

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## PASTOR'S PEN:

**What does it look like for DMC to share God's abundant grace?**

We share God's overflowing abundant grace by the power of His Spirit.

Our theme for this year begins with the word, "we" and that means you and me; that means us as a community of faith, DMC. That means God is sending **us** out to share his grace in lots of diverse ways, lots of various places with lots of different people.

2 Corinthians 5:20, *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."* This scripture reminds us of our part in the kingdom of God as God's representatives to share his love and grace in the world.

Celebrating the resurrection of Christ is a reminder of being sent. When Jesus met Mary in the garden on that first day, John's gospel says Jesus told her to "go and tell." There are so many ways to share God's amazing grace, so many ways to "go and tell."

But do you know where DMC is going? Do you know how God is using your fellow DMC participants? Do you know who they are connecting with? I believe we can be inspired when we see all the ways God is using us to share his abundant grace.

During the months of April and May, you are invited to take a photo(s) of yourself in some of the places where God is giving you opportunity to share his grace. It may be a workplace, a neighborhood, a



family setting, a school, a place you like to play, but the important thing is that you are being used **by God with people in that place**. God is sending us to be his representatives in the world and that will look different for each of us.

After you take the photos, send them to Kristine in the office here at DMC and she will print the photo to post around our theme poster in the sanctuary. Be sure to name the place where you serve. And please don't hesitate to share more than one photo over the next several months.

As we stop and look at the photos, we can pray for each other and give thanks for God's grace being shared in so many ways. And perhaps it will open your eyes to the many ways God is using you in your setting. We are given the same command that Jesus gave to Mary on that day of resurrection, "Go and tell." What does that look like for DMC? You are invited to come and see as we share photos of God's goodness in all the places God is sending us.

- Pastor Sandy

**COMING UP :  
SOME SPECIAL  
DATES**

**Birthdays**

Mark Reiff 4/9  
Amber Youssef 4/14  
Sandra Maldonado 4/25  
Cesar Garrido 4/29  
Cindy Strauch 5/3



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**FROM THE CARE TEAM**



The Care Team met on March 17 by Zoom, focusing on Isaiah 53, with our discussion centering round its connection to the care-giving ministry.

A couple of my takeaways were that it's a prophetic passage foretelling of Christ's suffering and atonement for our sins; the fact that it was a selfless act, which is the cornerstone and foundation of our faith, caregiving often involves selfless actions to care for individuals who require special needs to be fulfilled.

We continue to remember our church family in prayer for multiple individuals and how best to discern and be aware of needs with the availability and usage of the compassion fund.

- Gary Garges for the Care Team (Sandy Landes and Freida Myers)

**A MISSIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

DMC went on a missional journey 15 years ago that greatly influenced my understanding of living in my community. I have been feeling Jesus' call to build relationships in my community, where I live, work and play. I have been especially drawn to the disc golf community.

Over the past several years, I have spent time with God listening and clarifying what that means. I also have invited others to discern with me, recently meeting with the DMC Zoom prayer group. I am writing to share with our congregation that I will be joining the local Lehigh Valley Disc Golf Club two Sunday mornings a month for their weekly club event.

I believe my calling is to build relationships with this community so people learn to know Jesus, especially those on the fringes and to serve the club by doing maintenance work on the South Mountain course. I am blessed and grateful to be part of a faith community like DMC and ask for your prayers as I follow Christ's leading.



- Steve Landes

## MARCH WORSHIP



March 1 - Mike Ford's message centered around the themes of despair and hope, His text came from Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, and the prayers of lament that Jesus offered. Mike reminded us of the need to lament when we suffer, and the need to cry, to be honest about our pain and to live into the grief. We receive comfort when we mourn through the faith community, through tears, through the touch of caring people and being honest. God is still redemptive and active in our suffering.

March 8 - Hedy Matahelamual spoke about his heritage in Eastern Indonesia and the meaning of his name. He talked about citizenship. The gospel is now global and includes citizens of many countries, but we are tourists and pilgrims here and our real citizenship is in heaven.



March 15 - Table Fellowship: We gathered around tables in the fellowship hall to talk about our theme of God's overflowing abundant grace. We focused on Jesus' words that whoever drinks the water he gives them will never thirst. We talked about trusting in his abundance even when we feel dry and thirsty.

March 22 - Rob Arner gave us a two-page background on the Prophet Isaiah and His Context. He'll continue to refer to it in future sermons. His sermon title was, Devastation and Consolation from Isaiah 1. The "Word of the Lord" became flesh. It is a powerful expression of our God. It always comes to pass and endures forever. We must return to the



original plan of God – wash ourselves clean, seek justice, respond when he says, come.

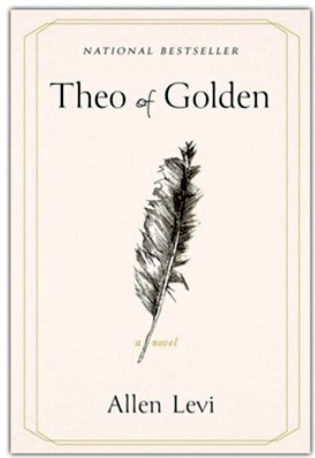
March 29 - Mark Reiff spoke to us about courage. Courage is having hope in spite of adversity. Adversity is our opportunity to become what God is calling us to be. Our courage is based on God's provision and his love.

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## KAREN'S PLACE - "Doylestown's only underground Christian Café"

Next dates: April 18 & May 2 - check the church bulletin boards for more information.





## FROM THE LIBRARY: Book Review

Recently, Theo of Golden by Allen Levi was added to the library. Theo arrives from New York to Golden where he is charmed by this small town, and enjoys a good coffee in a small coffee shop called The Chalice. As he looks about he is drawn to portraits, 92 of them, along the wall, in pencil on white paper, so detailed, revealing to him a story, a life. He talks to Shep, the owner, who also does not know why more portraits are not sold. Theo thinks about how people and homes would be enriched and the artist encouraged if they were purchased. An idea emerges; he buys one and then proceeds to find a way to meet the woman and give her the portrait.

He listens to her story and tells her she is strong, brave and kind. After that meeting he seeks another portrait which draws to him. Theo sees so much of the person from the skill of the artist who captured the mood and temperament of the person in addition to the physical characteristics. Theo continues to meet each recipient, hear their story and encourage them. It's a story hard to put down and worth re-reading. This book was highly recommended as an audio book for anyone who prefers that way of "reading."

- Freida Myers, Librarian

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## PARTING THOUGHT

God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace.

- II Corinthians 9:8 (CE)



## A LITTLE NOTE FROM SUZIE CHURCHMOUSE

More fellowship in the Fellowship Hall this month! Sharing Table on March 4, Table Fellowship on the 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday School classes in between. It's looking more lively around here.

**Deadline** for submitting items for the May issue of News & Views:  
**April 28, 2026**

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