new quizzing year was on Oct 9. Quiz practices will be on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. Dillsburg has three Varsity (quizzed more than two years) quizzers (Toby and Ryan Brubaker and Tyler Whitesel). The JV team has Julie Douglass, Allie and Connor Engle and Jese Brubaker.

Our first quizzing event will be the **PA Capital Kickoff Tournament at Harrisburg BIC on Sat, Nov. 4** and Dillsburg will enter one Varsity team and one JV team. This will be an all-day event. Results will be in the November Doulos. We will be quizzing on 1 Corinthians, Chapters 1-4.

**Please mark your calendars with these important dates.**

Saturday, Dec. 2 - Practice tournament, location to be determined

Saturday, Jan. 6 – Mixer tournament with Allegheny and Atlantic Conferences at Grantham BIC

Saturday, Feb. 3 – Practice tournament, location TBD

Saturday, March 3 – Practice tournament at Dillsburg BIC

Saturday, April 14 – Allegheny Open Tournament at Meeting House-Carlisle – All day

Saturday, May 5 – Charlie Crider Memorial Tournament at E-Town BIC – All day

Saturday, May ? – Regional Conference finals, location TBD

Friday, July 13 – Monday, July 16 – Denominational Finals at Messiah College

Verses of the month: 1 Corinthians 4:4-5 – “My conscience is clear, but that does not vindicate me. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore, judge nothing before the proper time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men’s hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.” - BSB (2016)

Conference Quiz Directors Update: Judah Fickett will be the conference quiz director for Atlantic Conference and also the interim quiz director for the Allegheny Conference. Chad and Emily Brubaker will take Judah’s position in the Susquehanna Conference as Conference quiz directors.

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.

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

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Dan & Anne-Marie Brandt	November 18
Tony & Veronica Beers	November 21
Ron & Jaylene Shannon	November 25

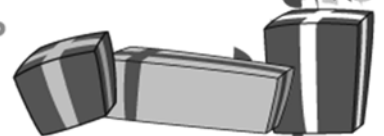


## Birthdays of the Month

Jonathan Conrady	November 2	Cindy Burkholder	November 18
Natasha Beers	November 4	Lois Conrady	November 18
Harriet Conrady	November 4	Brandon Eyster	November 20
Mike Lawver	November 5	Cheryl Heck	November 20
Isaac Tucker	November 10	Al Emig	November 23
Glen Brubaker	November 15	Lucy Miller	November 23
Sue Fish	November 15	Cory Brubaker	November 26
Andrew Cathro	November 16	Mark Burkholder	November 26
Olivia Kimmel	November 16		



Happy Birthday!



# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 am Classes 10:15 am Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Doulos Deadline 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>12</b> 9:00 am Classes 10:15 am Worship	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers')	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Corner Life	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Leadership Council	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
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<b>19</b> 9:00 am Classes 10:15 am Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service, New Creation	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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