

## PASTOR'S PEN

Pastor Randy didn't write this month (Pastors are busy, too!) Instead, as we think of "Incarnational Living" we can ponder this item that appeared in News & Views a number of years ago.

### I SAW JESUS

I saw Jesus last week. He was wearing blue jeans and an old shirt. He was up at the church building working hard. For just a minute he looked a little like one of our members. But it was Jesus; I could tell by his smile.

I saw Jesus last Sunday. He was teaching a Bible class. He didn't talk real loud or use long words, but you could tell he believed what he said. For just a minute, he looked like my Sunday School teacher. But it was Jesus; I could tell by his loving voice.

I saw Jesus yesterday. He was at the hospital visiting a friend who was sick. They prayed together quietly. For just a minute he looked like Brother Jones. But it was Jesus; I could tell by the tears in his eyes.

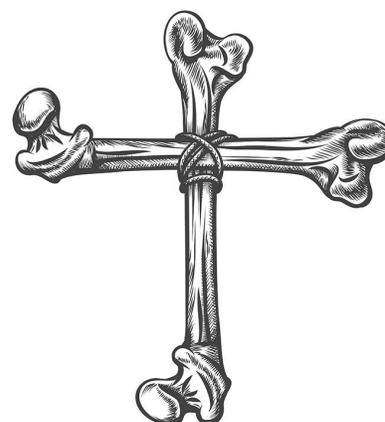
I saw Jesus this morning. He was in my kitchen making my breakfast and fixing me a special lunch. For just a minute he looked like my Mom. But it was Jesus; I could feel the love from his heart.



I see Jesus everywhere—Taking food to the sick, welcoming others to his home, or being friendly to a newcomer and for just a minute I think he's someone I know. But it is always Jesus; I can tell by the way he serves.

**MAY SOMEONE SEE JESUS**

**IN YOU TODAY!**



## Recent & Upcoming BIRTHDAYS

Glenn Wyble	10/6
Dean Bartels	10/6
Heidi Swartley	10/8
Freida Myers	10/17
Mumtaz Bonyad	10/20
Abram Landis	10/21
John Landis	10/24
Karl Strauch	10/28
Ronald Miller	10/31
Nancy Heacock	10/31
Sara Heacock	11/6

## October ANNIVERSARIES

Angel Mejias & Sandra Maldonado	10/3
Garry & Cyndi Landis	10/12

## **KAREN'S PLACE**

The coffee house re-opened on October 5 featuring Juliana Schnee, Also appearing was Lisa Reiff.

October 19th is Karen's Place 21st Anniversary. The band Constitution & Ninth will perform and there will be prizes and giveaways!

## **CHURCH CLEANING DAY**

Saturday morning, October 26th

Enjoy a few hours of working side by side with one another on some deep cleaning chores that will make our building shine. Refreshments and coffee will be provided.



## **FOR CHILDREN**

A new program for the Primary Sunday School Department is starting again on the second Sunday of November. "Second Sunday Sensation" (SSS) will take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m and will consist of magic, drama, animals, chalk art, snacks and more for children ages K to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information check out the church Facebook page, Instagram account, or our website.

## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Begins on October 13th during the Sunday School hour in room 201. This fall the group will be reading Sensible Shoes, by Sharon Brown. It's the story of four women who meet and form an unlikely but deeply meaningful sisterhood. Let KrisAnne know if you'd like to join the club and she will order a book for you.

## **FROM THE PRAYER CORNER...**

A few years ago, I preached a sermon on freedom and how knowing the truth sets us free. At the end of my sermon I invited the congregation to come to the front, pick up a piece of poster board and write a lie that keeps them from experiencing freedom. Then I asked them to turn over the poster and write the truth that God says to counteract the lie. I found those posters recently and the words written that day were powerful. Here are a few to ponder:

- **Lie:** Fear is helpful. **Truth:** God's truth casts out fear
- **Lie:** I need to meet others' expectations to be accepted. **Truth:** I am His beloved.
- **Lie:** I must perform well to be worthy of love  
**Truth:** God loves me no matter how I perform
- **Lie:** I can do it by myself. **Truth:** Jesus says, "Lo, I am with you always."
- **Lie:** I need to fix all family problems. **Truth:** God says, "Trust me."

There is a connection with prayer. What are the truths that God is speaking to you as you listen in prayer? What if we took the opportunity of coming to the prayer room and asking the prayer ushers to pray with us about a lie that we believe and asking for the truth to counteract that lie?

May we together grow in freedom as we learn to listen to the Holy spirit speaking truth to us.

Sandy Landes, Prayer Minister

## FROM THE CARE TEAM

Sandy Landes, Randy Heacock, Kendrick Garrido, Robin Miller and Freida Myers gathered as the Care Team on Monday, September 23. Randy led in an opening prayer. Our biblical focus was Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." In what ways can we see ourselves as a work of art or masterpiece. And can we see others that way also?

We talked about the relationship seminar being led by John Drescher-Lehman. The first session focused on "paying attention" to relationships and the second session was about acceptance. A third session will be on September 29. There will be a double header on October 6 which includes a session at 11 am, a lunch to be provided, and a final session from 12:30-1:15 pm. Approximately 45 have been attending.

Randy shared that the baptism/membership class included a variety of people from several generations. Randy circulated a paper he received at the mediation workshop he attended this summer which shows "Congregations as Emotional Systems: Differentiation of Self." Differentiation is defined as the capacity to act out of one's own beliefs and principles while staying in important relationships. Fusion is the degree to which one's functioning is dependent on and sensitive to important others.

We concluded our session with prayer for persons experiencing struggles or adjustments. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4.

-Freida Myers

## FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

A few new books are being added to the library this month. Karl Strauch is removing books from his home and offered to let us consider them for the church library. Some of them are devotional or Bible study books, which are needed for an extended period of time, not just three weeks checked out from the library. You are invited to come and check out the new books, as well as some donations on a separate shelf. Books will be taken to Care and Share if no one is interested.

-Freida Myers, Librarian

## PIG ROAST

On Saturday, September 21 we had a Pig Roast at our new pavilion, 3-7pm. As we gathered we enjoyed the enticing aroma, then watched Angel Mejias cut and serve it. (He's an expert; told us he did it in Puerto Rico at Christmas for 12 years.)



## PIG ROAST (CONTINUED)

In addition to the meat, there were rice and beans, cole slaw and potato salad, topped off with a variety of desserts we were invited to bring.



Some people brought table and lawn games to play, from board games to disc golf. There was even a flock of night-hawks flying overhead, to watch as they caught their own meal of insects hovering above.

The groups using our property were invited to join us and we enjoyed getting acquainted with those who came. The pavilion was nicely filled with people enjoying the food and conversation.



**DEADLINE** for submitting items to the November News & Views: **October 29th**

### PARTING THOUGHT—

Be like Jesus, this my song, in the home and in the throng;

Be like Jesus all day long; I would be like Jesus.

James Rowe (1865-1933)

---

**Pastor: Randy Heacock**

randy.heacock@doylestownmc.org

**Prayer Minister: Sandy Landes**

sandylandes1311@gmail.com

**Doylestown Mennonite Church**

**590 N. Broad Street**

**Doylestown, PA, 18901**

**Phone: 215.345.6377**

dmc@doylestownmc.org

**Newsletter Editor: Lois Myers**

Phone/Fax 215-794-8327

myersfm@juno.com

**Minister of Worship & Administration:**

**KrisAnne Swartley**

krisanne.swartley@doylestownmc.org