



The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



DILLSBURG BIC CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2019

Starting Again *By Faithe Spurrier*

*"Let morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You.
Show me the way I should go, for to You I entrust my life.." - Psalms 143:8*

In darkness, to turn on small light, as I rise
And flame two glass votives; crèche faces apprise.

Light dances in shadow; beginning once more
To wait for the dawn of fresh mercies restored.

How like each new day, God's good hands
open wide,
Revealing His kindness to all who are blind.

To long for clear visions of beauty and grace,
Yet apprehend little; see love on each face?

This dark night of soul, for Your glory reveal,
In "starting again," O Good Father, to heal.

But my heart is heavy; I've lost something dear,
Must place my feet forward, not giving to fear.

These lessons of grief cost me dearly inside,
Yet I'm learning to trust, confessing my pride.

In opening fists and releasing despair,
I sense growing lightness; a freedom from care.

To honestly think, am I thankful for this?
To not know such pain, perhaps be remiss?

Your timing is perfect, these seasons rejoice,
For the wonder they find in repetitive voice!

O gifted New Year, confide grief, care and loss,
To thanks for Great Love at the foot of the Cross.

And reach out to open the treasure of praise,
It's tender renewal of these Grace-Filled days!



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mailbox by **January 8th**.

CONNECTING THE PUZZLE

Our Connections Ministry is hosting a luncheon on January 27, after the morning service. If you have only recently started attending or if you have been here a while and you have questions about who we are, what we believe, or how you fit, we would love to have you join us.

Please be watching the bulletin and the DBiC This Week email for more information after Christmas. We would like to have a sense of how many people will attend by Jan. 13. Hope to see you there.

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** at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You should have received your personalized invitation in your church mailbox. If you do not currently have a mailbox, see Nina Hoover or Sue Lawver, and they will be happy to give you an invitation.

Please let Nina Hoover know by January 16 whether or not you can join us for this fun evening!

**It's Fun To
Be Sneaky!**

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

By Avis Whitesel

Here are highlights from the November Leadership Council:

- We agreed that in order to give us time to decide the ministry use of 23 E. York Street, we will rent the property.
- We discussed the 2019 budget proposal to prepare for Congregational Council that will be held on January 19.
- We passed a motion to open a PNC money market account to get some interest on the money that we have in the checking account.
- We passed a motion to put a 20-percent down payment on the 23 E. York Street property to be paid out of the general fund and seek a 15-year loan, giving authority to Sharon Miller and Christie Gustafson to secure the loan on behalf of the church.

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, Sharon Miller or Avis Whitesel.

JANUARY 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.

JANUARY 9

CHILI
CORN BREAD
VEGGIES
FRUIT
DESSERT

JANUARY 23

SHREDDED CHICKEN WITH GRAVY
OVER RICE
VEGGIES
DESSERT

WE WILL HAVE
GLUTEN-FREE
OPTIONS!!

A Multi-Cultural Christmas Celebration

About 80 women enjoyed a festive, fun evening in early December, hearing about Christmas traditions in far off places during our Christmas Around the World celebration. Food from faraway lands, carols and customs were shared. Each woman went home with goodies tucked into her shoe from our St. Nicholas Day celebration. The event was sponsored by LIFT—Laugh, Inspire, Flourish, Trust—the Women’s Ministry of DBIC.



New Hope Ministry Musings...

by Ginny Spurrier

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.' The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord." Lamentations 3:21-26 (NIV)

New Hope Ministries welcomes Lisa Byrne as their new Dillsburg Center manager.

Our donation for the month of January is **cleaning supplies**. Items such as toilet bowl cleaner or all-purpose cleaner are not usually available on the shelves at New Hope. You can bless the guests who need the services of New Hope by helping in this way. (As you may or may not know, food stamps—the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—does not cover non-food items.)

May you know a renewed sense and knowledge of God's HOPE this New Year!



***Thank you** for your support of Matt and Julie Walsh. Your gift enhances and sustains SIM ministry.

Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA

***Your gifts** make it possible for us to share God's love with kids all over the world who, too often, feel the sting of fear and anger. Sometimes they don't know who to turn to, but we are able to bring to them His message of unfailing love. **Thank you** for your generous heart and gifts.

Bruce Koblisch, vice president of development and communications, Push the Rock

***Thank you**, DBIC, for your recent gift. We are thankful for your partnership with us. By sharing your resources, you enable Peace Promise to provide tangible help and genuine love to men and women victimized by sexual exploitation.

Susan Vigliano, President of the Board, Peace Promise

***Recently you sent us a generous gift—thank you!** God actually takes that gift, has specific plans for it and uses it to accomplish what He wants. Amazing! God performs a divine act in someone's life, and you are part of the equation. **Thank you!**

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

thank you — thank you — thank you — thank you — thank you



Merry Christmas, everyone at Dillsburg BIC!

Your generous hearts along with those in other churches piled up the gifts for the women Peace Promise serves. You helped provide a very wonderful Christmas for these ladies who are always amazed at the outpouring of love from “church ladies.”

Patty and the others are always asked, “Why do they care about **us**?” That provides the perfect opportunity to tell them about the love of Jesus. You all are such a big part of making that happen.

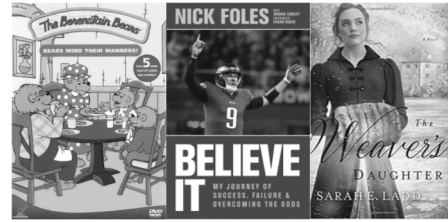
We also have some more good news. Peace Promise is hosting its annual “For Love and Freedom” banquet on February 22. Bethany Smith Woodcock, from the Lancaster-based ministry, Not in My Backyard, is the speaker.

She spent several years as a missionary in Greece, and while there she started several pro-life centers. She now concentrates her efforts on fighting human trafficking and has a great deal of experience and knowledge on the topic which she is anxious to share with us. She has been a guest speaker on trafficking in many parts of the world and has experience working with refugees in Eastern Europe. I am very excited and hope many of you will join us this year. Her life and passion are truly amazing. I believe you will not be disappointed. More information on our speaker and the event as well as the sale of tickets will be coming in the new year.

You can find out more about the speaker and her organization by going on her website, <https://nimby.me/>.

the Book Nook

by Harriet Conrady



NONFICTION

- ***Believe It***, by Nick Foles. The subtitle of Foles' book is "*My Journey of Success, Failure, and Overcoming the Odds.*" In his book he shares the unvarnished story behind his unlikely path to Super Bowl glory and the faith that grounded and guided him every step of the way.
- ***The Kingdom of God Has No Borders***, by Melani McAlister. I've found that very often the subtitle of a book is very helpful. McAlister's subtitle is "*A Global History of American Evangelicals*" and found in the book is a new perspective on conservative Christianity by focusing on the world outside U.S. borders. She shows how Christian faith-in-action is having profound consequences in nations around the world.
- ***BIC History & Life – August 2018***. In this issue of the journal, we can learn about the contribution of the Davidson family to the denomination, the Hutterites sentenced to hard labor at Alcatraz during WW1 and the continuation of the story of the Sikalongo mission in Zambia.

FICTION

- ***The Hope of Azure Springs***, by Rachel Fordham. Em has finally arrived at a new home in Iowa after riding the orphan train for a very long time. She is alone and in a strange town. Can she find healing in Azure Springs?
- ***The Warning***, by T. Davis Bunn. Buddy had read the passage from Genesis dozens of times, but now the words rose up before him with new and terrifying meaning. The nightmares he'd been having started to make sense – were slowly coming into focus.
- ***The Weaver's Daughter***, by Sarah Ladd. The setting of this story is during Britain's Industrial Revolution when those who had done work by hand for generations were being replaced by machines. Will Henry and Kate find a way to create peace in their families . . . and in their village?

FOR CHILDREN

- ***The Bears Mind Their Manners***. This is a DVD that can be found on the shelf housing children's DVD's. These are fun adventures that Brother and Sister have as they learn good manners. You, too, will have fun as you watch the Berenstain Bears!

See you in the library!



PROTECTING OURSELVES AGAINST THE FLU

BY DR. JOHN SPURRIER

Flu season is coming. The virus is often transmitted in large gatherings, such as church services. In order to minimize the chance of us giving the flu to each other, here are several suggestions.

1. Use hand sanitizer after touching any door handle (even if you washed your hands before leaving the bathroom), coughing or shaking hands.
2. Don't touch your face. The virus is easily transmitted from hands to eyes, nose and mouth. In one study of a Sunday School class, those who touched their face frequently (of which I admit I am one) were sick twice as often as those who did not.
3. Consider fist bumping rather than shaking hands, a cultural shift for us! A medical article recently suggested that doctors not shake hands with their patients in order to prevent transmitting disease. In one study, researchers found more than 150 types of bacteria on the typical person's hand and that does not include viruses. Most of these don't cause disease but some do.
4. Cough or sneeze into your elbow and not your hands—whoever started this was brilliant!
5. GET A FLU SHOT, they save lives. There are many **myths** about flu shots and vaccines in general, here are a few of them with some comments (partially taken from an article in the Washington Post, which can be found at <https://wapo.st/2r3Hg6C>).
 - a. **Flu shots don't work well enough to be worth it** – Flu shots are only 40 percent to 60 percent effective so you can get a flu shot and still get the flu. Even with the shots being only 40 percent to 60 percent effective, that means 80 to 120 of us here at DBIC (assuming our attendance is 200 and everyone is exposed) who would have become infected will not get the flu. And with millions of people in our country this becomes very significant. And even if you get the flu, the flu shot provides some protection.
 - b. A 2018 study of 3,000 patients admitted to the hospital with influenza showed that those who were vaccinated were 59 percent less likely to be admitted to the ICU and spent four days less in the hospital.
 - c. Adults are five times more likely to die when contracting influenza if unvaccinated.
 - d. Children are half as likely to get the flu if vaccinated.
 - e. Pregnant women were less likely to be admitted to the hospital if they got the flu shot which also protects their newborns.

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- f. **A flu shot causes the flu** – Flu shots are made from killed viruses so there is virtually no way they can cause the flu. If you get the flu after getting the shot, it is most likely one of the viruses not included in the vaccine and you were going to get sick anyway. One exception to this is the nasal vaccine which is a live attenuated (very weak) vaccine, which may cause some mild symptoms.
- g. **Vaccines cause autism** – There is no truth to this. It is a myth that was started by a doctor in the UK. It has been shown that he falsified his data and because of this he lost his medical license.








Vaccines are a significant reason that we are healthier and live longer today than 50 years ago. And they work best when many people get the vaccine. If 80 percent are vaccinated, the “herd immunity” covers the other 20 percent. So, we should get vaccinated not only for ourselves and our children but for the community that Jesus calls us to love and care for.

Here’s hoping for a flu-free season!

In Children’s Ministry at DBIC we love to share toys, crayons and prayer requests but

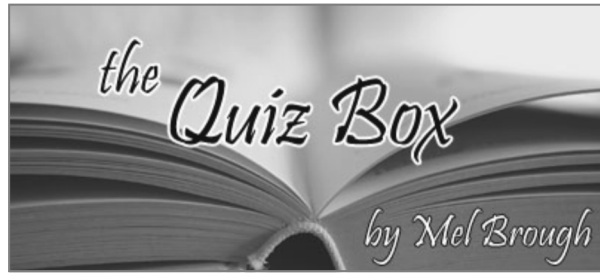
GERMS ARE NOT FOR SHARING

Please Keep Your Child Home if They Have ...

COLD SYMPTOMS	A FEVER	A STOMACH ACHE	DIARRHEA	AN EYE INFECTION	A RASH	HEAD LICE
						
Sore throat, barking or wet cough, green/yellow runny nose	100°F total temperature or more in the last 24 hours	OR vomiting within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Redness, thick mucus and/or pus draining from the eye	Unexplained or contagious rash	Itchy head, active lice or nits

Thank you for helping to keep our classrooms germ free!

If you have any questions please contact Emily Wingert at children@dillsburgbic.org or 267-614-8271



On Saturday, December 1, the quiz team traveled to Souderton BIC church for a practice tournament. The following churches had teams participating: Dillsburg, Elizabethtown, Grantham (two teams), Harrisburg, and Souderton. We had seven quizzes (Dillsburg won six of them) in the morning and then had a wonderful and very delicious lunch provided by the Souderton church.

The next quizzing event will be the mixer tournament with churches from the Allegheny and Atlantic Conferences at **Grantham BIC church on Saturday, January 5**. There will be quizzing, food, and games. We will be quizzing on John Chapters 1-9.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

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 12:46 – “I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should remain in darkness.” 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



Riley & Emily Wingert
Jason & Dulci Brubaker

January 2
January 4

"Be generous with gratitude, for it is contagious"



Happy
Birthday



Naomi Smith	January 1	Vern Martin	January 13
Joe Zwally	January 1	Jeff Conrady	January 14
Kyle Leister	January 2	David Vader	January 15
Beth Beachy	January 4	Marian Hoover	January 18
Liam Wingert	January 6	Jeremy Rank	January 20
Sierra Storm	January 7	Stephanie Walsh	January 23
Gabriel Gabikiny	January 9	Dave Miller	January 26
Seth Miller	January 9	Steven Miller	January 26
Terry Stoudnour	January 9	Claire Reitnour	January 27
Ron Rudy	January 10	Rachel Miller	January 27
Scott Eyster	January 13	Sarah Hoover	January 29

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Office Closed	2 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	3	4	5
6 9:00 am Classes 10:30 am Worship	7 3:00 p.m. Middle School Mondays	8 Doulos Deadline 6:30 p.m. Leadership Council	9 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:15 p.m. Eat 'n' Run 6:15 p.m. Faith Finders 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	10	11	12
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