



A Spot of T

(Get it? 'Cause my last name starts with a 'T'?)



It's common for people today to have heard the name Dietrich Bonhoeffer. If you don't know, he was a German pastor who joined the *abwehr* (German intelligence), travelled Europe as a spy in an effort to get support for a government after the Nazis fell, and was caught as part of the July 20th plot to kill Adolph Hitler. Days before the Allies made it to Berlin and liberated the concentration camps, he was hung for his crimes.

In 1939, Dietrich had travelled to the United States to visit Union Theological Seminary. Germany was a tinderbox ready to explode at any time, and the faculty of Union were attempting to lure Bonhoeffer to the school, with the knowledge that a return to Germany might mean his death. They promised him a teaching spot. They promised to publish his book. However, he knew he had to go back and help his people in any way he could.

His most famous theological idea is that of *costly grace*. This is the idea that grace isn't just something you stop in at church once a week to receive. As he says, "...it is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it [forgives] the sinner." In his martyrdom, it takes on a whole new meaning.

It gets me to thinking...when was the last time my faith cost me something? When was the last time I felt called by the Holy Spirit to do something, and did following that call cause me to give up something else? When was the last time I was put out because of my faith?

Bonhoeffer could have taken a cushy teaching job in the US. Instead, he returned to a country on the brink of war, and died while trying to stop it.

We all know the state the church is in. I promise you that if the church is going to be around in coming generations, it is going to take some sacrifice on our parts. We will have to put some skin in the game.

We just have to prepare ourselves for the moment that comes, and whether or not we will deny ourselves and follow the way of Christ.



UMW Annual Retreat

All women of the church are invited to the UMW Annual Retreat and lunch on Saturday, September 16 from 9 am—2 pm at the Women’s Clubhouse in Wabash.

“**Caring for Creation**” will feature presentations by

bee keeper Nan Roe; gardener Joe Epply; and, Wabash County Solid Waste Management Executive Director and Master Gardener, Jen Rankin.

Please RSVP to Jewell Yohe by Saturday, September

9. Cost for lunch is \$6 and can be paid the day of the Retreat.



*Faith
Hope
Love in
Action*

NW District Fall Business Meeting

The **UMW NW District Fall Business Meeting** will take place on Saturday, **September 23** at **Burket United Methodist Church** in Burket, Indiana.

The topic is “*The Dangers of Sex Trafficking of Teens*,” and will be presented by Cindy Reinke and Gail Moffitt.

Cost is \$10 per person with **reservations and payment due BEFORE Sunday, September 17.**

Mission gifts will be for *The Beaman Home in Warsaw* — a domestic violence shelter. Items needed include: trash bags, Ziploc bags, hairbrushes, combs,

deodorant, toothpaste/brushes, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, newborn diapers, and rash cream.

For more information, contact the church office or Carolyn Eppley.

Christ Church is a Winner!

We won! Cokesbury was searching for past VBS curriculum and asked purchasers to email them if they had some. Sheila Gilley had past curriculum to offer so she emailed them promptly. And for her

efforts, Christ Church will receive a **FREE 2018 VBS kit** for next year’s program!

What a blessing...thanks Sheila!



Please Pray for ...

Mary Davenport
 Lois Koehler
 Dorothy Hahn
 Jon Helfin
 Esther Lewis
 Richard Purdy
 Connie Rosen
 Janet Ross
 Phyllis Shambaugh
 Chuck Dwyer
 Colleen Weesner

Jimmy Harding
 Steve Weesner
 Ed Berghorn
 P.L. Wilson—cancer
 Margie Eltzroth (Dave & Jane
 Wagmer's sister-in-law)
 Steve Reed (Kelli Singer's
 cousin)
 Tiffany Frank (Kelli Singer's
 cousin) - health concerns
 Alice Proffitt (heart/lung issues);
 (Henderson family friends)

College Students:

Karla Singer, Lyndsie Thomas,
 Carli Henderson, Danielle
 Sparling

Military Personnel:

Daniel Smith (Frank & Barb
 Nordman's grandson)

Also pray for ...

- For our country & its leaders
- Our shut-ins (make it a point to call them or send them a card)



- Pastor Chris, church leaders, teachers, our youth and for church growth
- Those serving in our military and their families
- Those who have lost loved ones
- Those struggling financially
- Those countries suffering through war

Many Thanks

Thank you for your prayers and beautiful prayer quilt. How we praise the Lord that P.L.'s trust is in the Lord and that he knows he's going to heaven.

We appreciate you very much and value your prayers during this difficult time.

P.L. & Luvernia Wilson

Collecting Pill Bottles



Have empty pill bottles? If so, please bring them to church and place in the designated box on the mission table. This collection is for a mission in Guatemala. Remember to remove all levels!

Thanks so much for your generosity.

Items Needed

The Life Center could use the following items:

- Diapers — large sizes
- Baby clothes (Preemie –4T)
- Baby Wipes
- Formula, all types
- Prenatal vitamins

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Serving for September 2017

8am Greeter — Sue Potter

10am Liturgist — Melanie Penn

10am Greeters:

9/3 Janet Titus, Betty Buchanan, Ruth Biggs
 9/10 Janet Titus, Betty Buchanan, Ruth Biggs
 9/17 Janet Titus, Betty Buchanan, Ruth Biggs
 9/24 Janet Titus, Betty Buchanan, Ruth Biggs

10am Ushers — Terry McDonald, Dan Purdy,
 Jacob Richards, Jon Richards

Scripture Reading for September

9/3 Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c;
 Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
 9/10 Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;
 Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
 9/17 Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 21-21;
 Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35
 9/24 Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
 Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

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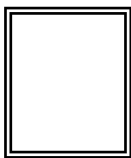


Items for the next newsletter should be submitted to the church office by **September 22nd**.

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