

# PRC CONNECTIONS

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### ***Bonhoeffer-Discipleship Part 3***

We have already considered the two approaches to discipleship which Bonhoeffer deemed not to be discipleship at all. These are following Christ on one's own terms, and following Christ through legalism. There is only one way to respond to the call to discipleship and that is what we will consider in this last installment.

Obedience is the only possible response to Jesus' call to follow. "Follow me, walk behind me." It's not a goal, it's not a program. It's nothing an individual can implement. It's not about what we will get out of it. There are no accolades or grand displays of gratitude. Following Christ is to follow for the "sake of following the call," nothing more nothing less. It is a massive risk. Disciples are called to step out of their previous forms of existing. It means that "former things are left behind." We are to move forward always following Christ, and *without* all of our expectations and existential baggage in tow. It means living moment by moment with a person was known for speaking in cryptic language and confronting those in power who were steeped in injustice and oppression.

It means that the doing of things as they had been are completely given up. We lose those things which we once clung to as our security in life. We step out from security into "complete insecurity." We step into the unforeseeable and abandon those things that were foreseeable. We step out from this "calculable realm" into one that is incalculable. We step out from the "realm of limited possibilities into the realm of unlimited possibilities." When we enter into such a relationship with the living Christ and when we follow Jesus in this way; then we are following the call of Christ. There is no place to fall in life's path and travails save into his arms should we stumble, as all other things have be left behind in our obedience to the call of Jesus.

The "call to discipleship is a commitment solely to the person of Jesus Christ." Lest we take Bonhoeffer the wrong way here, we should also note that while discipleship is a commitment solely to Christ, it does not mean that Christianity can ever be a "Jesus and me" and that's it proposition. While discipleship links us with Christ alone our Christian vocation (and everyone one of us who are Christ's disciples have one!) arises from that relationship. And this vocation means radical obligation to the Body of Christ (the Church) and unfailing faithful service to the world.

Peace,

Pastor Eric



### ***Warm Clothes Give Away***

On Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. the Williamson fire hall will be all decked out with gently used clothes to give to the less fortunate in the community. The bible study group has been collecting items already and because of your generosity we have many things to give to people who need them. We will continue to collect new/and or gently used clothing for all ages, including boots, shoes, coats or anything else you might need or want to contribute. Bedding is also an item we find that people need and are so grateful for. Please place your items in Fellowship Hall. A big thanks in advance for all the ways you show the love of God in this project.

### ***DATE CHANGE FOR THE HARVEST SUPPER!!!***

Due to many activities scheduled in our community our Harvest Supper scheduled for this Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> will be changed to **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. If possible, please bring a dish or two to share and your own table service. Following dinner, the Oasis Mission Team will give a more in-depth presentation of their mission in Croatia including more pictures and stories. If you would like a ride to dinner and home following the program, please sign up on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall or contact the church office at 315-589-2703 or [prc@pultneyville.org](mailto:prc@pultneyville.org).





Our Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Pies are needed for a reception following worship. Please sign up on the board in Trinity Hall if you can supply a pie.



### ***Congregational Meeting***

***Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>***

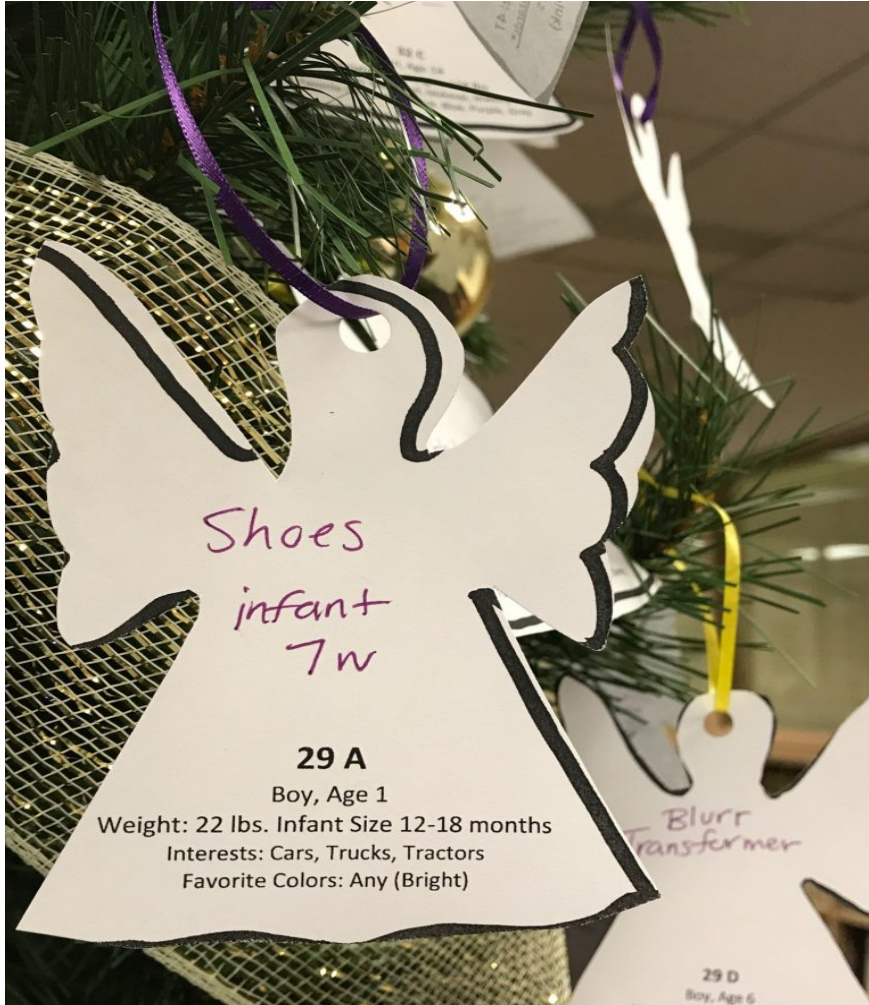
***Following Worship***

### ***Financial Report***

***1/1/22 – 9/30/22***

	Starting Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Operating Fund	0	110,951.93	137,188.10	-26,236.17
Benevolent Fund	0	19,879.62	15,476.75	4,402.87
Capital Improvement	19,798.81	11,089.31	.00	30,888.12

***Women's Retreat 2023***  
***February 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>***  
***Camp Fowler – Chi Rho House***



### *Angel Tree*

Our Angel Tree will be set up in Trinity Hall by Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and will be filled with angels bearing the gender, age and gift ideas for a particular person or family. It is also filled with food items for the families. We will be sponsoring four families this year. Please consider taking an angel or food item from the tree and shopping for the person/family listed on it. There is a box under the tree for monetary donations which will be used to buy gifts and food that have not been spoken for. All of the gifts, wrapped and with the angels attached to the outside of the gift need to be returned under the tree by noon on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Food items should be left on the table in Fellowship Hall by the same date. Consistory members will deliver the food and gifts to the families.

### ***Two Job Opportunities at PRC***

After faithfully serving PRC for over 27 years as sextons, Fred and Marlene have decided to retire and our church secretary Karen Manahan, also after faithfully serving PRC for over 31 years has decided to retire. If you or anyone you know are interested in knowing more about or interested in applying for the position of sexton or church secretary, please call the church office at 315-589-2703 or email to [prc@pultneyville.org](mailto:prc@pultneyville.org).

### ***November Liturgists***

6	Charlotte Buehler
13	Matthew Yost
20	Kate Orbaker
27	John Manahan

### ***Editor Needed for Our Newsletter***

An Editor opportunity for our newsletter PRC Connections. We thank Sara Scileppi for being the editor of PRC Connections but due to equipment compatibility she will no longer be able to hold this position. If you would like to be our editor or would like more information, please contact Karen in the church office.

*Oasis Croatia: Opportunity to Pamper*

## **PRC pillowcases, socks, etc. leave hint of God's love**

**By Nancy Titus, Missions Chair**

When I tell you that the Oasis conference serves a major role in helping women in hard ministry places continue, I am not exaggerating.

This year's team from PRC not only encouraged the 50 women who attended, but also put a new step of joy into the hearts of the five Croatia-side steering committee members, some of whom were about ready to throw in the towel on the whole enterprise.

We heard comments like, "I had thought maybe this conference had outlived its purpose," and then, "Oasis was resurrected!" The latter a tearful admission that something they longed for had returned.

This was from the women who work hard behind the scenes to organize the facility, speakers, and program. They had become weary with the many details. But, our group, ready to serve them as well as the others, helped re-invigorate them. Now they can continue the Oasis conference for the benefit of ministry work in Croatia for years to come.

That's what your support of this mission has done for women ministering in and around Croatia.

You have and will continue to hear from our women about those they met, ministered to, and were inspired by. They want to tell their stories, and I hope you want to hear them. The experience was an exhausting but rich one for them all.

From my position as the leader of the PRC team, I can tell you God's hand was in it from beginning to end! Even the upsetting disruption in our flights couldn't dampen the resolve of our women.

Amy Burdett did yeoman's work by staying in contact with our travel agent and Delta/KLM — hours upon hours on the phone! — to make sure the team could get beyond Amsterdam and into Croatia.

Even when we ended up 250 miles from where we wanted to go, in Zagreb, the capital, rather than the seaside of Split, Amy stepped up, with a truly joyful servant's heart, to drive the van. That drive took another seven hours of traveling — after the team had been moving for more than 31 hours!

Yeah, it was rough. The return was also brutal as we had to give up our last night in the hotel and instead made a long day of traveling the coast to get back to Zagreb for a 5:45 a.m. flight. International check-in requirements meant we could not get a hotel in Zagreb either. So, the return trek was literally 44 hours in duration!

But that aside, our women are full of joy themselves in what God did through them, in thankfulness for getting to meet such wonderful servants of Christ, and for the chance to represent you on mission.

One of the surprise God-encounters for me was a connection Valerie and I made with a former student. We had arranged for Daniel Vuga and his wife, Marijana, to drive us from our planned arrival in Zagreb east to Osijek, where we spent a few days before the team arrived. I wanted to learn more about the Vugas' work with the homeless in the capital city. Then Marijana herself was able to be a guest of ours at the conference, something desperately needed after her years of constant 15-hour days! She was thrilled with the many homemade touches of love prepared by our congregation and drank in the fellowship with other servants of God working in her country.

Yes, you should be so proud of your Oasis Team!!





### ***Family Promise Update***

Family Promise of Wayne County continues to be in great demand of services provided. There are currently 28 families on the waiting list to enter the temporary housing/apartment program. The ROTH Program also continues to be in demand with record numbers of inquiries coming in each week.

We celebrate a graduation on November 1st! Sam and his four children have been in the program for eight months. This is a significant period of time. He was ready well within the normal 90-120 day "limit" the program was designed for but his obstacle was finding an affordable and safe place that could accommodate his family. Sam currently resides in one of the apartments that we rent from landlord Sean Dobbins. Sean has been very impressed with Sam and his upkeep of the apartment during his stay. Sean recently found out that he would have a rental unit becoming available that was large enough for Sam's family and notified Sam and FPWC. Sean really wanted to keep Sam as a tenant based on the past eight months and so Sam and his family will be moving in next week! Congratulations to Sam for all of his hard work and thank you to Sean for supporting Family Promise and our families!

Thank you to those that supported FPWC during Family Promise Week! If you wanted to donate but missed it, the deadline is October 31st and can be found at <https://www.nightwithoutabed.org/organizations/family-promise-of-wayne-county-ny>

We also have a holiday auction coming up November 11th - 20th. The link to view and bid on those items will be <https://www.32auctions.com/basketsofhope>.

PRC will next be supporting East Palmyra CRC's "host" week the week of December 4th.

As always, we thank you for your continued support. Everyone has different talents and gifts. Here are some ways you can support us if you want to but aren't sure how or where to start:

- Prayer
- Join a committee
- Contact the DRC to find out volunteer opportunities (or propose one of your own if you have one!)
- Order through Amazon Smile and choose us as the benefactor if you are an Amazon shopper
- View our Amazon Wish List for needed items (<https://a.co/6eDSsyZ>)

### ***Our Missionaries***

#### **Nathan & Nozomi Brownell**

Kenneth, Raymond, Luke

**Japan**

[www.rca.org/brownell](http://www.rca.org/brownell)

#### **Felipe & Janelle Silva**

Luca, Sofia, Mila

**Romania**

[www.rca.org/silva](http://www.rca.org/silva)

### ***Communion***

#### ***Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>***

The November Communion Offering is designated to be used to buy our missionaries Christmas gifts.

#### ***Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>***

The Missions Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Come-Unity Center. Baskets are available in Trinity Hall and Shalom Lounge for your donations.

## **Caring Hands**



### **November Meeting Dates**

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.

In November, Caring Hands will be making fleece hats, mittens, scarves and headbands and also Christmas gifts for our shut-ins. Come join us!!



## Our Homebound Church Family



Marilyn Bixby

Wayne County Nursing Home

1529 Nye Road

Lyons, NY 14489

**Birthday: March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Anne Hotchkiss

1340 Parkwood Drive

Apt. 240

Macedon, NY 14502

**Birthday: September 21<sup>st</sup>**

Don DeMarree

900 Cherry Ridge Blvd.

The Glen – Apt. 118

Webster, NY 14580

**Birthday: April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Alice Morgan

2301 Lake Road

Ontario, NY 14519

**Birthday: March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Louise Hermetet

Victor Views

1440 Rt. 444

Victor, NY 14564

**Birthday: September 25<sup>th</sup>**

Ruth Naylor

Maplewood Nursing Home

100 Daniel Drive

#120

Webster, NY 14580

**Birthday: September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Jennie Hubright

Solstice Senior Living

55 Ayrault Road Room 113

Fairport, NY 14450

**Birthday: October 19<sup>th</sup>**

Dave Scheffinger

1016 Railway Crossing

Webster, NY 14580

**Birthday: June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Jo SomDeCerff

4233 Scarlet Sage Court

Ellicott City, MD 21042

**Birthday: October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Lorrayne Walvoord

4281 Congdon Road

Williamson, NY 14589

**Birthday: October 21<sup>st</sup>**

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Karen Fox

Jane Morgan

John Setchell

Paula Shultes

Matthew Yost

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Tom DeMarree

Craig DeNagel

Mark Fiegl

Ralph Morgan

Fred Walvoord

### Christian Education

Amy Burdett

Alison DeMarree

Linda Dubois

John Manahan

Kate Orbaker

Paula Shultes

### Parish Life

Kathy Baxter

Diana Lagoner

Chelsea Manahan

Karen Manahan

Ralph Morgan

Donna Reuter

Jim Williams

Karen Williams

### Missions

Amy Burdett

Julie Fuller

Paul Heilman

Rosemary Heilman

Tom Moenter

Nancy Titus



## ***NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS***

2	Pat Bollman
3	Judy Plyter
5	Nicole DeMarree
8	Michelle Walvoord
9	Amanda Fox
11	Adrian Vander Byl
12	Emily Bixby
15	Doug Fox, Chase Shaver
17	Taylor Delhagen, Ralph Morgan
19	Carl Webeck
21	Donna Delhagen
23	Mark Fox
25	Diana Lagoner, Gregory Reuter
26	Bev Verbridge
29	Craig DeNagel
30	Nathan D'Eufemia

### ***Daily Scripture Readings***

Tuesday, November 1	Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
Wednesday, November 2	Job 19:23-27
Thursday, November 3	Psalm 17:1-9
Friday, November 4	II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Saturday, November 5	Luke 20:27-38

<b>Sunday, November 6</b>	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>
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Monday, November 7	Isaiah 65:17-25
Tuesday, November 8	Isaiah 12
Wednesday, November 9	Malachi 4:1-2
Thursday, November 10	Psalm 98
Friday, November 11	II Thessalonians 3:6-13
Saturday, November 12	Luke 21:5-19

<b>Sunday, November 13</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>
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Monday, November 14	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Tuesday, November 15	Luke 1:68-79
Wednesday, November 16	Psalm 46
Thursday, November 17	Colossians 1:11-20
Friday, November 18	Luke 23:33-38
Saturday, November 19	Luke 23:39-43

<b>Sunday, November 20</b>	<b>Christ the King Sunday</b>
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b> 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Deacons	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b> 9:00 Caring Hands
<b>06</b> 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 Bible Study 12:00 Caring Hands	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00 Warm Clothes Give Away
<b>13</b> 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 Elders 7:00 Consistory	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 Caring Hands 5:30 Harvest Supper
<b>20</b> 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship 5:00 PRC Connections Deadline	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>