

# NEWS & VIEWS

June 2, 2024

Volume 23 No. 6

*Doylestown Mennonite Church*

## PASTOR'S PEN

Today the Zoom prayer group read Psalm 96, a praise psalm. It mentions several times, "God's glory." Sometimes I have heard that phrase and wondered what it meant. I know it is related to God's majesty and power, but it seems too big for me to understand. We may associate God's glory with the awesome sunset, the majestic mountains, or an amazing healing. I wonder if God's glory is way more evident in our ordinary and mundane lives than we realize.

Steve and I attended the Cross Gen conference at Spruce Lake this past winter. The speaker, Terry Ishee, pointed us to Habakkuk 2:14, "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God." Terry reminded us the glory of God is all around us; what is missing is our awareness of it.

What does the glory of God look like? I believe the potential for God's glory is everywhere we live in a broken world, yes in a broken world. God's will is for us to see his glory when his peace, joy and wholeness is being experienced, when God's goodness gets lived out in all kinds of ways. I encourage us to consider how God's glory is present even when people don't acknowledge or know God. His glory fills the earth.

Is the glory of God something that is present much more than we realize, just as Habakkuk writes? So I wonder what it would be like to go on an adventure this month and look for the glory of God ...

Here are some questions that might help you to grow in your awareness:

- \* Where do I see God's goodness today?
- \* What did I observe today that demonstrated peace and joy in someone's life?
- \* With whom might I share a story of God's glory?

Psalm 96: 7, Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. (TNIV), but I like this version, "Recognize that the LORD is glorious and strong." (NLT)

My prayer this month is that we all go on a mission to grow in our awareness of God's glory showing up in our lives, in the ordinary, in the daily rhythms, encounters and relationships we have. I would like to hear your stories of how you see the glory of God, where you notice the peace, joy and love of God being expressed often in unexpected places and in people you weren't anticipating would show you the kingdom of God.

Have fun looking for God's glory!

- Pastor Sandy Landes



## COMING UP ... SOME SPECIAL DATES

### Birthdays

Camille Garrido 6/5  
Noah Gidley 6/6  
Sushma Nafziger 6/8  
Grace Landes 6/7  
Madison Youssef 6/9  
Savannah Youssef 6/17  
Ronda Histan 6/21  
Ray Swartley 6/28  
Rebecca Landes 7/1  
Gary Garges 7/2  
Jim Beyer 7/6

### Anniversaries

Randy & Nancy Heacock 6/5  
Karl & Cynthia Strauch 6/15  
John & Sara Faye Moyer 6/16  
Don & Kathy Heckler 6/20  
Cesar & Judy Garrido 7/1



### KAREN'S PLACE COFFEEHOUSE

Doylestown's only underground Christian cafe. June 1 was the annual Hawaiian night and featured the Eddy Mann Band. No other events are scheduled for June and July. Look for events on Monday nights in August at 7 pm.

### FROM THE CARE TEAM

*The Care Team will meet  
next on June 4.*



### TABLE FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, May 26 we gathered around tables in the fellowship hall. We joined others at a table marked for our birth month to discuss some challenging questions related to recent Sunday sermons.

## FROM THE LIBRARY: *The Beginning of the Story* by Timothy Geddert

This book encourages everyone to include the Old Testament in their Bible Reading. It shows how God is portrayed in the Old Testament as Faithful Creator, Ultimate Victor, The One Who Blesses, Great Deliverer, and Covenant Keeper. We learn more about Jesus as we read the Old Testament as Jesus did, and see his life as fulfillment of what the Old Testament taught. The author reminds us that the New Testament is a continuation of the Old Testament story, but not its conclusion. Reading both Old and Testaments gives us a more complete understanding of God's faithfulness in his ongoing dealings with mankind.



- Lois Myers



### A VISIT WITH JOHN

Mary Leatherman and Joyce Zuzack recently spent a very pleasant afternoon with John Moyer at the Souderton Mennonite Home. A special bonus of the visit was getting out into the sunshine, which John really enjoyed.

**Deadline for  
submitting items for  
the July issue of  
News & Views:  
July 2, 2024**

### PARTING THOUGHT:

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

Early Christian doxology, adapt. Paul Vasile

**Pastor: Randy Heacock**

randy.heacock@doylestownmc.org

**Pastor of Prayer & Pastoral Care:  
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

**Office Administrator:  
Kristine McClain**

kristine.mcclain@doylestownmc.org