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The Doulos Monthly Newsletter

OCTOBER 2019

Something New Under the Sun

By Rachel Miller

They're still green as I write this, but by the time you read it the leaves ought to be at least beginning to change colors. Isn't Autumn the best? I'm usually quite resistant to change, however, I do tend to pull out my box of sweaters mid-August. Cool, crisp air is a change I can get behind.

Generally speaking, I am a change-avoider. I remember refusing to sleep in my bedroom the first night after my mom had rearranged it. I promised myself that when I had my own house, I'd keep it like my grandparents kept theirs—neat and tidy and never changing. I'm still waiting for myself to make good on that promise.

As a kid, change is inevitable. You have little control over your own life and your body is growing and changing every week! Just about everything is new and different for young kids—they've gotta get new clothes and shoes AT LEAST once a year, new or different foods keep reappearing on their plate, they get dragged around to new places and meet new people, their classes and teachers don't stay the same for long, their knowledge and interests are in a constant state of evolution, kids even change their teeth! Whether they like it or not, kids have to learn to deal with constant changes.

These changes continue just past college graduation. Sooner or later you start to settle down and it can seem like nothing is going to change for a while. You've finally found a job you can stick with as a career, a person you can commit to as a spouse, and a home you can live in for longer than month-to-month. You put down roots.

It was in this place called adulthood that I thought life would be smooth sailing. I didn't think I'd do it all, see it all, know it all, but I thought I'd have enough life experience that I wouldn't be coming across much that's new. I took comfort in the theme in Ecclesiastes

that "there is nothing new under the sun." I thought I'd figure out my best life and go ahead and live it without too much need for change.

I didn't account for adult-sized changes like a new job or a new house. I didn't account for having kids and re-experiencing all of their "new-ness" from the parenting perspective. I didn't account for catastrophes or illnesses that come without permission and turn your life upside-down. I didn't account for natural or political disasters that might actually affect me, or the fact that knowing about disasters affecting other people would change my life too. I didn't account for the fact that although it's not as rapid as the first 20 years of life, we're all always growing and changing.

I was talking to Gramps the other day and guess what? He's over 80 and still dealing with change. Life with Parkinson's is different than life before Parkinson's. He pointed out that he has two options: 1) fight against the changes and become bitter about it when he loses that fight or 2) adjust to a new life perspective and embrace where he is now. A lot of people end up choosing the first option without even knowing it. I'm thankful that my gramps is doing the later and teaching the rest of us as he goes.



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The biggest change we're currently preparing for at our house is a new baby. We've done that a time or three, so it may seem like that no longer qualifies as a change. But I guarantee my current three will change how they relate to each other and to me when this new one arrives. I'm not excited about that change, but I know that we'll all learn valuable lessons because of it.

I'm learning that change is inevitable for all of us, forever. I'm starting to accept that it's probably better this way because without a little shaking up here and there, we start to drift. We may drift to sleep or drift off the course we had intended. Very rarely is drifting a wise idea, but that's a topic for another article. I hope you're able to embrace and enjoy both the beautiful leaves this month and whatever changes God is navigating you through.



A HIGH FIVE, A ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND A PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS FOR OUR PASTORS!

Ever wonder where the idea for an official Pastor Appreciation began? Crack open your Bible.

In Timothy 1 (5:17), Paul began the concept of clergy appreciation when he stated that the elders of the church are worthy of a double honor. He reiterated this idea in Thessalonians 1 (5: 12-13) when he stated that those who work hard among you should be held in the highest regard for their work.

This idea became Clergy Appreciation Month in 1992, established by pastors and religious workers. Eventually, Pastor Appreciation Day, celebrated the second Sunday of October, formed out of this month, according to a website that tracks origins of holidays.

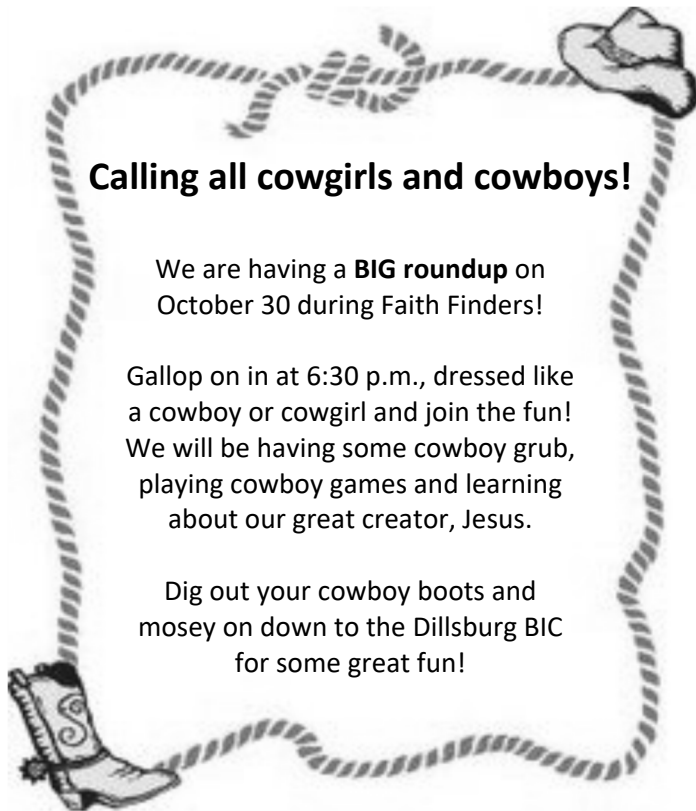
While one online site suggests church members wear “Best Pastor in the World” T-shirts, there are many other ways to show our pastors how much they mean to us.

For the Doulos staff, it's with words.

Thank you for your tireless advocacy of God's best for us, for your prayers, your words of encouragement, your planning and administration, your humor, your thought-provoking sermons, your knowledgeable teaching, your challenges to us to genuinely seek after Jesus and much more!

We are blessed by you!





Calling all cowgirls and cowboys!

We are having a **BIG roundup** on October 30 during Faith Finders!

Gallop on in at 6:30 p.m., dressed like a cowboy or cowgirl and join the fun! We will be having some cowboy grub, playing cowboy games and learning about our great creator, Jesus.

Dig out your cowboy boots and mosey on down to the Dillsburg BIC for some great fun!

OCTOBER EAT 'N RUN MENUS

Meals are served 5:15 PM—6:00 PM

The meal is free and open to the community.

October 9

CURRIED CHICKEN
RICE
VEGGIES
DESSERT

October 23

CHICKEN CORN SOUP
ASSORTED BREADS
VEGGIES
CAKE

Anne-Marie Brandt and Sarah Hoover are looking for volunteers to help with setup, meal prep, serving and cleaning up.

Volunteers will eat together at 4:30 p.m.



New Hope Ministry Musings...

by Ginny Spurrier

Following is a note from Dillsburg New Hope Manager Lisa Byrne regarding the Back to School event.

I just wanted to say (a little belated!) thank you to you and your church families, for your overwhelming support of our Back to School Event on August 2.

New Hope and Northern High School Polar Cares organization partnered together to provide backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, clothing and shoes, bikes/helmets, food, games, and information on services for families in need.

We had approximately 95 children signed up at New Hope, for the event. The weather was wonderful, and the snow cones and popcorn were a hit! We gave away about 15 bicycles and a scooter and helmets.

Agency representatives from SNAP, Head Start, WIC, PA Trauma Society, and United Health Care were present to talk with families and share information on services that are available. We had a visit from Officer Dave Smith of Carroll Township Police, who greeted and interacted with families.

We are still giving away backpacks/school supplies to those families in need who could not make it to the event. Any extra backpacks that we have will be given out through our Youth Programs, our kids' club (elementary age) and PETALS group (preschoolers).

Thank you again for your generous donations of school supplies, backpacks, equipment and time! We would not be able to host an event like this without your continued support of supplies and volunteers. New Hope is truly blessed by the support of all of your congregations, and, in turn, we are able to bless many families in our community!

New Hope is in need of volunteers to help with set up and tear down of tables and games and to help serve at the various tables and games offered during the 104th annual Farmers Fair, October 18 and 19. The process for volunteering involves signing up online or calling the center at 717-432-3053

THANK YOU



MEET: TAMMY AND KYLE LEISTER

BORN AND RAISED IN

TAMMY: Born in Quebec, Canada PQ and raised here in Dillsburg, Pa.

KYLE: Born in Bangkok Thailand and raised in Chambersburg and Carlisle, Pa.

A BIT ABOUT MY FAMILY

TAMMY: My father and my youngest brother have both passed away. My oldest brother lives in Cambridge, Ontario, Canada. My sister and I are here in central Pennsylvania. She and I share the responsibility of my mother who has Alzheimer's disease. Between my husband and I, we have six kids whose ages range from 9 to 24.

KYLE: I was adopted in Thailand and my brother was adopted in Hong Kong. My parents live in Ohio and my brother just moved to New York. Of our six kids, we have four boys and two girls.

I SPEND MY DAYS DOING

TAMMY: Taking care of my mother and my two youngest kids. Taking care of the responsibilities of running a house and working full time at Black N Bleu restaurant in Mechanicsburg.

KYLE: Taking care of my family and working as a corrections officer at the Department of Corrections at Mahanoy State Prison in Frackville, Pa.

HOW I BECAME A CHRISTIAN

TAMMY: I was born into a Christian home. There was never an "ah ha" moment. I've always been a Christian since I can remember. I was baptized as a teenager at Grantham BIC.

KYLE: I was raised in a Christian home. I never actually gave my life to the Lord until Tammy and I started dating. We started bringing the kids to church. It was during that time that I realized how real God was and how much I needed him in my life.

A TIME I REALLY SAW GOD WORK IN MY LIFE WAS

TAMMY: My ex-husband was very abusive. I had been backsliding since I was in college. I wasn't going to church anymore. Numerous bad choices brought me to a very low place. There was one night right before I took my boys and got ourselves out of that house . . . I was blaming God for everything that was going wrong, how my children and I weren't safe. I was at my end. I had nowhere to go. Clearly it was God's fault, right? I was so angry at him. I was yelling at him and questioning everything I had always believed. The next day I was at work and one of my regular customers came up to me and grabbed my hand right after I had walked away from her table. She said "God wants me to tell you that he loves you and to stop arguing with him!" I just looked at her. I was in shock. I don't think I said anything to her. I had no words. That was the beginning of my turnaround. I would like to say that it was an immediate change, but God had to kick me in the butt a few more times before that happened. It definitely was the start of my path back to church and where I am today. I know full well who my Lord and Savior is and that He is REAL!! I have to agree with my husband's story; that was a huge moment for both of us!

KYLE: Tammy and I had been living together. She had been trying for four years to get divorced. We had started going to church a few years earlier. We were so fed up with the fact that her ex-husband still refused to sign the divorce papers. We finally decided together that we needed to pray and change the way we were living. We gave it to God, and I started sleeping on the couch. We gave the control back to God and recognized what we were doing wrong. Within a week or two, the

papers were signed and we were married within the month. You give it all to Him and He will move!

MY BIGGEST PASSION IS

TAMMY: I have to say my faith! With that said, I am really thinking more and more about how to give back. Volunteering, helping somehow in sex trafficking, mentoring abused women I don't know. I have

experienced a lot in my life that I'm not proud of. I feel that God wants to use it to help others. I just am not settled on what that will look like.

KYLE: Helping people! I've often thought about missionary work or helping the fight against sex trafficking. I would love to do something in Thailand.

I SPEND MY FREE TIME DOING

TAMMY: What free time? Haha Reading I guess. Listening to my favorite pastors and Christian teachers on YouTube (although I do that all day long when I'm cleaning). Going for rides with Kyle on our Harley.

KYLE: Hanging out with the family and going for rides with Tammy on our Harley.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

TAMMY: It has always been Jeremiah 29: 11-13. One time Pastor Rob mentioned a verse he likes a lot and I have put it up with my favorite as well – and that is Psalm 73: 26.

KYLE: Luke 15: 11-32 The Parable of the Prodigal Son

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT DILLSBURG BIC IS

TAMMY: Pastor Rob goes through the Bible reading word for word and verse by verse. Churches don't all do that anymore. Also, when we first started coming, everyone was so welcoming.

KYLE: It's a small church, friendly and welcoming.

SOMETHING THAT MIGHT SURPRISE YOU ABOUT ME IS

TAMMY: I wrote a children's book maybe 10 years ago, but never got it published.

KYLE: I found my biological parents; both are still in Thailand and I'm hoping to meet them some day. We are communicating through translators and exchanging pictures.

MY FAVORITE SONG IS

TAMMY: Handel's "Messiah"

KYLE: Chris Thomlin's "How Great is our God"

A PRAYER REQUEST WE HAVE IS

We want all of our kids to find a saving faith in Jesus Christ!





***Thank you** for letting me share about Spain during your Sunday service. It was good to hear so many people engaged with what we were saying both during and after the service. Thank you for all your support.

Yours in Christ, Chris, Noah and Emma K

***Thank you** for your support of Matt and Julie Walsh.

Bruce Johnson, President SIM USA

***On** a recent visit to Paxton Street Home, one prospective resident remarked on how much he liked the family atmosphere of our home and told a staff member, "I need a place where I can be with other people. I hate to be alone." He officially joined us just a couple of weeks ago! What a blessing it is when people who have experienced loneliness, social isolation and broken relationships due to mental illness finally find a home among many others! Your kind support helps to make this happen, and we **thank you**.

Jodie Smiley, Executive Director, Paxton Ministries

***You** are helping us plant seeds and share the hope of the gospel with kids and adults. You are helping us bring people to Christ, and we **thank you**.

David P. Walton, Push the Rock

***Thank you** for your recent generous gift. We are truly thankful for your support of Mennonite Central Committee.

J. Ron Byler, MCC USA Executive Director

***Thank you** for your recent gift to Peace Promise. Thank you for helping to release these precious souls into freedom and restoration so they might live lives of endless opportunities, meaningful relationships and enduring peace.

Susan Vigliano, President of the Board, Peace Promise

Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

Highlights from the August Leadership and Ministry Councils joint meeting:

- We talked about our mission statement: We are a community that is rooted in Christ, connected to one another, and reaching the world for the Kingdom of God.

Highlights from the August Leadership Council meeting:

- Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the upgrade of the fire alarm system.
- Motion was made, seconded and passed to install a stair lift from the landing to the fellowship hall with the funds from facility improvements.
- Motion was made, seconded, and passed to authorize the Global Outreach Commission to give a one-time gift to Mark and Maggie Roth for their support from the Global Outreach Budget.

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, Pastor Rob Douglass, Phil Engle, Ray Knepper, Gary Lebo, Sharon Miller, Heidi Tucker or Avis Whitesel.





For those of you who would love to do something to help fight human trafficking, the following is a list of ways you could become involved.

Most of the following pertains to Peace Promise, the non-profit organization with which our church partners. If any of these are of interest to you or if you have any questions please contact Marj Strayer at strayered@aol.com.

1. *Prayer Meetings* (foundational to all work being done to combat human trafficking) on the second Monday of the month at Marj Strayer's house across from the church. We pray for those who fight human trafficking including Peace Promise and those who are exploited. We update local, national, and worldwide efforts.

On the first Friday of the month, we meet at Mechanicsburg BIC. Patty Seamens, director of outreach at Peace Promise, gives an update on their work with the women who they reach out to who are trafficked and prostituted and working in adult clubs.

2. *Distribute the trafficking hotline number.* Visit businesses in Dillsburg, especially along Rt. 15 and in town with the purpose of placing the hotline number where it can be easily seen.

3. Help in making meals every two months for the girls at the clubs.

4. *Help write articles for the Doulos related to human trafficking.*

5. *Donate grocery store gift cards (Giant or Aldi's).* These are given to Patty Seamans who uses them to take the women food shopping, teaching wise spending and meal planning.

6. *Join a team of women who go into the clubs to minister to the women face to face.* This would involve interviewing with Patty Seamans, a time of building trust and training.

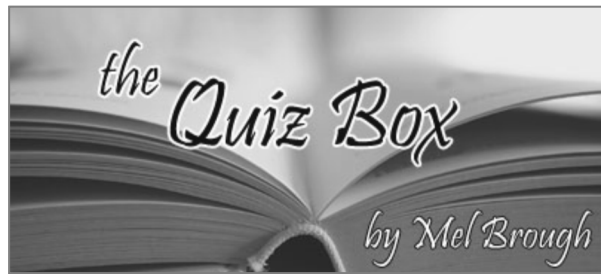
7. *Get involved with our Christmas Outreach.* Donate homemade cookies and/or gifts from a list provided by Peace Promise.

8. *Volunteer to help with Change Purse.* Become trained to check donated purses making sure they are gently used, clean and then tagging and pricing them. Help to sell purses at events. Offer to have a party in your home to bring someone in to provide information on human trafficking and to sell purses. Invite friends to do the same.

9. *Take friends to breakfast or lunch at Val's Café at 324 Market St. in Lemoyne.* All employees volunteer their time and all profits go to providing services to women who are exploited.



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The first quizzing event of the new season will be the **Capital Kickoff tournament at Harrisburg BIC church on Saturday, November 16.** We will be quizzing on Hebrews 1-5. This will be an all-day event.

The quiz team currently has the following members: Jese Brubaker, Connor and Meredith Engle, and Tyler Whitesel. If anyone else is interested in quizzing, please see Brent or Mel. Quiz practice will start in mid-October.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

Saturday, Dec. 7 – Practice tournament, location to be determined

Saturday, Jan. 11 – Mixer tournament with Allegheny and Atlantic Conferences at Grantham BIC **or**

Friday, Jan. 10 to Sunday, Jan. 12 – Mixer tournament and quizzing retreat in Ohio

Saturday, Mar. 7 – Practice tournament, location TBD – probably at Dillsburg BIC

Saturday, April 4 or ? – Allegheny Open Tournament at New Hope BIC – All day

Saturday, May 2 – Charlie Crider Memorial Tournament at E-Town BIC – All day

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

Friday, July 10 – Monday, July 13 – Denominational Finals at General Assembly, Salina, Kansas

Verse of the month: Hebrews 2:17 – “For this reason He had to be made like His brothers in every way, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, in order to make atonement for the sins of the people.”

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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 starting November 1 and ending October 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



Clarence & Mary Ann Brubaker	October 1
Brent & Avis Whitesel	October 3
Mike & Beth Beachy	October 12
Tom & Amy Austin	October 23
Andi & Krishauna Brubaker	October 25
Russ & Joyce Ehrich	October 29

"Be generous with gratitude, for it is contagious"



Happy
Birthday



Piper Moesch	October 1	Cheyenne Storm	October 19
Anne-Marie Brandt	October 3	Jared Whitesel	October 20
Arlene VanDyke	October 3	Jim Poole	October 21
Leo Brubaker	October 4	Betty Engle	October 22
Zoe Delp	October 6	Aaron Sieber	October 25
Chris Douglass	October 7	Sam Stoner	October 26
Grace Holland	October 7	John Long	October 28
Hannah Gustafson	October 8	Nathan Pease	October 28
Kenji Kanazawa	October 8	Toby Brubaker	October 28
Alexa Rank	October 12	Riley Wingert	October 30
Amy Miller	October 15	Julianne Hoover	October 30
Patty Cathro	October 17	Rocky Storm	October 31
Sharon Miller	October 17		



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