

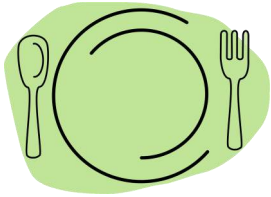
# NEWS & VIEWS

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## DISCIPLE'S PEN: Permission Granted



Permission Granted: two words that carry a lot of meaning. I often have ideas, some are good and some not so much. I often struggle to implement the good ideas. In

my experience having been given permission releases energy to move forward. Giving permission also adds layers of encouragement and accountability. I struggle to bring others on board with implementing ideas but by doing that miss the opportunity for connection with others and the strength that connection brings. Jesus sends out the disciples in pairs modeling for us the importance of that connection of doing His calling together. Jesus sends out the disciples before they were ready, while they were still rookies. He left space for them to try, to fail and to succeed. I hate to fail, to feel inadequate, to feel dumb and useless. Randy has always encouraged me to release the outcome to Jesus and to stay in the process. Jesus gives us that permission, he gave that to the disciples as well when he said you have seen what I did now you will do greater things. Our calling is not to the outcome but to obedience to the small day-to-day decisions that take us down the path that he is leading us. Are you willing to take the path he is leading you to, are you already on that path and maybe you don't realize that where you are is his path. Following Jesus is a lifestyle, meaning that all aspects of our life are defined by Christ. Following Jesus is not a separate action from our vocation, our leisure, our family, it's not just a Sunday thing, our quiet time thing no it's the thread that ties all the complexity of our life together. Following Jesus is accepting His permission to His calling. We as a body of believers also function as permission givers as we sit together

and discern His calling and then commission or release the energy to move forward. We commission to bestow permission and blessing. Are you willing to receive permission from our family here at DMC for your calling? How can we explore His calling together, I believe we all have a calling. Please read about the journey Judy Garrido has been on, starting with a strong desire to connect with the community of Doylestown and over several years is now taking shape soon as a monthly open meal for our community.

*"The purpose of the dinner church is to provide a good meal to members of the Doylestown community, to provide a safe place where healthy relationships can develop, and to bring Jesus to the community."*

*There will be various ways for members of DMC to participate, anything from preparing dishes ahead of time, helping to serve, telling a Jesus story between the meal and dessert, or simply being present to eat and share with those who come. Just being present to join in the meal with those who come will be a very valuable contribution.*

*The dinner church will take place the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm.*

*Joining in with the community meal at the Doylestown Presbyterian Church the other week confirmed that there are a lot of people thankful for a meal without cost. There were about 80 present that Sunday."*

Here is a great example of the process of following His calling and with discernment and permission the idea coming to fruition! The outcome will be in God's hands, we are only to be obedient in receiving and following.

- Steve Landes



## COMING UP : SOME SPECIAL DATES

### Birthdays

Sue Bartels 9/17  
Janice Wyble 9/20  
Don Heckler 9/24  
Joyce Zuzack 9/25

### Anniversaries

Mark & Lisa Reiff 9/15

## KAREN'S PLACE

After hosting an outdoor concert series on Monday nights in August, Karen's Place reopens on October 4 to celebrate the 26<sup>th</sup> year of coffeehouse ministry.

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## FROM THE CARE TEAM

The Care Team met on Tuesday, August 5. We looked at a Litany of Humility which lists thoughts/desires we may have which are not humble, like being honored, praised, or approved. We may also have fears of being wronged, ridiculed, or humiliated. The litany counters each of these with the phrase, "deliver me, O Jesus." Our Bible text was about worship from Psalm 100, including phrases like "He made us; we are His," and "His truth endureth to all generations." We continued our discussion of Dennis Edwards' book, humiliated illuminated. Chapter 7 is entitled "Worshiping, Glorifying God with Our Whole Selves." Worship is a way of life including our treatment of others. Worship is submission to God. Humble worship in practice means anyone is welcome and is treated with respect. He addresses some issues like seating, eating together and hospitality, reading the Scripture, and singing together.

Sandy asked for feedback about changing from a scripture for the month to a more brief inclusion in the weekly bulletin. That seems like a good change for now. We talked about the location for the annual church picnic; the terrain is difficult for those with mobility issues but it offers space for yard games and a pool. A negative is that there is no service at church that Sunday; what about the church property for the picnic? We have a number of meal kits prepared by Karen Youssel to be offered as an alternative to a gift card. Sandy had an inquiry but no kit has been picked up so far.

We prayed for those dealing with extra challenges, health issues, and the Pastoral Search Team. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2.

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

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## AUGUST WORSHIP

Our preacher on August 3 at the picnic was Sandy Landes. On August 10 we heard from David Lamb, who wrote a book about the emotions of God, pointing out how



much is written about them, especially God's sorrow and the weeping of Jesus. His wife Shannon Lamb gave two good messages on August 17 and 23. She focused on the story of Jesus' visit to the home of a Pharisee. She reminded us of the way we remember and enjoy aromas, and challenged us to live so that when we rub shoulders with people, they will say, "That smells like Jesus!"



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ DMC

## CHURCH PICNIC

On August 3 we gathered at Lost Acres for the annual church picnic. The weather was comfortable for the service on the basketball court. "Lunch" did not disappoint, as usual. The cooks at the grill prepared hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken. The meat was supplemented by various salads and other dishes, topped off by a delicious desserts. The pool was not a favorite place after the first few dips in the water – too cold, they said! It was no hindrance to good fellowship or games for everyone else.



## SENIOR PICNIC

Twenty four seniors enjoyed a potluck picnic on August 11 at the home of Lois and Freida Myers. The weather was all that could have been desired. The fellowship was delightful and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

## SOCCER CAMP

Learning while having fun! That's what soccer camp was about for an average of 27 kids each Saturday (a total of 37 attended over the 2 weeks). Quite a few of the children who came out this year were new to the camp. Their eagerness to learn was encouraging and made the camp very special. The coaches on the field established good rapport with the kids and parents alike. Skills were learned and truths about Jesus were shared. It was good to see the kids attentive during the Biblical application time. Knowing a candy would come hurling through the air when a question was answered helped maintain attention and prompted active participation by all. Snacks and a pizza/water ice lunch were enjoyed by kids and parents alike. It was good to be able to share in that way with all.

We are grateful for all who prayed for the camp and it's ministry, as well as those present to make it happen. Actively participating on the field were coaches Cesar, Kendrick, & Derrick Garrido, Kyle Brucker, and Steve Ewer.



Helping with registration, snacks, lunch, memory work prizes, and behind the scenes work were Kathy Heckler, Karen & Gideon Youssef, Cami & Layla Garrido, Judy Garrido and Kirk Garrido. All helped to make learning fun!



-Judy Garrido



# 5th SUNDAY DAY OF SERVICE

## Visit with Ray and Marge Swartley

We had a wonderful time visiting Ray and Marge Swartley, catching up on their life and sharing fellowship together. Judy, Cesar, Dave, Joyce, and Sue enjoyed meaningful conversation and a time of prayer and singing. It was a simple but rich time of encouragement, connection, and faith. We prayed, chatted, and enjoyed lunch together. Ray and Marge expressed their gratitude to the congregation for the prayers and support they've received throughout their health issues. - Susan Bartels and Joyce Zuzack

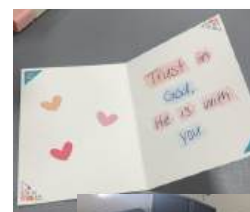


## Packing gift bags



toothbrush, soap, deodorant, etc.) as well as a little money, lollipops, candy, sticker sheets, and bubbles. The team also put together cards and put inside some great encouraging messages and handmade decorations! Over 50 care packages and cards were made! - Kendrick Garrido

We had a great turnout of 14 people to support putting together care packages for the children at the Egyptian orphanage that Maddy and Gideon Youssef will be visiting in late September. Included in the packages were toiletries (toothpaste,



## Worship at Harborview

Seven people went to Harborview Rehab and Care Center to lead in a worship service for the residents. In Sandy's absence Karl led the service and gave the message Sandy had prepared. The residents expressed great appreciation for the music and freely shared experiences. Comfort was given to one in particular need.

## 5th Sunday Feedback

One of the June 5th Sunday projects was making meals for the single mom families in the BuxMont Bridge of Hope program. As you know, Bridge of Hope (BOH) is now in our mission budget.

I delivered the June frozen meals and homemade cookies to BOH's office. The staff said the single moms in the program would be very appreciative, not just for the bit of economic support, but also for the psychological boost the meals provide, as well. The families feel that they are not struggling alone. As any parent can appreciate, it's one night when they don't have to come home from work, tired and frazzled, and figure out what to make for dinner!

These comments are inspiring to me. What seems like a relatively small gesture on our part can have a meaningful impact on someone else. Kindness and compassion abound when we follow Jesus' example. - Joyce Zuzack

## FROM THE LIBRARY: Book Review - The Emotions of God



God created us in His image. We obviously are prone to a wide variety of emotions. It seems quite logical then to assume that God also has a wide variety of emotions. David Lamb has a very talented way of describing them in detail using logic, examples, and occasionally some humor in a way that is easy to understand.

His credentials stated on the back cover are: “David T. Lamb is the Allan A. MacRae Professor of Old Testament and dean of faculty at the Missio Seminary in Philadelphia. He previously worked in campus ministry with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA and has taught extensively in various cross-cultural contexts.”

We recently were honored by having David and his wife present our sermon messages for three Sundays in a row at DMC in August.

I’m always amazed at how much God loves each one of us and richly blesses us in so many very thoughtful ways. We are all eternally grateful that Jesus is our rock and our faithful, caring shepherd ... and that God has recently used two Lambs to tell us more about His nature and ways to serve Him well.

Key takeaways I got from reading David Lamb’s book are these quotes:

- \* **Emotions are Divine** – *(All quotes from Psalms)*
- \* **Hatred** – “I **hate** and abhor falsehood, but I **love** your law.” (v. 163)
- \* **Wrath** – “**Hot indignation** seizes me because of the wicked, who forsake the law” (v. 53)
- \* **Jealousy** – “My **zeal** consumes me, because my foes forget your words.” (v. 139)
- \* **Sorrow** – “My soul melts away for **sorrow**; strengthen me according to your word! (v. 136)
- \* **Joy** – “Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the **joy** of my heart.” (v. 111)
- \* **Compassion** – “Great is your **mercy**, O LORD; give me life according to your rules.” (v. 156)
- \* **Love** – “For I find my delight in your commandments, which I **love**.” (v. 47)

### The emotions of the people of God

“In the world of the Bible, God and God’s leaders are quite emotional. Emotions never hindered them in their leadership, in fact it enhanced their ability to lead. The best leaders don’t squelch emotions. They aren’t afraid to feel them, talk about them, and publicly express them.”

May God richly bless you as read David’s book. - Karl Strauch

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submitting  
items for the  
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## PARTING THOUGHT

“Follow the path of Jesus, walk where his footsteps lead ...”

- Hymns and Tunes, 1880

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