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Discipleship

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Discipleship* (originally published as *The Cost of Discipleship* in English) is one of those books that I think every Christian should read after a thorough reading of the Bible (especially the Gospels). As a young theological undergraduate student I remember grappling with the uncompromising presentation of discipleship by this German theologian and martyr. It was a message that challenged me, shook me to my core, and called me to reevaluate what it really meant to be a Christian. It was like a whirlwind sweeping in apace through my very existence. *Discipleship* pointed me back to Christ with new eyes, this time open, as the floodgates of God were let loose. Through my many years of Christian life I have returned time and again to *Discipleship* always astounded by its stark, compelling call to live my life in Christ.

In chapter two of *Discipleship*, Bonhoeffer considers three responses to Jesus' call to follow him. In a few brief verses (Luke 9:57-62) Jesus responds quickly to these three people. I want to consider Bonhoeffer's interpretation to each of these people in this and subsequent articles. To begin with, here is a summation of Jesus' three responses: 1) consider well what you are getting into. 2) Put aside your legalism and traditions and proclaim God's Kingdom instead. 3) You are not worthy to follow me. Bonhoeffer considers them in that order, but I'm going to take them in reverse order.

The third person Jesus addressed said: "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." To this Jesus says: "You are not fit for the Kingdom of God." Why should Jesus find this so objectionable? Why is this response to Christ's call so unreasonable? For Bonhoeffer the answer is that this would-be disciple understands that Christian discipleship is some "self-chosen program for life," rather than what it is—a call from God that confronts the individual. This person thinks that he is "justified in setting his own conditions. Doing so entangles him in a complete contradiction. He wants to join Jesus, *but at the same time he puts something in the way of himself and Jesus*: "Let me first." This individual wants to follow but also wants to set the terms of following Jesus. Certainly this person wants to be open to the possibility of discipleship, but also wants to "retain the right to set his own conditions." This of course is not discipleship. It would be somewhat akin to a private telling a general, sure I'll obey your order but I have a few personal things that are a little more important to take care of first.

The third person evacuates all meaning a being a disciple of Jesus because he wants to retain both individual rights while trying to follow the absolute call of God. It becomes a contradiction as Christian "discipleship does not tolerate any conditions that could come between Jesus and obedience." This third person does not want what Jesus wants and interestingly enough does not really want what she says she wants (to follow Christ). When Jesus calls there is no possibility of "but first let me." Invariably there always comes in the wake of "first let me," a "and then let me." for Bonhoeffer, Jesus will tolerate none of it.

Peace,
Pastor Eric



Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Oasis Croatia: Opportunity to Pamper

Team seeks funds, fun gifts for women missionaries

By Nancy Titus, Missions Chair

What a joy it is to see how fully and quickly Pultneyville Reformed Church has embraced the vision of the Oasis Mission Team! I feel the response deep in my heart, as a tribute to how much this congregation has loved and continues to love me, Pastor Eric, and our children before, during, and after our Croatian ministry.

So far we have 10 women committed to going on the trip to put on a conference for about 60, mostly American missionaries serving long-term in Croatia, Bosnia, Hungary and beyond. Many others — men and women — are giving their funds, skills and enthusiasm to make it all come together.

The theme of this year's conference is jubilee, and we are putting on our happy game faces with plans for silliness and joy as we help women let their hair down and play, so they can also share their heavy burdens, cry the tears of release and sorrow, receive God's word to them, and drink in the spiritual nourishment that will fuel them for another year of service.

Special offerings are planned to cover the expenses of the trip, which is about \$2000 per person, including extra luggage for gifts. The team will also pamper with manicures, pedicures, and haircuts. Almost every woman who attends will get her hair cut as it can be a difficult and humiliating experience in country. I know one woman who tried to use her Croatian language skills but mixed up the word for *hair* with a *similar sounding word meaning goat*. *They laughed at her, and she went home crying. A haircut at the conference is ministry!*

Our gift plan is to provide some sort of treat for each woman at each of the six main sessions of the conference. These include Caring Hands' famous pillowcases, hot pads, bookmarks, re-usable sandwich bags, and packaged mixes such as taco seasoning, ranch dressing and Kool-Aid tied up with a bow.

Other gifts we will take include door prizes and items for the much-anticipated silent auction, where I have seen a single can of Dr. Pepper go for \$15. (Coke and Pepsi are easy to find. Dr. Pepper impossible!) We don't have to bring these as the women have a connection with the military base in Sarajevo, where some American food items can be purchased. Funds from the auction go to provide scholarships for women to attend the next Oasis conference.

In addition to giving in the special offering (or at any time to the church office), we are asking for help to provide some of the auction items and door prizes. These could be anything that Americans living overseas would like to have and would think of as special. Think of something that could be displayed as a basket to be bid on. These include bath items, kitchen utensils, American holiday themes (July 4 or Thanksgiving — Christmas and even Halloween accessories are easy to find there), gifts for husbands or children, and birthday party stuff. The main requirements are that they can be packed in a suitcase, are not too heavy, and would bring a spot of joy. The women particularly like items with inspirational words or verses as those are hard to come by.

So, as you are going about your regular shopping or when on vacation, if you see something special like that, feel free to donate it to the trip.



Family Promise of Wayne County continues to operate a full program. A new family joined in May for a total of 3 families and 12 people. One family is expected to graduate in June and will be replaced by one of the 9 families on the waiting list. We continue to search for a fourth apartment in order to accommodate an additional family. As of the end of May, the ROTH program has been operating for one year now and has allowed us to assist additional families and prevent them from becoming homeless.

We held our 2nd annual Raise a Glass fundraiser on May 14th. We raised \$6,500 and are grateful for all of our supporters who were able to attend! We do plan on having 2 chicken barbeques later this summer and fall, one being part of our 2nd annual Night Without a Bed that will be on September 10th-11th at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars to join us!

FPWC does have some sad news to share with you this month. Brandy and Lester were our last family with us as the pandemic hit. They graduated just as the shut-down began. Some of you may remember that Lester had heart issues and spent a lot of time in the hospital while the family was in our program. I am sad to report that Lester recently passed. Prayers are asked for Brandy and their children as they mourn their loss.

Thank you for your continued support. Family Promise would not be able to exist without supporters like you. Please continue to keep our families in your prayers as they work their way back to self-sustainability.

Caring Hands



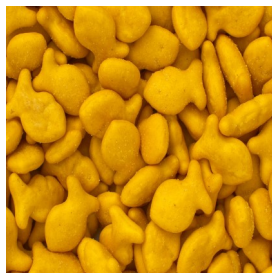
June Meeting Dates

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| Saturday, June 4 th | 9:00 a.m. |
| Thursday, June 9 th | 12:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, June 18 th | 9:00 a.m. |
| Thursday, June 23 rd | 12:00 p.m. |

Scarlet Thread Kids Need Snacks!!

PRC has been designated to supply the Scarlet Thread kids with snacks for the month of June. The snacks are provided each Thursday at 2:00 p.m. during their youth program at the old Williamson Reformed Church on Bennett Street. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall so you can

volunteer to supply snacks for 50 kids on a date that works for you. Thank you for your support.



Pavilion Summer Worship Schedule

May 29th – June 26th
10:00 a.m.

July 3rd – Sept. 11th
9:00 a.m.

Coffee House Talent Show Postponed

Due to the rising number of covid cases in our community our Coffee House Talent Show has been postponed until later this summer. A new date has yet to be determined.

Communion on Sunday, June 5th

The Communion Offering is designated for Pines of Peace. Pines of Peace is a residence for the terminally ill located in Ontario, NY. They provide a comfortable, alternate living arrangement for families to assist their loved ones who are deemed beyond curative care by their physicians.

Sunday, June 5th

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 dona-

Liturgists in June

June 5 Nancy Titus

June 12 Jane Morgan

June 19 John Manahan

June 26 Paula Shultes

Our Missionaries

Nathan & Nozomi Brownell

Kenneth, Raymond, Luke

Japan

www.rca.org/brownell

Felipe & Janell de Waard-Silva

Luca, Sofia, Mila

Romania

www.rca.org/silva

Consistory Elections Results

Our congregation has elected Alison DeMarree and Carolyn Youngs to the office of Elder and Chelsea Manahan and Donna Reuter to the office of Deacon. We thank outgoing consistory members Mary Bryan, Paul Heilman, Gary Orbaker and John Setchell for their service. We also thank Julie Fuller, Paul Heilman, Tom Moenter and Matthew Yost for their willingness to serve on Consistory. Ordinations and Installations will be held this Sunday, June 5th during worship.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|----|--|
| 1 | Breanna Shaver |
| 2 | Jane Morgan, Bert Payne |
| 4 | Jim Bollman |
| 5 | Tonja Yost |
| 6 | JJ TenClay |
| 8 | Joshua DeYoung |
| 9 | Paula Shultes |
| 10 | Connor DeNagel, Karen Manahan, George Verno |
| 11 | Jessica Shaver |
| 16 | Sara Scileppi |
| 23 | Roger Fox |
| 24 | Marnie Baxter, Doreen D'Eufemia, Nadeane Sonnevile |
| 30 | Dave Scheffinger |

Pines of Peace
**Annual
Garage Sale**
at Casey Park
Ontario • 6551 Knickerbocker Road

Cash ONLY

Thursday, Friday and Saturday
June 9, 10 and 11, 2022
June 9 and 10 – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
June 11 – 9 a.m. to noon

Donation Drop-off – ONLY at Casey Park
Monday / Tuesday, June 6 and 7 – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Acceptable donation types are limited. Electronics, furniture or baby items **will NOT be accepted**. Ensure donation(s) are in good condition, clean and sellable. Gently-used clothing accepted in bags.

Volunteers needed.
For more information, call 315.524.2388
or visit www.pinesofpeace.org

**Williamson Central School Volunteer Club
come to Pultneyville Reformed Church to clean up!**

We had the Volunteer Students for about 2 hours and those kids worked!!! We raked, picked up sticks and did some mulch. What a great group of kids. Many THANKS to this group of students who say they will be back again! They even enjoyed a bit of history about the church and the history of the vinegar mill!!! We hold them to their word that they will return!



Our Homebound Church Family



Marilyn Bixby
Wayne County Nursing Home
1529 Nye Road
Lyons, NY 14489
Birthday: March 7th

Anne Hotchkiss
1340 Parkwood Drive
Apt. 240
Macedon, NY 14502
Birthday: September 21st

Jo SomDeCerff
4233 Scarlet Sage Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Birthday: October 25th

Don DeMarree
900 Cherry Ridge Blvd.
The Glen – Apt. 118
Webster, NY 14580
Birthday: April 17th

Alice Morgan
2301 Lake Road
Ontario, NY 14519
Birthday: March 27th

Lorrayne Walvoord
4281 Congdon Road
Williamson, NY 14589
Birthday – Lorrayne: October 21st

Louise Hermetet
Victor Views
1440 Rt. 444
Victor, NY 14564
Birthday: September 25th

Ruth Naylor ***New Address!!***
Maplewood Nursing Home
100 Daniel Drive
#120
Webster, NY 14580
Birthday: September 29th

Jennie Hubright
Solstice Senior Living
55 Ayrault Road Room 113
Fairport, NY 14450
Birthday: October 19th

Dave Scheffinger
1016 Railway Crossing
Webster, NY 14580
Birthday: June 30th

Financial Report

1/1/22 – 4/30/22

| | Starting Balance | Income | Expenses | Balance |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Operating Fund | 0 | 51,826.18 | 57,955.52 | -6,129.34 |
| Benevolent Fund | 0 | 11,986.70 | 6,146.15 | 5,840.55 |
| Capital Improvement | 19,798.81 | 3,147.74 | .00 | 22,946.55 |

Daily Scripture Readings

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Wednesday, June 1 | Genesis 11:1-9 |
| Thursday, June 2 | Psalms 104:24-35 |
| Friday, June 3 | Romans 8:14-17 |
| Saturday, June 4 | John 14:8-17, 25-27 |

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost

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| Monday, June 6 | Proverbs 8:1-4 |
| Tuesday, June 7 | Proverbs 8:22-31 |
| Wednesday, June 8 | Psalms 8:1-2 |
| Thursday, June 9 | Psalms 8:3-9 |
| Friday, June 10 | Romans 5:1-5 |
| Saturday, June 11 | John 16:12-15 |

Sunday, June 12

Trinity Sunday

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Monday, June 13 | I Kings 19:1-15 |
| Tuesday, June 14 | Psalms 42-43 |
| Wednesday, June 15 | Isaiah 65:1-9 |
| Thursday, June 16 | Psalms 22:19-28 |
| Friday, June 17 | Galatians 3:23-29 |
| Saturday, June 18 | Luke 8:26-39 |

Sunday, June 19

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday, June 20 | II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 |
| Tuesday, June 21 | Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20 |
| Wednesday, June 22 | I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 |
| Thursday, June 23 | Psalms 16 |
| Friday, June 24 | Galatians 5:1, 13-25 |
| Saturday, June 25 | Luke 9:51-62 |

Sunday, June 26

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Monday, June 27 | II Kings 5:1-14 |
| Tuesday, June 28 | Psalms 30 |
| Wednesday, June 29 | Isaiah 66:10-14 |
| Thursday, June 30 | Psalms 66:1-9 |

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Worship

Lois Fiegl

Jim Fox

Karen Fox

Jane Morgan

John Setchell

Paula Shultes

Matthew Yost

Tonja Yost

Christian Education

Amy Burdett

Alison DeMarree

Linda Dubois

John Manahan

Kate Orbaker

Paula Shultes

Building and Property

Tom DeMarree

Craig DeNagel

Mark Fiegl

Ralph Morgan

Fred Walvoord

Missions

Amy Burdett

Julie Fuller

Paul Heilman

Rosemary Heilman

Tom Moenter

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June 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|---|
| | | | 1 | 2 6:30 Deacons 6:30 Elders 7:00 Consistory | 3 | 4 9:00 Caring Hands 11:00 Ray Walvoord Memorial Service |
| 5 COMMUNION 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 12:00 Caring Hands | 10 | 11 |
| 12 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 9:00 Caring Hands |
| 19 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship 3:00 Gerry Verbridge | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 12:00 Caring Hands | 24 | 25 |
| 26 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |