



The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



Newsletter of the Dillsburg Brethren In Christ Church

December 2017

Anticipation of a Child

By Rachel Miller

Confession: In Christmases past, I have been quite a grinch. I've refused to buy decorations (which spend 11 months taking up space and collecting dust!), instituted a no-gifts policy with any and all family and friends who will play along, and done my best to get out of as many Christmas gatherings as possible.

Then I had kids. Kids are jolly. Kids will melt even the coldest, grinchiest hearts.

Last year, we put up our very first tree (pre-loved with only half the pre-lit lights lit - I'm still part grinch) before Thanksgiving! And I handmade each of our stockings with extra love.

This year, we have been counting down the days until December (and the birth of a certain baby) since the SPRING! All year long, my preschooler has been borrowing and reborrowing every version of "The Night Before Christmas" that our local library has (as well as most of the other books in the holiday section). She requested Christmas music on October 1 (and every day since). The slightest mention of something Christmasy brings out squeals of delight from our girl, "Christmas?! That's when Hanna's going to have her baby!!"

My best friend is due on Christmas Day and Ellie is probably as excited as the mama-to-be. She tells everyone she knows and anyone who will even just pretend to listen. She even has a gift (donuts)

picked out that she wants to take to the hospital when Hanna has her baby (and she reminds me every time we pass the bakery at Giant).

When we first heard the happy news, my inner grinch groaned thinking about the hassle of a birth during so many family gatherings and all of the combined Christmas and birthday celebrations this baby will grow up having. But I have never looked forward to Christmas more! This expected baby is a fun, personal parallel to the anticipation of the arrival of THE Christmas baby, Christ Jesus.

Two thousand years later, we're still celebrating His arrival while awaiting His return. My prayer for each of us is that our joyful anticipation will outlast the Christmas season, and that, like my preschooler, we will be so full of love and excitement that we can't help but talk about it to anyone who will listen (and buy each other donuts to celebrate).



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mailbox by **December 8th.**

SAVE THE DATE!**Annual Congregational Council Meeting**

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Breakfast: 9:00 AM

Meeting: 9:30 AM



Shhhh.....

It's the best kept secret at Dillsburg BIC!

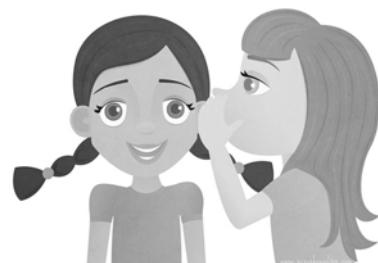
What is the secret? It's the
Ladies' Secret Pal Program.

What is it? It's a program for
all post-high school women of
the church that provides an
opportunity to make new and
lasting friendships.

How does it work? We gather
once a year to PARTY!!!! Really, it consists of praying regularly
for your Secret Pal; a \$5 gift on her birthday (suggestions
given); a \$10 gift at the end of the year party (suggestions
given); participation 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 should have been placed in your church mailbox near the
end of November. If you do not currently have a mailbox or have
misplaced your invitation or R.S.V.P. card, see Nina Hoover or Sue
Lawver and they will be happy to provide one for you.



New Hope Ministry Musings
by Ginny Spurrier

Thanks once again to every one of you who donated gravy packets for the Thanksgiving baskets! We more than met our goal! This year DBIC has donated just over 400 pounds of food and non-food items to New Hope! Your generosity really does make a difference in many people's lives.

I am sure you have noticed the "Giving" Tree in the Narthex since many of the "ornaments" have now been taken. Remember that the gifts purchased should be placed in the red bin unwrapped. If there is a gift you want to give that is not indicated on the tree - that is welcome, too!!

May God our Father bless you each abundantly this Christmas Season as you reach out and bless those in our community and beyond!



Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

During our October Leadership Council meeting, we discussed end-of-the-year topics including; the budget for 2018, Christ Birthday offering and stewardship director position as we begin to prepare for congregational council.

The other topic of discussion was the Capital Campaign and possible plans for remodeling of the basement and our new property. We hope that you will come to the Congregational Council meeting on January 13 for a discussion regarding our options.

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.



Christmas Eve
Candle Light Service

December 24, 2017
7:00pm

In The Pew Next To You...

Travis & Jordyn Moyer

Born and raised in . . .

JORDYN: Halifax, Pa.

TRAVIS: Telford, Pa.

A bit about my family

JORDYN: My parents are Jeff and Aimee Scheib, and I have two younger brothers. Christopher graduated from Messiah College as a biomedical engineering major and is currently working at Hershey Med. Alex is a sophomore math education major at Messiah and runs cross country and indoor/outdoor track. There is never a dull moment when we are all together.

TRAVIS: My parents are Jay and Cindy Moyer, and I have four sisters. That's right: four sisters. My older sisters are Stephanie, Lindsay and Brittany; they all played field hockey for and graduated from Eastern University and are happily married. Natalie, my twin sister, is younger than me by a minute. She was born with cerebral palsy and lives at home, so she now enjoys the undivided attention of our parents.

I spend my days . . .

JORDYN: I teach eighth grade Language Arts at Halifax Middle School. When I'm not entertaining 14-year-olds in the classroom, I am working on my master's degree through Penn State so that I can eventually become a principal.

TRAVIS: I teach high school students mathematics at Northern High School and enjoy spending my day across the hall from local celebrity Tom Hatch.

How I became a Christian . . .

JORDYN: I grew up in a Christian home, so I was exposed to the Christian lifestyle from an early age. However, it wasn't until college that I truly got real with my faith. My coaches and teammates on the Messiah women's volleyball team had a huge role in my Christian walk.

TRAVIS: I also grew up in a Christian home. My father was—and still is—the pastor of my home church. I attended a private, Christian high school and then moved on to Messiah College, so I've been surrounded by Christians my whole life. Now teaching at a public high school, I'm learning how to live out my faith in a new setting.

A time I really saw God work in my life was...

JORDYN: My junior-senior years at Messiah. Long story short, God had called me to complete half of my student teaching at an international Christian school in Panama.

Despite family hesitations, a budding relationship with a cool guy from the men's volleyball team and the fact that I'd be out of the country for the prime interviewing time frame for



teaching jobs, I followed the call. I was hired for my current position after interviewing and teaching a mini-lesson over Skype while wearing a borrowed suit from my host "mom," Jess. God proved His faithfulness in a time when I completely trusted in Him and His plan.

TRAVIS: God has definitely been at work in my life with the colleagues He surrounded me with at Northern. During my first year of teaching, there was a stretch that was really difficult for me. In the midst of that tough time, another math teacher came to my room and gave me a devotional book that really helped her get through her first year. Since then, I have met and gotten to know many more Northern teachers who have also helped to strengthen my faith. I know God was active in placing me at Northern.

My biggest passion is . . .

JORDYN: Traveling to and learning about other countries, and using those experiences to teach my students that there is so much more to life than they know right now.

TRAVIS: Athletics. If there's anything sport-related, you can count me in, especially if it's volleyball.

I spend my free time . . .

JORDYN: What free time? When I run out of essays to grade, I love to be active, read, sing, and travel.

TRAVIS: Playing sports, reading John Grisham or Michael Crichton books, or watching the Philadelphia Eagles.

Favorite Bible verse . . .

JORDYN: Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

TRAVIS: Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

~ STOP TRAFFIC ~

By Marj Strayer

Much has happened since our last update on Peace Promise.

If you will recall, I stepped out in faith and reported that a precious baby girl would be born momentarily. Well, she came into the world a day later, healthy and beautiful. This little one's mama is embracing motherhood with enthusiasm and a warm and loving heart. This is no small miracle considering this mama felt rejected all her life and, not too long ago, she was suicidal. God has done an amazing healing in her heart and soul. When she is ready, she has a job waiting for her at a respected facility in the area to work with young women who are suicidal. The father has made it known that he would like to be a part of his little girl's life. Only God knows how this story will play out. By the way, this precious baby girl's name means "bringer of light from the valley." I don't know about you, but that gives me chills from head to toe. And all I can say is "Thank you, Abba."



Peace Promise and Change Purse had the opportunity to speak at Hope Grace Brethren's ladies retreat on November 4 here in Dillsburg. Patty Seaman, director of outreach for Peace Promise, spoke and told stories of the many women who have been helped over the years. Jenn Parsons spoke on behalf of Peace Promise and Change Purse, which are sister organizations. Both did an amazing job of describing their ministries and getting to the heart of what they do. There were about 50 to 60 women present. They raised more than \$600 for Peace Promise by selling purses. Many hearts were stirred and many have expressed a desire to get involved. Our hearts were gladdened by the response, and we gave glory to God for His generous provision.

In their three-year strategic plan, Peace Promise has outlined intentions of speaking at more events. They want to take their message to schools, colleges, churches and community partners. They will not only talk about their ministry, but will also raise awareness about sexual exploitation and the harms of pornography, which is the engine that drives the demand for trafficking. Of course, they will continue to provide services for those trapped in all aspects of exploitation.

These are very exciting times for this ministry, which began as a simple prayer movement back in 2008. Let's get behind them. There are many places in the ministry to plug into. Please talk to me if you would be interested in getting involved, and please continue to pray for Peace Promise.



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My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is . . .

JORDYN: The congregation and worship team. I've felt so welcomed by everyone ever since we first started attending here.

TRAVIS: The genuine care of the congregation and its willingness to search for and grow in God's will.

Something that might surprise you about me is . . .

JORDYN: I am extremely competitive with Travis while playing Mario Kart on the GameCube.

TRAVIS: In order to spend time with my sisters while growing up, I purchased my own field hockey stick.

My favorite song is . . .

JORDYN: "Alive" by Natalie Grant

TRAVIS: "Oh My Soul" by Casting Crowns

A prayer request we have is . . .

JORDYN & TRAVIS: that God would provide us with the energy and perseverance to invest in our students while balancing our professional responsibilities, grad school and everyday life.



***Thank you** to all the women who took part in the Women's Brunch in October. I had a great time and especially enjoyed learning a little more about all of you. Special thanks to Carolyn, who arranged it all, and to the cooks who made the delicious food. Also, the gift basket was beautiful. Thanks again! You are all appreciated.

Chris Douglass

*On a daily basis, staff at SIM USA in Charlotte, N.C. take time to lift up prayer requests for those partnering with us in ministry around the world. If you have a special need, please send us a note, email us or call us. May the Lord bless you and keep you as you lean upon Him each day. **Thank you** for your partnership in the gospel, and for your support of Matt and Julie Walsh.

Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA

*In August, we sent a team from Hope College to Costa Rica. They came back with incredible stories of God's love as they ministered to people there. Boundaries fell down as the team experienced opportunities to share the Gospel, help those in need and build fellowship. At their closing event, the gospel was presented and 55 children expressed an interest in having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Praise God! When you partner with Push the Rock, you don't need to leave home to participate with us in ministry. We **thank you** for the tremendous impact you are helping to make for God's Kingdom!

David P. Walton, President, Push the Rock

*Recently you sent us a gift for this ministry . . . **Thank you!** Without gifts like yours, we might have trouble keeping our doors open. Can I ask you to add something to your gift? Would you make us a regular part of your prayer life? Specifically, could you pray for our people, that they would be sharp tools in the Master's hands? Pray for the people who need our services, that they would have courage to come to our clinic. And finally, a somewhat selfish request—pray for me, that I may be the leader God wants me to be, one of Godly integrity and wisdom.

The Rev. John Shaffer, Executive Director, Capital Area Pregnancy Centers

***Many thanks** for the generosity of your church. Blessing to you as you bless others!

Jodie Smiley, Executive Director, Paxton Ministries

***Thank you** for your recent donation to Messiah College Collaboratory Operations. The world needs our graduates and your help makes it possible.

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! You are a blessing!

Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries

Life Groups....

Often intergenerational, life groups care for one another, apply God's Word to their lives, and reach beyond the circle of the group. They are an important way in which we discover the love of God and share it together. Some meet in homes, others in the church building, and most gather about twice a month — creating opportunities to develop meaningful relationships that go far beyond the Sunday morning handshake.

For more information, contact the church office.

The Book Nook

By Harriet Conrady

What kinds of books do you enjoy? Could it be novels of legal suspense or books with an historic setting? Do you prefer books that delve into deep and enriching character studies, or do you want to read nonfiction books that develop your own character so you can better your own ability to relate with others. Our library has all these book types. You can even find these new books on the cart inside the library entrance . . . or on the shelves of the library. Enjoy!!

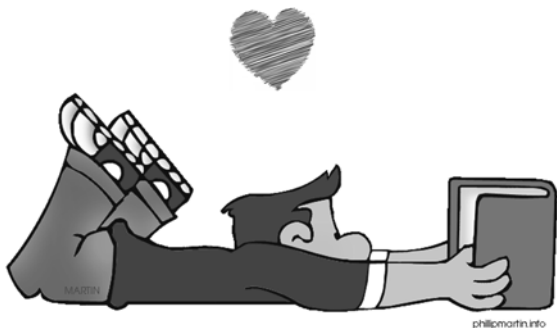
NONFICTION

- ***Before You Hit Send***, by Emerson Eggerichs. The author shows how to prevent misunderstandings and, when verbal or written blunders are made, how to enable others to get the right idea. Before communicating, ask if it is true, if it is kind, if it is clear? By the end of the book, we may put our foot in our mouth a little less than normal.

FICTION

- ***Bringing Maggie Home***, by Kim Vogel Sawyer. While berry picking in a blackberry thicket, ten-year-old Hazel turned her back on her three-year-old sister, Maggie, and the young girl disappeared. This becomes a tragedy with many hurts along the way. As you read, you will wonder if they ever find out what became of Maggie . . . and you will read on to find out.
- ***A Time to Stand***, by Robert Whitlow. Adisa Johnson, a young African-American attorney, is living her dream of practicing law with a prestigious firm in downtown Atlanta. She faces an unusual court case that will confront prejudices when a white police officer shoots an unarmed black teen who is now lying comatose in the hospital. Whitlow is a lawyer and writes books of legal mystery and suspense.
- ***Child of the River***, by Irma Joubert. The setting of this book is South Africa at the dawn of apartheid. Persomi is a young girl, white and poor, born the middle child of illiterate sharecroppers on a farm in the South African bushveld. Her world is very small. She has never been to the local village, spending all her days in the squalor of her family home. But her isolated world is blown wide open and bigger dreams and opportunities open up to her. She discovers who she truly is, and why her life—and every life—matters.

See you in the library!



We Welcomed Chris Warmly!

Almost 50 women turned out on Oct. 28 at a special Welcome Brunch for Chris Douglass. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, delicious food and getting to know Chris and each other better.

After a brunch of quiche, muffins, fruit and more, Chris Douglass took the hot seat to answer some questions about her life from Carolyn Kimmel, who served as interviewer. The answer to that burning question, "What was the best day of your life (not including your wedding day or the day your children were born)?" was the day that Chris passed her state nursing boards and became an RN.

What's surprised Chris the most about DBIC? She said she is surprised at how much we genuinely like to be with each other; that getting together isn't something we do out of obligation but we look forward to doing because we love to be together. In fact, she said, if the feeling at DBIC could be seen, it would look like "little hearts floating around in the air" all around us.

We also learned some interesting things about each other, as each woman wrote a fact about herself and then Chris, with help if she needed it, had to match each fact with the author. A lot of laughter joined the little hearts floating around the fellowship hall!

Welcome Chris; we're so glad you're here!



THE QUIZ BOX

By Mel Brough

The quiz teams had a great day on Saturday, November 4 at the PA Capital Kickoff Tournament at Harrisburg BIC. The JV team finished in third place, and Jese Brubaker was fifth top quizzier and Connor Engle was ninth top quizzier. The Varsity team finished in second place, with Tyler Whitesel as third top quizzier and Ryan Brubaker ranking at fourth top quizzier.



The December practice tournament will be on **Saturday, December 2 at Elizabethtown BIC church**. We will be quizzing on 1 Corinthians Chapters 1-8.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

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

Saturday, Feb 3 – Practice tournament at 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 at TBD

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

Verses of the month: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, glorify God with your body.” - BSB (2016)

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

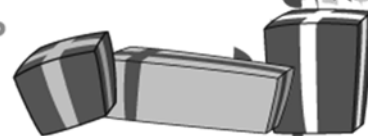
Al & Tracy Emig	December 2
Ray & Peggy Knepper	December 16
Matt & Julie Walsh	December 18
Jim & Faithe Spurrier	December 22
Stan & Sherry Eyster	December 23
Tim & Arlene VanDyke	December 24
Paul & Kimberly Tucker	December 27

Birthdays of the Month

Andrew Miller	December 1	Sylvie Brubaker	December 13
Lincoln Horst	December 4	Tanya Moesch	December 14
Ron Shannon	December 4	Jason Smith	December 14
Gail Brubaker	December 5	Peggy Knepper	December 16
Julie Walsh	December 5	Laura (Heck) Bayer	December 19
Reuben Smith	December 5	Tony Beers	December 19
Avis Whitesel	December 7	Jane Tucker	December 19
Dulci Brubaker	December 9	John Spurrier	December 19
Susan Hatch	December 9	Katelyn Owens	December 20
Angelina Delp	December 11	Wendell Hoover	December 20
Don Spurrier	December 12	Julie May	December 21
Julie Cook	December 12	Christie Gustafson	December 23
Nicole Rank	December 12	Clarence Brubaker	December 23
Randy Fish	December 13	Lauren Renard	December 28



Happy Birthday!



December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 am Classes 10:15 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir rehearsal	4 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (201)	5	6 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	7	8 Doulos Deadline	9
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