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The Doulos Monthly Newsletter

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Breakfast Conversations

By Naomi Smith

Our family has a tradition of eating a special breakfast together on Saturday mornings. On these occasions, Jason is the head cook and the kids are his capable assistants. Reuben grinds the coffee beans, Gloria cooks the bacon, and Miriam sets out the maple syrup. Pancakes are often on the menu, but we also enjoy French toast, waffles, and crepes we sprinkle with lemon juice and powdered sugar. This year our breakfasts have included a friend's homemade apple butter, Nana's rhubarb sauce, and sweet strawberries that Jason grows in the Milton Hershey School hydroponic greenhouse.

I deeply appreciate the gift of this delicious food, but my favorite part comes after the meal, when the coffee cups have been emptied and the Nutella spoon has been licked clean. More often than not, Saturday breakfasts are our time to linger together, to allow our thoughts and emotions to seep out after the hustle and bustle of the week. Sometimes we will read a Psalm or the next page of a devotional book. Other times we will ask an open-ended question. What's on your bucket list? What do you wonder about? How do you feel about this situation? What does God say about this?

As I look back over years of Saturday breakfast conversations, I recognize these for the holy ground that they are. In this space, we have processed difficult realities and articulated precious hopes. We have wrestled with differing family cultures and firmed up theological foundations. In this space, everyone's voice matters. We work hard at making room for sadness and anger. Sometimes we get riled up over inconsequential things—for example, we recently had an argument about how many things is "a few." The fight may have been silly, but the words were weighty, and we learned a valuable lesson about how to treat one another when we disagree.

In the Gospels, lots of good, hard conversations happen around meals. Jesus is a lingerer, unafraid of taking his time and allowing a discussion to unfold as it will. He steers the conversation toward what matters most, but he does not weigh in on every point of contention in his world (or ours). Instead, Jesus models a way of being in the world. He asks questions; he tells stories; he persists in getting to the heart of things. Jesus doesn't defend

himself, but he does defend the dignity of the outcast. He remains grounded in Scripture but also sensitive to the Spirit.

Jesus' approach to discipleship appears to be more about proximity than program, more about life lived together than a list of topics to cover. As much as I love the Bible studies, Sunday School classes, and other intentional discipleship endeavors of the body of Christ, they only represent part of what Jesus offers to his friends. He also provides Saturday morning breakfasts: unhurried hours, honest conversations, and room to make mistakes.

The ministry leaders of our church have been pondering what it would look like to encourage intentional friendships in and outside of our congregation. We recognize that—like Jesus' model of discipleship—this needs to be more about proximity than program. How do we facilitate the building of genuine friendships with one another? How do we cultivate relationships with our unchurched neighbors? How do we make space for connection?

If you have ideas or insights to share, feel free to talk to me or any of the ministry leaders. While we ponder this together, my hope is that you will have the courage to reach out to someone soon and say, "How about breakfast?" You never know where the conversation may lead. :)



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Hey kids, Save the Date for VBS!



Mark your calendars for a "Treasured" Vacation Bible School on the evenings of **July 19-22** (Monday to Thursday) out in our green space.

We'll enjoy songs, games, crafts and more while learning about the lives of Biblical characters like David, Hezekiah, Esther, and Peter.

Come on a jungle quest to discover that you are priceless to God!



Join us at Corner Life!

Come to our green space for dinner and stay for songs, games and family-friendly devotions. A no-cost meal will be served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and eaten picnic-style, with activities to follow.

Our last Corner Life gathering is planned for **June 9**. Bring something to sit on and invite a friend to join you. These are fair weather-only events, but the meals will be available on a drive-through basis if the weather keeps us from gathering on the lawn.

If you have questions about the events, contact Naomi Smith (naomi@dillsburgbic.org), and if you are willing to help with cooking, serving food or cleaning up, contact Jaylene Shannon (localoutreach@dillsburgbic.org).

June 9

Beef Hot Dogs
Chips
Baked Beans
Dessert

*Gluten-free options will be available.
Menu is subject to change.*

They will know...

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

By Jaylene Shannon

Here is a post from our neighbor's Facebook page.

If you were at our first Corner Life, you might recognize the food in this picture. We invited our friend Brian to come with us to Corner Life. His son wasn't feeling well so he was not able to come. However, there was leftover food so we brought him a meal. It seems he was able to feel what our yard sign says in a tangible way!

Loving isn't complicated. In fact some of the most practical things we do say more than we know!

Editor's Note: We would love to hear stories—or even a couple of sentences—from our DBIC church family about how you have blessed others or been blessed by others as you strive to love the Lord with all your heart and to extend that love to your neighbors. What questions or simple actions are helping you to get to know your neighbors and to share your faith in everyday life with them? What are you learning? What are they learning and sharing with you? Please email your stories to carolynkimmel@comcast.net.



Show the Love of God, take a sign!

If our neighbors are ever going to love God, they need to know how much he loves them.



With that thought in mind from 1 John 4, the DBIC Local Outreach Team ordered nifty signs that say “We love you” for us to put in our yards. The signs intentionally don’t say “God loves you” because Outreach Commission members hope the signs will serve as conversation starters when people ask just who does love them.

The purpose? To bring light and hope to all who walk or drive by the signs.

Your part? Take a sign and put it in your yard. If you can't pick one up at the church, the Outreach Commission will bring one to you. Just let Jaylene Shannon know.

And soon our community will see just how far and deep and long and high is the love of Christ!





2021 Dillsburg Area Church Softball League Schedule

DATE	GRANTHAM	HOPE GRACE	Bye
June 1	1-5	2-6	3,4,7,8
7	7-3	1-6	
8	4-8	2-5	
14	7-2	1-3	6
15	5-4	3-8	
21	1-7		4,6
22	8-2	5-3	
28	3-4	7-8	
29	2-1	5-6	
July 5	4-1		5,8
6	2-3	6-7	
12	7-5	8-6	1,3
13	4-2		
19	Field	6-4	1,2,3,7
20	Not Available	8-5	
26	Seed 1 Division 1 vs Seed 2 division 2	Seed 1 Division 2 vs Seed 2 division 1	
27	Championship Game		

Division 1

1. SEAS
2. Dillsburg BIC
3. PPC
4. Grantham

Division 2

1. TMH
2. Hope Grace
3. CCC
4. Shepherdstown





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~ *Messiah University Collaboratory Staff and Students*

*You are a ray of light and hope! Thank you for your kind and lovely gift. You are making a difference in lives!
~ *Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries*

*It's our 40th anniversary at Paxton Ministries, and we are joyfully giving thanks for the many lives that have been changed over these past four decades of service. Thank you for your donation! Your faithful support means a lot to us.
~ *Jodie Smiley, Executive Director, Paxton Ministries*

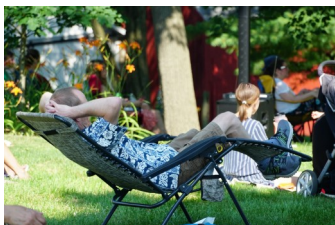


We welcomed Naomi Smith as an Associate Pastor and Esther Spurrier as Pastor of Congregational Care earlier this year. We are grateful for their devotion, compassion, knowledge and talents they offer to our congregation.



Reminder: Worship Services begin at 10:00am in our green space.

Please feel free to bring a comfortable chair or blanket to sit on! Leadership Council has decided that people do not need to wear masks for our outdoor gatherings. However, people should absolutely feel free to continue wearing masks if they want. Additionally, on Sundays when we move worship inside, the Fellowship Hall will be a mask-optional space, the Sanctuary will be mask-optional for vaccinated people, and the Orange Room will require masks. What may help in keeping the present policies clear is to think of each of the floors of the building going from the most restrictive in the basement to the least restrictive in the fellowship hall. We have also increased the sanctuary limit to 100 in attendance. When people gather for meetings inside the church building, the sanctuary policy will be in effect, which means that masks are optional for those who are vaccinated.





WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES


Rob & Chris Douglass	June 1	Randy & Wendy Zwally	June 22
Chad & Em Brubaker	June 11	Tony & Deb Monko	June 25
Jason & Naomi Smith	June 11	Vern & bj Martin	June 25
Joe & Kathy Bennett	June 11	Chuck & Deb Hill	June 26
John & Esther Spurrier	June 13		
Bob & Carmy Hess	June 14		
Mark & Cindy Burkholder	June 16		
Randy & Sue Fish	June 16		
Scott & Chris Eyster	June 16		
Dave & Joyce Jones	June 17		
Kenji & Meghan Kanazawa	June 20		



Jim Spurrier	June 3	Brent Whitesel	June 22
Donna Stoudnour	June 4	Isabella Moesch	June 23
Jill Poole	June 4	Zoe Kamin	June 24
Jared Beachy	June 5	Joyce Jones	June 24
Becca Douglass	June 6	Russ Erich	June 24
Oswald Miller	June 8	Emily Sowers	June 25
Krishana Brubaker	June 10	Jese Brubaker	June 27
Carmy Hess	June 12	Emily Brubaker	June 28
Carolyn Kimmel	June 13	Karen Pomeroy	June 29
Brianna Eyster	June 17	Tim VanDyke	June 30
Sue Lawver	June 19		



June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 pm ZOOM Gathering	3 6:30 pm Fresh Hope meeting (Orange Room) 7:30 pm ZOOM Prayer Gathering	4	5
6 10:00 am Worship	7	8 Doulos Deadline	9 5:00 pm Corner Life	10 6:30 pm Fresh Hope meeting (Orange Room) 6:30 pm ZOOM Human Trafficking Meeting 7:30 pm ZOOM Prayer Gathering	11	12
13 10:00 am Worship	14 7:00 pm ZOOM Even If..Women's study	15	16 6:30 pm ZOOM Gathering	17 6:30 pm Fresh Hope meeting (Orange Room) 6:30 pm ZOOM Leadership Council 7:30 pm ZOOM Prayer Gathering	18 6:30 pm ZOOM Deacon Meeting	19
20 10:00 am Worship	21	22	23 6:30 pm ZOOM Gathering	24 6:30 pm Fresh Hope meeting (Orange Room) 7:30 pm ZOOM Prayer Gathering	25	26 9:00 am Prayer Walking
27 10:00 am Worship	28 7:00 pm ZOOM Even If..Women's study	29	30 6:30 pm ZOOM Gathering			

These events subject to change. Stay tuned for information from DBIC on any canceled or rescheduled events.