



The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



DILLSBURG BIC CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2018

"Hints of Hope"

By Naomi Smith

This spring I took a class on the history of Christianity. A history class can feel like an overwhelming deluge of dates, places, people, and ideas, but what I loved most—and what kept me afloat in the midst of the deluge—were the stories. This story was one of my favorites:

On January 25, 1736, a violent storm threatened to sink a British ship as it crossed the Atlantic Ocean, bound for the American colony of Georgia. Among the passengers was a group of Moravian missionaries from Herrnhut, Germany, and a young minister named John Wesley. As the storm raged on, waves crashed over the ship, the mainsail broke in pieces, and many of the passengers feared for their lives. But the band of Moravians continued singing a psalm. Wesley later described it this way:

A terrible screaming began among the English. The Germans calmly sung on. I asked one of them afterwards, "Was you not afraid?" He answered, "I thank God, no." I asked, "But were not your women and children afraid?" He replied, mildly, "No; our women and children are not afraid to die." From them I went to their crying, trembling neighbours, and pointed out to them the difference in the hour of trial, between him that feareth God, and him that feareth him not. At twelve the wind fell. This was the most glorious day which I have hitherto seen.

John Wesley returned home to England two years later, sick and depressed and suffering from a crisis of faith. He sought out a Moravian brother, Peter Bohler, who told Wesley that true faith in Christ is accompanied by victory over sin and an abiding peace—a deep sense of forgiveness. Wesley confessed that he did not have that kind of faith and wondered if he should stop preaching. But Bohler told him, "Preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith." Two months later, while attending a Moravian service and listening to a reading from Martin Luther's preface to the Epistle of the Romans, Wesley felt his heart "strangely warmed." He declared, "I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ

alone for salvation: And an assurance was given me, that he had taken away my sins, even mine."

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In his book *Visions of Vocation*, Steven Garber writes, "We are not great shots across the bow of history; rather, by simple grace, we are hints of hope." This group of Moravian brothers and sisters became a hint of hope in John Wesley's life—hope for the kind of faith he so desperately wanted, a faith that was genuine and certain. And without the faith of the Moravians, history may not have witnessed the rebirth of Wesley, or the birth of Methodism, or in turn, the birth of Evangelicalism. What a difference a hint of hope can make!

I may never need to remain calm on a ship in the middle of a violent storm, but I wonder: can I be a person of steadfast trust in God, even when situations look bleak? Can I keep on singing? I may never be asked to counsel a young minister through a crisis of faith, but can I be a person of encouragement? Can I witness to myself and to my neighbors about the reality of Christ's love and forgiveness for us?

I am fairly certain that I, like the unnamed Moravians on that ship bound for Georgia, will be largely unremembered in the grander sweep of history. Yet I am also convinced that nothing is lost on the breath of God. So by the grace of God, may you and I live as faithful, unmistakable hints of hope, no matter where our journey takes us today.



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or place them in Carolyn's church  
mailbox by **June 8th**.

It's summertime and the livin' is easy . . .  
And so is our church schedule!

We will be having one service at 9 a.m. for the summer.

We'll also be having one multigenerational Sunday School for middle school through adult, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Join Pastor Rob, Pastor Jeff and Steven Miller for an intergenerational discussion about Scripture and its role in our lives. We'll talk together about topics like: our view of Scripture, Scripture's importance in our Christian life, how we understand Scripture, how the Bible we have today was assembled, the impact of social and historical context, how today's culture views and interacts with Scripture, and practices that help increase the vitality of Scripture in our lives.

There will be children's church during the 9 a.m. service but no children's Sunday School in order to give our teachers a break.

*Save The Dates!!*

We have some summer events planned that we'd like to mark on your calendars now, and look for details in the coming weeks.

*Brunch*

We will be having an **all-church fellowship brunch** instead of Sunday School on **June 24** at 10:30 am.

Stay tuned for more details!

*Camping*

You are invited to an **All-Church Camp Out/Retreat** at Bongiorno Conference Center in Carlisle from **August 15 through 18**. We are joining some other local churches in this retreat, which

includes devotional times, worship, crafts and lots of fun! Come for one night or every night! The camp fee is \$26 per night.



Whether you're camping or not, you're invited to a **DBIC Potluck at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 17** on site. We'll let you know more details on that later, but save the date!

*Outdoor Worship Service*

Our annual Outdoor Worship Service moves back to Pinchot State Park on **Aug. 26!**

Our time together will include some baptisms and a meal—yet to be determined.

Stay tuned for details!

*Summer Potlucks*

In the works, plans for one or two potluck meals to follow the worship services during the summer months.

Be on the lookout for details on these popular times of fellowship and food!



# VBS is Coming Soon!

## June 18-22 from 6-8 PM

We need your help!

Please sign up on the Volunteer List in the foyer or call/text  
Jaylene Shannon (717-756-5243) or Emily Sowers (973-459-8650).

You can register children to attend at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/dbic2018>

We will be asking for donations over the next few weeks.

Right now we are looking for solid-colored, adult-sized medium or large T-shirts. They can be gently used. They will not be returned. If you have some to donate, please put them in the VBS Donations box in the closet near the mailboxes.

Thanks in advance!



## Leadership Council Report

*By Avis Whitesel*

During our April Leadership Council meeting, several motions were made, discussed, and then approved. They are as follows:

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to evenly divide the excess funds between our 14 ministry partners.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to appoint Clarence and Mary Ann Brubaker to sit on Ministry Council as the connection leaders until they are confirmed by congregational council.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to change Emily Wingert's title to Pastor of Children's Ministry.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to recommend to congregational council to move forward with the renovation of the basement which includes replacing all exterior doors, repairing the leak in B1, replacing the baseboard heat in the basement and putting in HVAC, and having Gary serve as Leadership Council representative with the contractors.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to have congregational council on May 9 during Eat 'n Run.

We also had discussions regarding the two-service experiment and future needs for the property and facility.

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

## Community celebrated at our Women's CommuniTEA!

We enjoyed a great time of fellowship and powerful sharing during our recent CommuniTEA!

In hopes of fostering a greater sense of sisterhood DBIC Women's Ministry also debuted its new name: LIFT!

Each letter corresponds to a word that describes us:

**Laugh.** There's nothing like laughter to brighten the soul and you know when we get together over good food and good friends, laughter abounds!

**Inspire.** We're surrounded by inspiring women at DBIC who are living lives of tremendous service, witness, and authenticity.

**Flourish.** Jesus gives us abundant life and in that, we are alive with pleasure and we flourish!

**Trust.** We trust in our Lord and Savior first and foremost. As women who willingly share our journeys together, we trust one another as we share the good and the bad, the pretty and the ugly --and we pray for and support each other through it all.

In short, we **LIFT** each other up!

We are in the midst of a planning a Summer Book Club and we're gathering information to match up mentors and mentees in our new Mentoring Program.

Stay tuned for more details!



## *Basement Face Lift on Tap!*

*By Pastor Rob Douglass*

On Wednesday, May 9, we held a congregational council meeting to discuss moving forward with a project to renovate the basement.

The project would include some exterior water-proofing, new HVAC to control the temperature and humidity, new carpet, new bathrooms and entrance. The project will also include new entrance doors at the major entrances of the church.

The cost for the project is \$180,000. We have \$130,000 in capital improvement funds, of which \$110,000 is being allocated for this project.

Leadership Council asked for permission to borrow the difference plus 20 percent of the project to protect against overages. This means that we will borrow no more than \$105,000.

After some conversation and questions, the members who were present voted overwhelmingly but not unanimously to proceed, so we will.

The project will begin as soon as VBS is over and is to be completed at the end of August.

We are looking forward to celebrating this renewed facility when we kick-off our fall ministries on September 9.

## Car Ministry at New Location

By Kimberly Tucker

When Randy Straw retired and sold his business, our Car Ministry became homeless.

The good news is, thanks to Jon Gustafson (brother of Dave Gustafson) at Happy Cars, Dillsburg Brethren in Christ Church's annual oil change happened without a hitch on March 31.

Our "mechanics"—Glen Brubaker, Chad Brubaker, Ryan Brubaker, Nathan Hoover and Levi Sowers—worked efficiently and safely under Jon's supervision, servicing 14 vehicles in four hours. Ten of the 14 vehicles were new "customers." All of the cars and trucks were in pretty good condition, with the oldest being a 1996 Mercury Cougar. We advertise our oil change at New Hope Ministries.

The waiting room was quite abuzz! People talked about their health and their cars. Two people that went to the same high school, but hadn't seen each other for decades, got reacquainted. Thanks to your generous giving, we are able to keep people safely on the road whether it's going to work or going to the doctor's office.



# the Book Nook

by Harriet Conrady



Listed below are the new books recently added to our library collection. If you have time to read a book, or to read a book to a child who is near and dear to you, stop in our church library and choose one or more! Remember, we have no set time limits and we charge no fines.

## NONFICTION

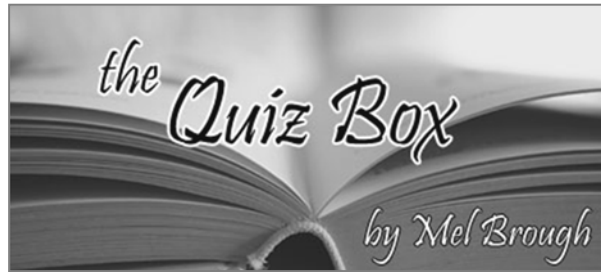
- ***Hearts of Fire***, by The Voice of the Martyrs. In this book you will read the stories of eight women who have been persecuted for their faith. Despite suffering under incredible circumstances, they have shown courage, conviction and love for Jesus Christ and His church. In the harshest settings, they have become leaders who have exercised extraordinary boldness and tenacity.
- ***Uninvited***, by Lysa TerKeurst. The subtitle of TerKeurst's book is: "*Living Loved when You Feel Less Than, Left Out, and Lonely.*" In her opening dedication, the author says: "I write this book for anyone who has felt the sting of rejection, grieved the deep loss of a relationship, or questioned whether God has any good plans for you at all. I understand. God loves you and so do I." *Uninvited* reminds us that we can know a love that does not reject or uninvite.

## FICTION

- ***The Lacemaker***, by Laura Frantz. I loved this book because I love visiting Colonial Williamsburg! The setting is Williamsburg in the year 1775. It takes place in those dangerous days of our country's revolution and the struggle for freedom. The British nobility are known as Tories and the radical revolutionaries are known as Patriots. What will be the position of Lady Elizabeth and her fiancé . . . and what about her fiancé's cousin, Noble?
- ***The Sender***, by Kevin Elko and Bill Beausay. This book also has a sub-title: "*A story about when right words make all the difference.*" Football coach Charlie Cristo is now a cancer patient, battling an aggressive disease but also years of bitterness. Anonymous letters start arriving from a source known only "The Sender." Learn the value of encouraging words and "one who comes along-side." I was very interested in the number of noted coaches who affirmed this work by Elko and Beausay.
- ***Missing Isaac***, by Valerie Luesse. The setting of this story is the South in the 1960s. When Pete loses his father, his friend Isaac, a black farmhand, becomes a father figure for him. When Isaac suddenly goes missing, Pete is determined to find out what happened. And from there the story takes off as choices are made that will change that small Southern town – forever.

See you in the library!





First place again!

On Saturday, May 5, the quiz team traveled to Elizabethtown BIC church for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Lancaster Tournament, now called the Charlie Crider Memorial Bible Quizzing Tournament, or CCMBQT. There were seven teams, so we quizzed each team one time before lunch. We ended the morning quizzing in first place with a 6-0 record. After lunch, we entered the double elimination round. We won the final quiz against Grantham, thus finishing in first place with a cumulative record of 9-0. Tyler Whitesel was first top quizzier and Ryan Brubaker was second top quizzier.



Our next and final quizzing event for the season will be **Denominational Finals** during **General Assembly at Messiah College from Saturday, July 13 – Monday, July 16**. There is a possibility that quizzing could start on Friday, July 12. More information about the actual schedule will be provided later.

NOTE: Susquehanna Regional Conference Round Robin and Final will not be held this year since there are only two churches (Dillsburg and Grantham) with teams in the Susquehanna Conference. Both teams are planning to participate in Denominational Finals at Messiah College.

*Verse of the month: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:8 – “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” - BSB (2016)*

Here’s an update on **Adult Bible Quizzing** at General Assembly at Messiah College – Quizzing will be on Saturday, July 14. It will cover 1 Corinthians chapters 8-15, using the **Berean Study Bible** which is available on line at <http://bereanbible.com>

You can form a team or enter as an individual and be assigned to a team. There are several Scripture portions available; please contact Mel if you would like one. Also, there is information on the BIC Quizzing Facebook page at the following link: <https://mbasic.facebook.com/BICBibleQuizzing/>

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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# June



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Rob & Chris Douglass      | June 1  |
| Chad & Em Brubaker        | June 11 |
| Jonathan & Taylor Conrady | June 11 |
| Jason & Naomi Smith       | June 11 |
| John & Esther Spurrier    | June 13 |
| Randy & Tammy Straw       | June 14 |
| Mark & Cindy Burkholder   | June 16 |

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| Randy & Sue Fish        | June 16 |
| Scott & Chris Eyster    | June 16 |
| Kenji & Meghan Kanazawa | June 20 |
| Randy & Wendy Zwally    | June 22 |
| Tony & Deb Monko        | June 25 |
| Vern & bj Martin        | June 25 |
| Chuck & Deb Hill        | June 26 |
| Matt & Krista Reitnour  | June 27 |



# Happy Birthday



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|-----------------|---------|
| Jim Spurrier    | June 3  |
| Joshua Conrady  | June 3  |
| Donna Stoudnour | June 4  |
| Jill Poole      | June 4  |
| Jared Beachy    | June 5  |
| Becca Douglass  | June 6  |
| Oswald Miller   | June 8  |
| Carolyn Kimmel  | June 13 |
| Brianna Eyster  | June 17 |
| Sue Lawver      | June 19 |

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|-----------------|---------|
| Brent Whitesel  | June 22 |
| Zachary Poole   | June 22 |
| Isabella Moesch | June 23 |
| Zoe Kamin       | June 24 |
| Emily Sowers    | June 25 |
| Dianne Rudy     | June 27 |
| Jese Brubaker   | June 27 |
| Emily Brubaker  | June 28 |
| Karen Pomeroy   | June 29 |
| Tim VanDyke     | June 30 |



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Ashlyn Stonge               | Jane Mylin   |
| Julianne Douglass           | Jared Beachy |
| Juhana Kaarlehto            |              |
| Levi Pomeroy (not pictured) |              |

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES!

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Emily Brubaker | Becky Kimmel |
| Landon Horton  |              |



# June 2018

| Sunday                                                           | Monday                                                                                                                    | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                                            | Thursday                                      | Friday                      | Saturday                            |
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|                                                                  |                                                                                                                           |                                |                                                      |                                               | <b>1</b>                    | <b>2</b><br>12:00 noon<br>Impact    |
| <b>3</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:30 am Classes                     | <b>4</b><br>11:15AM Middle<br>School Monday                                                                               | <b>5</b>                       | <b>6</b><br>6:30 pm Intercessory<br>Prayer & Praise  | <b>7</b>                                      | <b>8</b><br>Doulos Deadline | <b>9</b>                            |
| <b>10</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:30 am Classes<br>11:30 am Impact | <b>11</b><br>6:30 pm Human<br>Trafficking Meeting<br>(Strayers')<br>7:00 pm Trinity<br>Christian School<br>Choral Concert | <b>12</b>                      | <b>13</b><br>6:30 pm Intercessory<br>Prayer & Praise | <b>14</b><br>6:30 pm<br>Leadership<br>Council | <b>15</b>                   | <b>16</b>                           |
| <b>17</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:30 am Classes                    | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>19</b>                      | <b>20</b>                                            | <b>21</b>                                     | <b>22</b>                   | <b>23</b><br>9:00 am Prayer<br>Walk |
| VBS                                                              |                                                                                                                           |                                |                                                      |                                               |                             |                                     |
| <b>24</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:30 am Classes                    | <b>25</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>26</b><br>6:30 pm<br>Impact | <b>27</b><br>6:30 pm Intercessory<br>Prayer & Praise | <b>28</b>                                     | <b>29</b>                   | <b>30</b>                           |