

PASTOR'S PEN

Spring time is my second favorite season of the year. I enjoy seeing little signs of life that declare winter is losing its grip. I know it will not be long before nature will be transformed into lush green and budding plants. The blooming of the forsythia is often one of the first signs of this transformation. As nature goes through this transformation, Spring is also the time of year when we celebrate Easter.

Having waited for God to appear during this season of Lent, I now want to focus our attention on the resurrection. Beyond the great joy and hope the resurrection provides, the resurrection transforms our perspective. I invite us to consider this transformation as declared by the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians.

“For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.”

We are invited to view all people through the lens of Jesus' death and resurrection. According to this teaching, Jesus died for all; therefore all have died. We so easily look at outer appearance and such things as skin color, age, beauty, clothing, piercings, and so on. Because of the resurrection, we are invited to look at people that Jesus loved enough to die for them.

The resurrection declares that every person is worthy. To act or suggest differently is to live as though Jesus remains in the tomb.

I look forward to the full arrival of spring. I anticipate celebrating the resurrection on Easter morning. I pray for the grace and courage to be transformed to see all people through the lens of Jesus' death and resurrection.

-Pastor Randy

BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy Pride	4/1
Louise Beyer	4/2
Mark Reiff	4/2
Sandra Maldonado	4/25
Richard Rush	4/26
Cesar Garrido	4/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Grace Snyder 4/3

KAREN'S PLACE

Doylestown's only Underground Christian Café.
Open on the first and third Saturday nights, 7:00 to
10:30 featuring live Christian artists and bands.

May 4 - Danny Shipley with Abby Zeo

CELEBRATING EASTER

Our Easter celebration opens on Friday, April 18 @
7:00 pm with a service of waiting, listening for God
in the midst of darkness and doubt. On Sunday
Morning, April 21, 8:30 am to 9:30 am there will be
breakfast in the fellowship hall, then at 10:00 am we
gather for worship. We will celebrate with music,
communion and in a variety of other ways to experi-
ence the refreshment and hope of Easter.

A BIG, BIG DAY

On Friday afternoon, March 22, Phil Zeo Jr. and
Hannah Donahue assembled family and friends at
church for a long-awaited special occasion. They
had piano music by KrisAnne, readings by family
members, and said their wedding vows with Pas-
tor Randy. Afterward they greeted everyone in
attendance with the broadest of joyful smiles. We
congratulate them!



FROM THE LIBRARY

Approximately 50 books were checked out during
the first three months of this year. Watch for some
new books in the next few weeks. Keep reading.

—Freida Myers

FROM THE COMUNITY GARDEN

This winter we lost our oldest community garden
member, Bill Grun, known for the beautiful flowers
he grew (and biking to the garden) passed away at
99 years young. His vivacious spirit will be missed.
Head Gardener Dave Horne also lost his wife this
winter. She was a wonderful supporter of the gar-
den and always provided bountifully for the pot-luck
meals we shared. Please keep Dave in your thoughts
as he has had some medical concerns himself,
though lately he has gotten good reports, has been
feeling better and continue to be a great asset to
the garden and the community as a whole through
all his service! He has started some of this year's
seeds at home and reports the plants are coming
along nicely and we may be able to put in some of
the cold-hardy varieties soon. Lettuce seeds can be
planted this week and potatoes may be next in the
first few weeks of April.

We've been cleaning up and preparing existing
beds, while some new raised beds have been built
and are being filled with soil - getting ready for
planting the best garden ever!

REPORT FROM THE CARE TEAM

The DMC Care Team had our monthly meeting on Monday, March 25. We started things off with a scripture focus - John 14: 15 - 27. In this, Jesus reminds us that the Advocate (the Holy Spirit) will teach us all things and remind us of everything he has said to us. We found it inspiring to know that this reminder will be there for us if we listen for it.

We then reflected on the purpose of the care team, which is to equip the church. In the past, there have been classes like Opening the Door, medical decisions, etc. These have been valuable for those who attended. Looking forward, what learning activities is God wanting for us? Have you sensed God's direction on this? The Care Team will continue to focus on this, listening to the Holy Spirit, and waiting on God.

Kendrick Garrido for the Care Team

Randy Heacock, Robin Miller, Kendrick Garrido,
Freida Myers and Sandy Landes

SECOND SUNDAY SENSATION

March 10 was another big second Sunday sensation program in the primary department. Rick Mikula, The Butterfly Guy, brought a big display of butterflies, and also some live ones to watch in their special cage.

The next Sunday Sensation takes place on April 7, when Steve and Dotti Seitz bring The Puppet and Story Works. They'll have Harold the Hark Angel, with Fucia Monster, Zoe Myway and friends telling the Easter story - a great time of fun for the children and their families.

Susie Church Mouse writes:

Second Sundays have been really wonderful around here. It's good to see the excitement of the children at those special programs. (I kept away from those reptiles but the butterflies were the prettiest things.) I LOVE Easter breakfast and hope to see the tables filled on Easter Sunday. It's great to see so many folks down here enjoying the fellowship (The food is good, too, of course.)



DEADLINE: for submitting items for the May 5 News & Views: April 30, 2019

PARTING THOUGHT:

As the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations. Isaiah 61:11

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