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The Doulos Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2020

## *Would you be mine? Could you be mine?*

*By Carolyn Kimmel*

When I was growing up, I spent a half hour every evening before supper with Mr. Rogers, whose invitation to be his neighbor I readily accepted.

Maybe it was because my mom's lengthy illness and death had changed so many of the adults around me that I appreciated Mr. Rogers so much. He never changed. I knew he would walk through the door, change his shoes, ask me how my day was and take me on an adventure to another land. Just the sound of his voice brings comfort even to this day.

I was reminded of this recently when I saw the new movie about the impact Mr. Rogers had on a jaded reporter's life, just by giving him the gift of his full attention. The last person this big city reporter wanted to profile was a kids' TV hero, but he was stopped in his tracks when Fred Rogers asked, "What do you think is *the most important thing* to me right now?" and answered his own question with, "Talking to you."

When was the last time that I made someone feel that their conversation with me was the most important thing to me, I wondered? It got me thinking about how intentional Mr. Rogers was in how he interacted with people—whether it be those he saw all the time or those he had only just met or would never see again. For the moments they were together, nothing was more important than making that person feel seen, heard, cared about and accepted.

As you may know, Mr. Rogers was an ordained minister, but he chose to minister to children—and



their parents—using television rather than a pulpit. Thinking about his ministry challenges me to think about

mine—to whom do I attempt to minister and how can I do it better? Ministry doesn't require an official platform or degree—we can practice ministering to others in very small ways.

It can start with giving our full attention to the person in front of us—be it a family member, a co-worker, the cashier at the store. Can I put down my cell phone when they talk to me, stop typing on my computer when they enter my space, not rush onto the next thing? We all know what it feels like to be talking to someone whose eyes are focused on the person in view just beyond our shoulder—or glued to a screen, handheld or mounted.

All of us can probably name at least one person who surprised us with attention we'll never forget . . .

I think of Bill, a gruff reporter at my first job, whose desk butted up against mine in the open newsroom. He smoked and swore through his shift, especially at the city editor when pressed for his copy on deadline. The city editor had taken to calling me by my last name and often barked across the room, "Jenko! Take this obit" or "Jenko, get on that fire!" One day, Bill turned my way and said, "Jenko?" I snapped to attention. "You got a first name?" From then on, he became my biggest ally and mentor. We worked the early deadline on Saturday mornings and every week, he threw a brown bag on my desk that contained an unusually hard soft pretzel. It was the last thing I wanted to eat at 6:30 a.m., but I did—because it was a gift, picked just for me.

I also think of Mary Long, whom I'd never met until she called me to compliment me on a story I wrote for a BIC publication. She wanted to know where I was from (New England), how long I had been BIC (not

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long) and whether she could take me to lunch (ah, sure?!) We spent two hours over Thai food, and by the end, she knew my entire life story. After that, I always called her my No. 1 fan because she would often call me after she read a story I'd written. Although it has been years since she last called, when I heard she passed away recently, I realized I had indeed lost someone who made me feel special.

How many of us were made to feel special by our dear friend, Gary Lebo? I know the impact his attention had on our girls is lasting . . . mainly because he consistently took the time to seek them out, inquire of them and encourage them as they grew up. The last time I saw Gary a few days before he left us, I told him what I wouldn't give to hear his laugh one more time. That time was past, never to come again—at least on this earth – but oh, how I remember it!

In an interview, someone once asked Mr. Rogers the meaning of his signature question "Won't you be my neighbor?" He paused a long time and then he called it "a parable for the desire for closeness." Everybody, he said, longs to be loved and know they are loveable. Just about the time I was thinking of 1 Cor. 13:13 – "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" – Mr. Rogers mentioned Jesus.

We love because He first loved us.

In this month when we celebrate the idea of love, let's be challenged to love as Christ loves us—wholly and without distraction. Won't you please, please . . . won't you be my neighbor?



## Congregational Council

*Congregational Council will take place  
on Saturday, February 1.*

*We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.  
for light refreshments.*

*Please bring a breakfast snack to share.  
Beverages will be provided.*

*The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.*

If you are not able to make a Sunday morning service, you are able to send an email to [dbicmedia@gmail.com](mailto:dbicmedia@gmail.com) and they will send you a link to the YouTube Live channel to watch online. *The link changes weekly.*

*Did you know you can download and listen to past sermons on our website?  
<http://www.dillsburgbic.org/media>*

## **“The Weary World Rejoices” Stories**

By Jaylene Shannon

We, at DBIC wrote an advent devotional and gave it to folks outside the church. Here are a few of the resulting stories that came from that act of love for Jesus.

- I gave a devotional to an older friend who is a practicing Catholic. She enjoyed reading the stories and said that her church never wrote anything so personal.
- I gave one to a friend who was raised Catholic. She was surprised to find that other Christian denominations celebrated Advent.
- One of my Facebook friends from Ohio told me to thank Esther for her writing in the advent devotional. She said it was very inspiring.
- A neighbor who is a Christian expressed delight and leafed through the booklet, picking out writers she knows.
- I hung a devotional on the doorknob to a friend from times past since she did not answer the door. I checked two times to see if she brought it into the house, but after two weeks, it was still hanging on the door knob. I did a little research online and found that she had moved. So, I drove to her new residence and knocked on the door; the dogs barked, but she did not answer the door. Once again, I hung the devotional on the doorknob. My friend's husband passed away several years ago; grief and depression still haunt her. After finding the devotional (and the raspberry jam that I included in the bag), she messaged me that she would call me some time. The call has not come.
- I gave an advent devotional to my mother—two weeks into Advent. I think she laid it down and forgot about it with all the busyness of the season.
- A next-door neighbor asked me a second time if I came through the trees or around by the road when I dropped off her advent devotional. I'm going to chop a way through to her house and connect with her more closely.
- I gave one to a friend who does not go to church and she said, “I know a lot of the people in here who wrote articles. I am very anxious to read this!”
- We gave an advent devotional to a friend who is a grumpy kind of person. A week or so later, she told my husband that she reads it every day.
- I gave one to a woman who thanked me and gave me a big hug.
- A neighbor looked so sad, said his wife wasn't feeling well, and that their dog had died that day. At the suggestion of my small group, I bought a little picture frame with attachments to put a picture of their dog and hang on their Christmas tree. That day the husband looked more cheerful, said his wife was looking at the booklet, and wanted to know for sure which house I live in. I will connect with them again.
- I left a devotional for someone and have not heard back what they thought.
- One of my friends on Facebook thanked me for my writing and said that was just what she needed that day.

Our Facebook impact was amazing! All the writings were viewed 47 times or more with the highest number of views on one post being 429. The average number of views was 137.

Let's continue to pray that the words from God through our brothers and sisters will continue to make an impact for the eternal reign of God through Jesus Christ!



## Stop Traffic

By Marj Strayer

On the first Friday of each month, a few of us from Dillsburg BIC and others from several churches in the area have the opportunity to hear updates and pray for the lives of the women who are being ministered to by Peace Promise.

This organization has been fighting human trafficking and the exploitation of women since 2008. If you would like to hear about the amazing work that God is doing in the lives of these women, you will have an opportunity to do just that at the Peace Promise Banquet on March 6.

One of the guest speakers is a young woman who was trapped in the adult entertainment industry. She will be interviewed by Patty Seamans who is director of outreach for Peace Promise. She has been cared for, nurtured, prayed over and unconditionally loved by her Peace Promise family. Her story is both heartbreaking and beautiful because while she is a very broken young woman, she has experienced the love and kinship of those who have reached out to her in the name of Jesus and He has been bringing her steadily to a place of healing and wholeness.

The other guest speaker is Kelly Masters, the founder and director of Emerge Ladies. She is an inspirational speaker, minister, author and advocate. She is fiercely committed to the call of Christ on her life. She draws upon healing from past addictions, abuse and shattered dreams to elevate and inspire others. Kelly is known for her gift of turning life's trials into opportunities of hope and offers a fresh, relevant message to both believers and nonbelievers around the world.

The overflow from this ministry has impacted thousands of lives in the adult entertainment industry, prisons, and the streets. Come and hear from a woman whose ministry truly reflects the heartbeat of the Father.

There will also be a silent auction and purses for sale with Change Purse. This is one way we can all fight human trafficking.

If you are interested in attending this event or know of others who might be interested see Marj Strayer, Grace Holland or Christie Gustafson for tickets. The tickets are \$30 per person.



*Save the Date: Friday, March 6, 2020*  
*Peace Promise Annual Benefit Dinner*



## Spiritually Speaking

### *How Fasting Enhances Faith*

By Marlin Zook

*Editor's note: This month we begin an occasional column by Marlin Zook that will examine spiritual principles lived out on a practical level in our everyday lives. A principle, Zook says, is a truth that supports the walk of faith.*

I have no idea of what happens when a person fasts.

I just know that fasting is one of the disciplines of the spiritual life. Jesus, in his first major address to the disciples instructing them about the Kingdom of God, tells them “When you fast...” and then explains how it is to be done—emphasizing that it is something that is not done for display. Don’t flaunt your fasting, but fast. There are some things in the spiritual realm can only be accomplished by prayer and fasting.

A number of months ago, I became convinced that I should fast. As you can imagine, my decision messed up meal planning at our house. I decided to fast on one day of the week, skipping two meals, but even so that took some getting used to for the one planning our meals.

What are the results? For me the most noticeable change was that a compulsive behavior that has plagued me most of my life became much less compulsive, reducing it to something that is controllable. This came as God brought new teaching to me but also did a work in my heart. This has been such a blessing. I don’t understand how fasting made a difference, but for me it is important. In fasting there is a certain degree of deprivation.

Maybe this is part of Jesus’s teaching to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow him. I suspect that there is something more that happens on a spiritual level, but I don’t know what it is. I believe that there are areas in our lives that are more prone to temptation, but God always makes a way of escape, and for me the principle of fasting has been part of the escape route.

I believe that there are a number of spiritual principles that are in operation as we walk the Christian life. Prayer and fasting are two of these principles. These principles don’t involve the major tenants of our faith like salvation, but when they are put into operation, the Christian’s life is enhanced.

Actually, I would say, the principle of self-denial is the truth behind the discipline of fasting. For me, fasting added to prayer has been a boost in my walk with God, not only in dealing with my compulsive behaviors but also helping me to grow in my relationship with God.





*Compiled by Steve & Rachel Miller*

## THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT: THE BEERS FAMILY ZAMBIA

Many people reading this will know that we have been in the United States since August. We left Zambia after Veronica had a seizure that not only proved that the course of treatment we were pursuing was ineffective but also eliminated Veronica's ability to hear out of her left ear. We left Zambia with only a carry-on bag each with the hopes of returning after a few weeks. Things did not turn out to plan and we have now been in the US for six months.

Life here in the States has been a combination of blessings and heartache. Many churches and individuals have come to our aid with housing, clothing, money, and gift cards for groceries. This has been a great blessing to us and has allowed us to survive here on our African income. But it has been hard we miss our

African friends and our work. When we return, we will have missed the entire rainy season. Lilly misses her friends in Zambia and often cries in the evenings.



Medically we worked with a neurologist to change Veronica's seizure medication, this seems to be working as she has not had a seizure since we have been here. Before changing her medications, she was having some form of seizure every 2 months. We have also been working with an Audiologist at Hershey Medical Center to restore Veronica's hearing. The Audiologist determined that her hearing could be restored with a Bone Anchored Hearing Aid (BAHA) which requires a hole to be drilled in the skull and a steel screw installed. After waiting for nearly two months, our insurance company has approved the procedure and it is now scheduled for the end of February. This puts our likely return date at the end of March.

### Prayer Requests:

- Patience with each-other in this stressful situation
- Emotional and educational support for children as we move about often and as we try to homeschool them.
- For a complication and stress free surgery

[Read more about Tony's recent engineering endeavors at [beersabroadblog.wordpress.com](https://beersabroadblog.wordpress.com)]





\* **Thank you** for joining with us as we carry out our mission to provide affordable housing and support services to adults in need of Christ-like love!

~ Blessings, Jodie Smiley, Executive Director, Paxton Ministries

\* Your church is such a blessing to us at New Hope! Happy New Year and **thank you!**

~ Joel Giovannetti, Gift Officer, New Hope Ministries

\* **Thank you so much** for your partnership with the B2THEWORLD team. We truly appreciate your gift, which makes it possible for children and families recovering from war to be blessed and transformed through quality educational institutions.

~ Eric Munyaneza, COO, B2THEWORLD

\* Dear Church Family—I would like to **thank all of you** for your many kindnesses during these last five months of Gary's illness and passing. Our family has felt very supported by your prayers, visits, food, flowers, cards, emails and your love. The journey has been very difficult, but God has been faithful and each of you has helped to carry the burden. **Thank you** for coming to his Celebration of Life service and for your many kind words. We are trying to figure out what life looks like without Gary. Your prayers will continue to be so important to us. **Thank you so much.**

~ Gloria Lebo

*We need your help!  
Company is coming!*



### Upcoming Host Week February 2-9, 2020

**Come help us share the Love of God with our Family Promise guests.**

*Mission: empowering families through relationships and skill building  
to move from homelessness to home.*

***[www.dillsburgbic.org/family-promise](http://www.dillsburgbic.org/family-promise)***

*Sign-up sheets will be posted online*

- Set-Up Volunteers  
(February 2 - after Service)
- Meal Volunteers - Daily  
(Drop off at 6 p.m.)
- Fellowship Volunteers-  
Daily (6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.)
- Children Fellowship  
Volunteers (play with kids!  
Daily 6 p.m. -8:00 p.m.)
- Overnight Hosts- Daily  
(8:15 p.m. -6:45 a.m.)
- Takedown Volunteers  
(February 9 - 7 a.m.)
- Laundry Volunteers  
(after hosting week)
- Van Drivers - Daily
- Supply Food Donations

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We will be having a video series on  
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6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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go/30E0C48A4AE2FA64-artofparenting](https://signupgenius.com/go/30E0C48A4AE2FA64-artofparenting)

Trailer for the class:  
<https://vimeo.com/266148001>

Questions: Contact Jaylene Shannon at  
[localoutreach@dillsburgbic.org](mailto:localoutreach@dillsburgbic.org)

## EAT 'N RUN MENUS

**Meals are served 5:15 p.m. —6:00 p.m.**

*The meal is free and open to the community.*

### **February 12**

HOT DOGS  
CHIPS  
FRESH VEGGIES  
DESSERT

### **February 26**

MACARONI & CHEESE  
STEWED TOMATOES  
FRESH FRUIT  
DESSERT

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.*



## Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

Here are some highlights from the December Leadership Council meeting:

- We approved 10 people for membership.
- We discussed the 2020 budget.
- We discussed options for Christ Birthday offering.

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, Sharon Miller, Heidi Tucker or Avis Whitesel.



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## Legacy for a New Year: Can Mine Make a Difference?

### By Jaylene Shannon

Last year started out like any other year. We had a lot of work to keep us busy. I took a class on pastoral care/counseling and enjoyed time doing some mentoring. I also tried to spend as much time with my grandkids as I could.

Then in March my father had a stroke. In April both of my husband's parents got pneumonia. My daughter, Malinda, got married the end of April. In July my son, Josh and his wife Christy, gave birth to their third son, Parker, who has some medical issues. Then in November, my father-in-law went to meet Jesus. All these life changes began to make me think more deeply about the impact one person has on the people around them. I also began to think about how time changes things and we can't go backwards. Some things will never be the same again.

What will we do with the changes? How will we make the time we have count for eternity? How can we leave a mark on our relationships that matter? Steve Green wrote a song, "Find Us Faithful." The chorus goes like this:

*O may all who come behind us find us faithful,  
May the fire of our devotion light their way.  
May the footprints that we leave,  
lead them to believe,  
and the lives we live inspire them to obey.  
O may all who come behind us find us faithful.*

The word "legacy" kept coming up in conversations everywhere I turned. In ladies' Bible study this past fall, the topic was about the legacy we leave. But how can I leave a legacy that will make a difference?

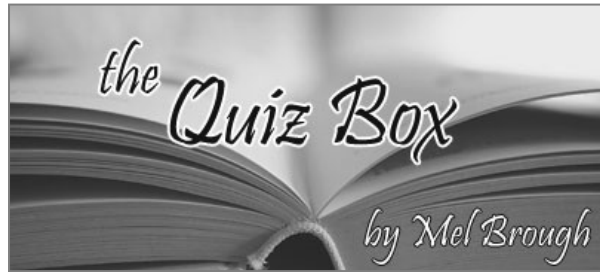
As I talked to the Lord about this, He led me in several directions. I spent some time looking back and looking forward. I looked back by interviewing my parents about their lives and what they wanted their children to remember. I asked my siblings to write down things that they learned from our parents. I gathered pictures from the past and put it into a 42-page photo book for my parents and my children for Christmas titled, "Chester and Ruth Musser Family Legacy." While doing this I realized that I am today, for good and some not so good ways, a huge reflection of what my parents taught me.

I have to wonder, what are the things I have left for my children and others I have mentored? How have I taught them to love Jesus? How have I strengthened their self confidence, built their character, impacted their ability to handle money, their emotions, their time, taught them about forgiveness and grace?

As I move forward into the New Year, I want my days to count for eternity. I won't get the time back to interview my father-in-law. I won't get the time back to play with my oldest grandson during the school days since he started kindergarten last fall. But I do have today. I have today to love those around me. I have today to visit with my parents and play games with them while they still have health. I have today to meet Malinda for lunch at work, to talk with my grandchildren every time they call for a video chat, to cook good meals for my husband, to say thank you and I am sorry more often, to stand in the yard and visit with my neighbors. I have today!

"Lord, help each of us to love those around us and point them to You. Help us not to take for granted the things that matter. Help us not to be so focused on the tasks needing done that we miss the opportunities to be "found faithful inspiring others to obey." Help me to make the most of every opportunity that you put in my path. May the legacy I leave be a rich blessing in the lives of others. Help everyone I meet to see Jesus in me. I want those who come behind me to "find me faithful." Amen"





The quiz team will definitely be participating in the Snowflake Tournament at Hershey Evangelical Free Church on February 15. This is a world's style event with three teams jumping, instead of two. We will be quizzing on Hebrews 1-6 and 10-13.

Our next quizzing event will be a practice tournament on **Saturday, March 7 at Dillsburg BIC church**. We will be quizzing on Hebrews 1-13; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1-2. Everyone is invited to come and support the Dillsburg quizzers.

**Please mark your calendars with these important dates.**

- Saturday, April 4 – Allegheny Open Tournament at Grantham BIC – All day
- Saturday, May 2 – Charlie Crider Memorial Tournament at E-Town BIC – All day
- Saturday, May ??? – Regional Conference finals, if necessary, at location to be determined
- Friday, July 10 – Monday, July 13 – Denominational Finals at General Assembly, Salina, Kansas

**Verse of the month: Hebrews 6:12 – “Then you will not be sluggish, but will imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.”**

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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.

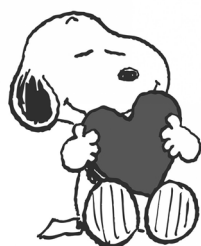
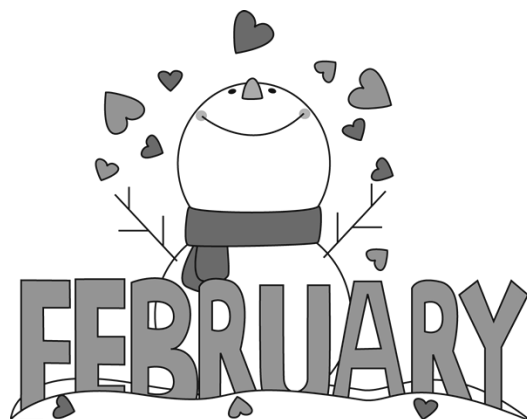
To be eligible to quiz, you must be between the ages of 12 and 19 sometime during the quizzing year, which is defined as starting November 1 and ending October 31. Quizzing provides an opportunity to study God's Word, fellowship with other youth, participate on a team and experience positive competition.

If you have any questions about quizzing, please contact one of us:

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### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Lois Conrady	February 15
Tom & Kathy Renard	February 26
Bob & Rose Harlacher	February 27



Rob Douglass	February 1	Deb Monko	February 16
Becky Horst	February 1	Tyler Whitesel	February 16
Eliana Miller	February 2	Nancy Prowell	February 18
J-Lynn Conrady	February 2	Benjamin Gustafson	February 21
Adam Moesch	February 2	Jan Kerstetter	February 21
Eleanor Poe	February 3	Tariq Waris	February 21
Britton Hill	February 6	Kendal Rank	February 23
Sylvia Klick	February 9	Mary Ann Brubaker	February 23
Emily Vader	February 10	Suzanne Erikson	February 26
Liam Gustafson	February 11	Jon Dale	February 27
Angelina Waris	February 11	Mary Hulbert	February 27
Diana Dale	February 12	Katie Renard	February 28
Annabeth Rotz	February 14	Beth Shelly	February 28
Christi Gard	February 15	Tessa Walsh	February 29

### WEATHER POLICY

In case of inclement weather, the policy of DBiC is to cancel any morning activities if Northern York School District is on a 2-hour delay. This would not impact afternoon or evening activities. All activities will be canceled if the district is closed for the day or dismisses early due to the weather. If there are activities on the weekends or days when school is not in session, please check for radio and TV (ABC 27) announcements, or our website or mobile app for information regarding closures.



# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship	7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Poole's)		9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Faith Finders 6:30 pm Thrive 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise			Doulos Deadline
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