



The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



DILLSBURG BIC CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Thankful? Pass It On

By Rachel Miller

In our part of the world, November is notorious for its focus on gratitude (and good food). What a beautiful thing to celebrate. Of all the holidays, this one feels the most like its heart is in the right place. Thankfulness is worth celebrating—by this time in the year, we've celebrated many a lesser quality.

Just do a quick Google search and you'll quickly find many benefits of gratitude: It decreases aggression and other toxic emotions, increases physical and psychological health, improves sleep, builds relationships, and more. So, start counting your blessings! (you get extra points for actually writing them down or saying them out loud)

This year I actually thought in advance (feel free to applaud) and decided to have a Thankful Pumpkin in our house on which we will write something we're thankful for each day of the month. I definitely want my kids to learn about and practice being grateful. I didn't see it explicitly in any of the studies I read in that quick Google search, but I'm hoping that less frequent whining is also a side effect of gratitude.

The older I get, the more I realize just how many blessings I have to count. I'd need a whole pumpkin patch to actually list them all. The more I realize how blessed my life is, the more I feel confused and sad

about the millions of people who don't have it as good as I do. I know it can't possibly be that simple and that even people in poverty, people suffering from diseases, people surrounded by violence, can lead blessed lives. But it feels unfair that I have everything I've ever wanted while others suffer so deeply and for so long.

All of a sudden, pausing to appreciate blessings large and small on a Thursday afternoon in November doesn't feel like enough.

All of a sudden, I realize that these blessings in my life need to be *for* something bigger than myself and my gratitude journal. Our blessings are for giving back to God—to bring him glory through following Christ's example of loving and serving our neighbors.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works..." Eph 2:10.

So let's spend this month focusing on gratitude, but let's not stop there. As we notice our blessings, let us also find ways to use them *for* someone else and in this way spread the Kingdom of Heaven and overcome the kingdom of darkness.



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mailbox by **November 8th**.

**12/12: Countdown to Joy!**

On the 12th day of the 12th month, join us as we start marking the 12 Days of Christmas leading up to the joyous celebration of our Savior's birth!

On 12/12, Eat But Don't Run! Plan to stay for an evening of carols, puppets, games and a special appearance by our own T. H. Stoltzfus as he shares the Pennsylvania Dutch Christmas Carol like you've never heard it before!

Stay tuned for details! Mark your calendars now to join us for **12/12: Countdown to Joy!**

Secret Pals Reveal Coming Soon!

WANTED – Ladies who like to have a good time but like to keep a secret! 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 and provides an opportunity for ladies to make new and lasting friendships.

How does it work? We gather once a year in January for an evening of dinner, fun, and fellowship to reveal our current Secret Pal and to pick a new name for the following year. During the year, you pray for your Secret Pal, give notes of encouragement throughout the year, give a \$5 gift on her birthday and a \$10 gift at the end of the year party when your name is revealed.

When is it happening? The dinner party will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Your personalized invitation will be placed in your church mailbox near the end of November. If you do not currently have a mailbox, see Nina Hoover or Sue Lawver, and they will be happy to give you an invitation.

*Sermons
& Scriptures*

Nov. 4	The War – Victim Victors	Hebrews 11: 32-38
Nov. 11	The War—Veterans Day	Hebrews 11: 39-40
Nov 18	The Habit of Finding	I Timothy 6: 1-10
Nov. 25	The End of the Story	John 18: 33-37

Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

Highlights from the September Leadership Council:

- Nathan Pease has agreed to be our financial secretary and started in this role in September.
- Our total loan which includes the York Street Property and the basement remodel is \$137,000. We will start making principal payments this month.
- Capital campaign balance is \$36,000.
- The October ingathering is designated to go toward debt reduction and an outreach ministry with an equal distribution.

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.

NOVEMBER EAT 'N RUN MENUS

Anne-Marie Brandt and Sarah Hoover are co-leading and looking for assistance in setup, meal prep, serving and clean up.

Serving time is 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to allow reset time before the rest of the evening's activities. Helpers will eat together at 4:30 p.m.

The meal is free and open to the community.

WE WILL HAVE
GLUTEN-FREE
OPTIONS!!

NOVEMBER 14, 2018

BAKED SPAGHETTI
MEATBALLS/SAUCE
GARLIC BREAD
CAESAR SALAD
DESSERT

NOVEMBER 28, 2018

BREAKFAST FOR DINNER
FRENCH TOAST
ASSORTED TOPPINGS
SAUSAGE
FRESH FRUIT

SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 6

DBIC WOMEN: LIFT YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD!

DBIC Women's Ministry invites all women of the church to a festive, fun evening of holiday celebration featuring a taste of how our friends in countries across the globe celebrate the birth of our Savior!

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thurs. Dec .6 in the fellowship hall.

This is an opportunity for you to INVITE FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS to share some Christmas joy with us!
Please be thinking of who you can ask to join us!

If you would like to share about Christmas celebrations in a country dear to your heart or you would like to contribute a plate of Christmas treats from another country, please let Carolyn Kimmel know!

Stay tuned for signups and more details!

IN THE PEW NEXT TO YOU...

MEET: JANE MYLIN

Born and raised in

Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

A bit about my family

I have one sister who is currently a graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh. My parents still live in Shiremanstown with my rabbit, Max. I am currently a freshman at Messiah College, and I'm living on campus.

I spend my days doing

Over the summer, I often spent my time working, organizing things, doing art or hanging out with my friends at youth group. Now, as the school year is starting, I spend most of my time doing homework, working in Messiah's dining hall, going to events around campus with my friends or coming to youth group as a middle school leader.

How I became a Christian

Growing up in a Christian family, I accepted Christ when I was about four or five years old. Although I didn't know exactly what it meant at that time, I have come to realize the importance of having a relationship with God and trusting Him every step of the way.

A time I really saw God work in my life was

This past year was a stressful time for me. When I began to think about colleges towards the end of my junior year, all I wanted was to get out of Pennsylvania. Come wintertime, I applied and was accepted to several colleges in other states (Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Tennessee). At the time, I pictured myself loving life and thriving at these schools. However, as spring came, I began to realize that I didn't feel a true sense of excitement or peace about attending any of them. As my friends began to happily announce their colleges of choice, I felt isolated. I was beginning to think that I would have to settle for something that I didn't want. It was at this time that God led me to apply to Messiah College (at the very last minute). Growing up in the area, I've known about Messiah all my life and didn't think that I would enjoy being so close to home. However, now I can say that I can't picture myself anywhere else.

My biggest passion is

I absolutely love art, design and organization. This past summer, I've had a lot of fun completing several art projects for friends. I



also love to decorate and organize different spaces. People think I'm kidding when I tell them that I'd love to come over and help them clean/organize their houses. *I'm not kidding.*

Favorite Bible verse

Psalm 121:1-2 I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is

I love the welcoming environment here at DBIC. When I first started coming a little over a year ago, I only knew several people. Soon, I felt like I knew everybody! Even though I'm still relatively new to this congregation, it doesn't feel that way. The congregation has been very welcoming. I'm also thankful that I've been able to establish good connections with both the youth group and the young adults group here.

Something that might surprise you about me is

I was the stage manager for several plays and musicals at Mechanicsburg High School. I'm not really what one would consider a "theatre kid," but I loved managing the stage. Despite the amount of time it hogged in my schedule, I wouldn't trade that experience for the world.

My favorite song is

It's hard to choose just one...I'd say "Steady" by For King & Country and "Beautiful Day" by U2.

A prayer request I have is

Right now, I am having some doubts about the major that I chose, accounting. I initially chose it because I'm good at it, and accountants can usually find jobs very easily. However, I don't feel very excited about it anymore. I can't really picture myself being an accountant. I'm praying that God will give me some clarity as to whether or not I should continue to pursue it, and that He would open my eyes to some other fields that I might be interested in.



*Your gifts have made it possible to touch thousands of lives this summer at home and around the world! During our all-sports camp in Harrisburg, one of our campers placed in trust in Christ for salvation . . . what a blessing to see God work in the lives of our campers. This is why we do what we do, and none of it is possible without you! Thank you!

Bruce Koblisch, Vice President of Development and Communications, Push the Rock

*From food pantry services to youth programs to budget classes and everything in between, your donation ensures that every guest has their need met in a given day. What a life-changing gift! You are a blessing!

Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries

*All of us at Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region have some fantastic news to announce! We will soon be in the preliminary stages of moving into our new family Day Center at 56 Erford Road, Camp Hill! It will provide not only a fresh, modern location for our families to utilize and enjoy, but also offers updated housing facilities that include a fenced-in backyard for kids play in, a reading and arts and crafts area and private spaces for families to spend time together. It is YOU—through your generosity—that truly makes a difference in the lives of the homeless families we serve. Thanks so much for your support!

Lissette Gonzalez, Executive Director, Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region

*Thank you for your generous gift to Peace Promise. By sharing your resources, you enable us to provide tangible resources and genuine love to men and women victimized by sexual exploitation.

Susan Vigliano, President of the Board of Peace Promise

*Thank you for your recent generous gift! We will use your gift to continue our work with the men and women God brings to us. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to bring a pro-life message—physically and spiritually—to our clients.

The Rev. John Schaffer, Executive Director, Capital Area Pregnancy Center

New Hope Ministry Musings...

by Ginny Spurrier

That special time of year is here once again! New Hope Ministries will be holding its 8th annual “Christmas Blessings Express” where guests will be able to shop for unwrapped gifts for the whole family. Then, if desired, volunteers will wrap the gifts for the guests.

You will find the “Giving Tree” near the Welcome Center in the Narthex with “ornaments” that designate needed items. If you want to participate, please take an ornament, purchase the item and place it UNWRAPPED in the New Hope container beside the tree. Your gracious giving DOES make a difference in many lives.

Also, a friendly reminder once again that many boxes of **stuffing mix** are needed to be added to the Thanksgiving baskets. Donations can be placed in the New Hope food box under the coat rack next to the church office **by Friday, November 16**. Thank you so much.

I would like to share part of a prayer from the book by Tiece L. King, “Praying the Word for Your Church.”

“Father God...May we give to You with great joy, a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over—that the same might be poured back onto us—and Your kingdom work increase all the more! May we be generous in all things and, in doing so, experience Your great blessing. For the sake of the world that is still in darkness, use us, Lord, and the resources that You have entrusted to us for everything comes from You, Lord, and belongs to You. All things are Yours. In the Name of Jesus, Who became poor that we might be rich, Amen.”

the Book Nook

by Harriet Conrady



All kinds of new books have been added to our library this month. There is a new commentary, a book about caregiving and new Christian books of fiction. When they are not checked out, they can be found on the cart just inside the doorway of the library.

NONFICTION

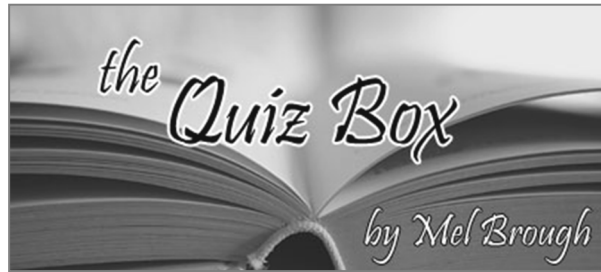
- **Romans: Believers Church Bible Commentary**, by John E. Toews. From the commentary foreward I write: "The term *believers church* has often been used in the history of the church. Since the 16th century, it has frequently been applied to the Anabaptists and later the Mennonites as well as to the Church of the Brethren and similar groups. *Believers Church* now represents specific theological understandings, such as believers baptism, commitment to the Rule of Christ in Matthew 18, belief in the power of love in all relationships, and willingness to follow Christ in the way of the cross. The writers chosen for the series stand in this tradition."
- **The Caregiver's Toolbox**, by Carolyn Hartley and Peter Wong. A caregiver among us has found this resource to be very helpful and recommended it for our library to be a valuable support for other caregivers. "These practical, easy-to-use tools are a blessing," writes a Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield representative.

FICTION

- **The Fragment**, by Davis Bunn. Master storyteller, Davis Bunn, vies faith with grit and the grandeur of Paris in the 1920s. At the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Bryan asks Muriel to photograph an astonishing artifact: a piece of the True Cross. When Muriel tries to authenticate the fragment, she encounters those who would attempt to steal and discredit it.
- **River to Redemption**, by Ann Gabhart. Adria was orphaned in the cholera epidemic of 1833. She was cared for by a slave named Louis, a man who passed up the opportunity to escape his bondage and instead tended to the sick and buried the dead. Twelve years later Louis is to be sold by his owners despite his heroic actions. What will Adria do now?
- **Send Down the Rain**, by Charles Martin. Allie is recovering from the loss of her family's beloved waterfront restaurant on Florida's Gulf Coast. Devastated and losing hope, she shudders to contemplate the future – until a cherished person from her past returns.
- **A Land to Call Home**, by Lauraine Snelling. Hardy immigrants spend long, difficult years taming the prairie of Dakota Territory. In spite of heartache and back-breaking labor, the hardy immigrants recognize God has been with them every step of the way.



See you in the library!



Quiz practices have started and everyone is excited for another year of studying and quizzing. The quiz team has the following members: Jese, Ryan and Toby Brubaker, Julie Douglass, Connor Engle and Tyler Whitesel. If anyone else is interested in quizzing, please see Brent Whitesel or me.

The first quizzing event will be the 10th annual **PA Capital Kickoff Tournament at Harrisburg BIC on Saturday, November 10**. This will be an all-day event. We will be quizzing on John Chapters 1-4.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

Saturday, Dec 1 – Practice tournament at Souderton BIC

Saturday, Jan 5 – Mixer tournament with Allegheny and Atlantic Conferences at
Grantham BIC

Saturday, Feb 9 – Practice tournament at Dillsburg BIC

Saturday, March 2 – Practice tournament at TBD

Saturday, April 13 – Allegheny Open Tournament at New Hope BIC – All day

Saturday, May 4 – Charlie Crider Memorial Tournament at E-Town BIC – All day

Saturday, May ??? – Regional Conference finals, if necessary, at TBD

Friday, June 21 – Sunday, June 23 – Denominational Finals at Bongiorno Center, Carlisle

Verse of the month: John 3:16-17 – “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.” Berean Study Bible

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



Kyle & Tammy Leister	November 4
Seth & Amy Miller	November 14
Paul & Patty Cathro	November 17
Dan & Anne-Marie Brandt	November 18
Tony & Veronica Beers	November 21
Ron & Jaylene Shannon	November 25

"Be generous with gratitude, for it is contagious"



Happy Birthday



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



November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Family Promise	
4 9:00 am Classes 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Congregational Council Meeting 4:00 pm Choir	5 3:00 p.m. Middle School Mondays 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Poole's)	6	7 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 Faith Finders 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	8 Doulos Deadline	9	10
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