

# Grace&Peace Gatherings

Grace to you and Peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:3 Issue II, March 2021

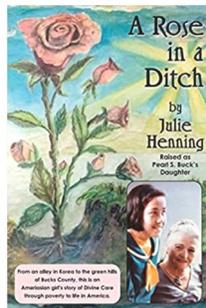
## ADOPTED BY GOD

### The Life Story of Julie Henning

Some of the women will remember Julie Henning who spoke at two of our Christmas Teas. She presented her life story and walk with Christ. Karin Rhoads recently read [\*A Rose in a Ditch\*](#), her self-published autobiography:

“[Julie’s] journey from being orphaned to becoming a child of God is nothing short of amazing. She grew up a mixed-race child in South Korea

who was discriminated against & lived in poverty. Pearl S. Buck found her & brought her to America to raise as her own. She has a wonderful testimony of what God has done in her life. She is a teacher and her husband is a pastor in nearby Parkasie! It wasn't very long & is a quick read for anyone who doesn't have a lot of time for reading.”



## ALL-CHURCH PHILIPPIANS BIBLE STUDY

This 12-week study series is written by Ryan Kelly - to help us know and understand 1) the meaning, 2) the message, and 3) the God of

the Scriptures. The theological editors are J.I. Packer & Dane C. Ortlund.

*Reflection and Discussion Questions* will be

## His Story

Sarah and Christian Walsh attended the PCA's virtual Missions Conference recently. Technology allowed so many to connect creatively in the main sessions, virtual booths, and meet & greets. The conference's theme was *HIS Story Continues*. There were countless reminders of God's work continuing all around the world through many avenues and many individuals. While COVID may have changed how we interact, God's plans have not been thwarted and the Great Commission is still our daily commission. Sarah and Christian are working on a series of emails to share more from the conference. Please continue to be in prayer for our missionaries and for each of us as we share this mission of daily sharing the Great Commission.

### Women's Bible Study

On Ephesians Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

- March 2
- March 9
- March 16
- March 23

It's never too late to join the group. Feel free to contact Sarah Walsh at 610-764-3800 if you have questions, want a workbook, or need the Zoom link. (We're also accepting offers of soup for the group!)

### All-church

#### Bible Study

On Philippians every-other Thursdays at 7:30 pm:

- March 11
- March 25
- April 8
- ...until July 15

You are all welcome to study His Word together! Lead by Elder SantaMaria via Zoom.

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## HEARD IN THE AISLES

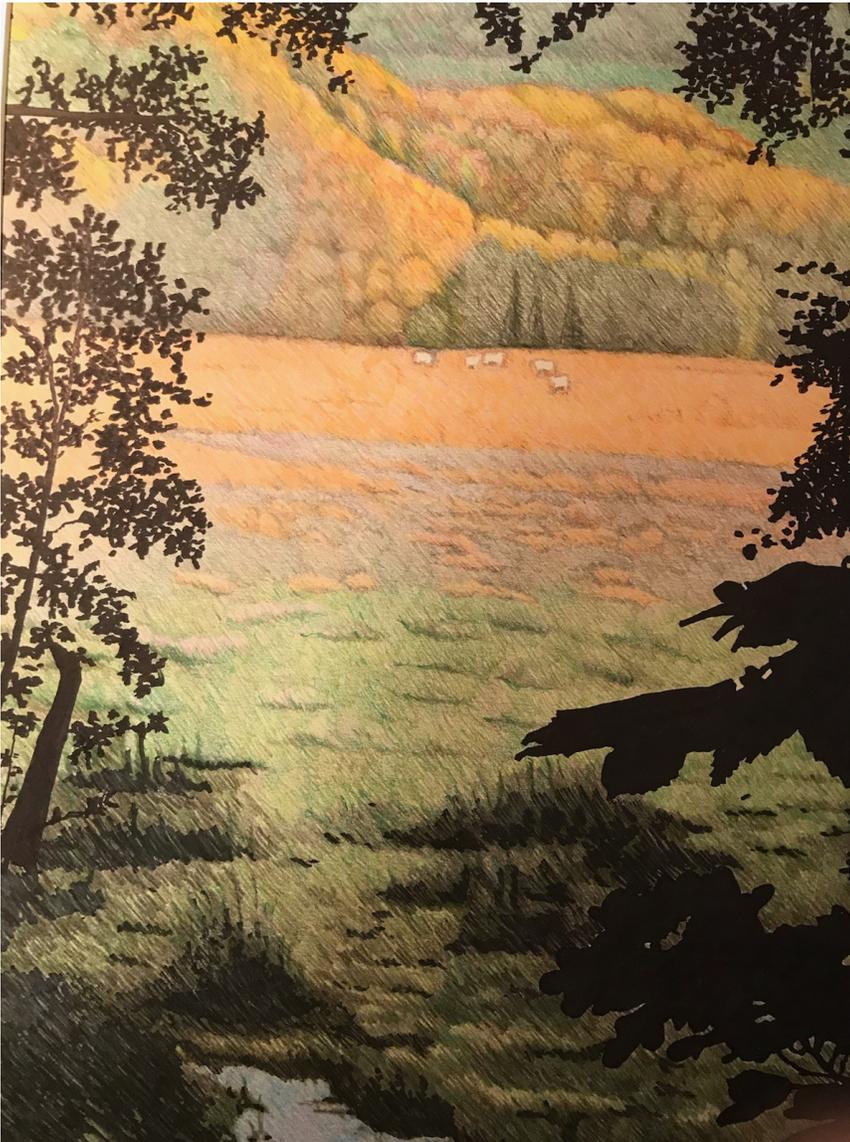
"Nonna Votta" has been reading stories on Vimeo to share with my grandchildren! You too can use it for your kidlets! Here's my Vimeo link where I have recorded dozens of stories! <https://vimeo.com/storieswithnonna>

- Carole Votta



I'm painting and drawing a lot in preparation to show at the North American Welsh Festival to be held on Labor Day weekend 2021.

- Keith Trievel



^ Meadow near Brecon Beacons, Wales. Ink and colored pencil, 2020

Calvin had an eventful week. He fell down the stairs and managed to break his collar bone. He's now sporting a nice sling. Definitely a difficult thing to keep on an active toddler!

- Emily Susek (2/21)



## CATCH-UPS

- Amelia Seville and Caroline Shane attended the winter retreat at Camp Sankanac the week-end of 2/19!
- Dave Kraybill's Dr. is very pleased with his response to the drug therapy he's been on for over a year.
- The Vottas may already have a new granddaughter by the time you read this!
- Nancy Kraybill is back at Chestnut Knoll and recovering from Covid and a protracted stay at the hospital.
- Barbara Hammond was trained in Evangelism Explosion by Pastor Sheebu Oomman (of Crossroads Community) and has been witnessing in Upper Darby!
- David Susek teaches the Spring-Ford kids who have chosen to attend school virtually, so his schedule has been consistent, unlike some teachers in other districts.

## GATHERING

**The sewing definition for "gathering" is so appropriate: "To draw and hold together"**



An assembly or meeting...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.. Hebrews 10:25a

Social— The rich and the poor meet together;

the Lord is the Maker of them all. Proverbs 22:2

Festive—celebrating our deliverance from enslavement to sin by the blood of Jesus! For a specific purpose—to draw together as the bride of Christ in unity!

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. James 4:8

(be) eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3  
What thoughts do you have?

## BECOMING BECKY

Becky Albrecht has been pursuing a Master of Arts in Counseling from Westminster Theological Seminary. She reports that she is almost done with her coursework. She completed taking a class called *Counseling Abusive Marriages*. (see link to the book below) and has just handed in the last assignment—a term

paper. She has one more class, and that class will be graded Pass/Fail! The other big news is that she will be retiring in June after many years teaching math at the Delaware County Community College. Prayers are appreciated for success in her courses and her transition to retirement. (How will the two re-

## *A-Musing March*

**Q: Why is it customary to be quiet in church?**

**A: Because people are sleeping. shh-**

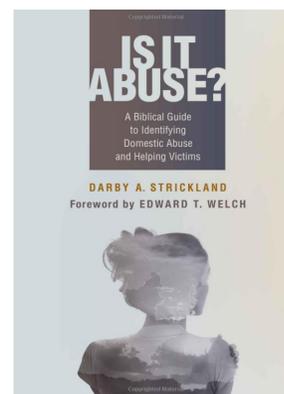


**If Jesus is the Lamb of God, and Mary is the mother of Jesus, did Mary have a little lamb?**



tired professors get along??)

Becky also attended the online [Cont'd on p. 6](#)



One of Becky's texts is, "Is It Abuse?: A Biblical Guide to Identifying Domestic Abuse and Helping Victims" written by her professor Darby Strickland, which can be purchased at various [online](#) sources:

## The Fridge List



Tue	March 2—6:30	Women's Ephesians Study
Fri	March 5—8:30p	Zoom Café
Tue	March 9—6:30	Women's Ephesians Study
Thu	March 11—7:30	Philippians Study
Tue	March 16—6:30	Women's Ephesians Study
Tue	March 23—6:30	Women's Ephesians Study (last)
Thu	March 25—7:30	Philippians Study
Sat	March 27—10:00	MONTHLY B&B Women's Study (New)
Wed	Mar 31—10:00a	Zoom Café
Tue	April 6—7:00	Weekly B&B Women's Study (New)
Thu	April 8—7:30	Philippians Study
Tue	April 13—7:00	Weekly B&B Women's Study
Tue	April 20—7:00	Weekly B&B Women's Study
Thu	April 22—7:30	Philippians Study
Sat	April 24—10:00	MONTHLY B&B Women's Study
Tue	April 27—7:00	Weekly B&B Women's Study
Tue	May 4—7:00	Weekly B&B Women's Study
Thu	May 6—7:30	Philippians Study
Sat	May 8—3:00	Mother's Day Tea
Tue	May 11—7:00	Weekly B&B Women's Study
Tue	May 18—7:00	Weekly B&B Women's Study
Thu	May 20—7:30	Philippians Study
Sun	May 23—Noon	BYO Lunch @the Pavilion
Tue	May 25—7:00	Weekly B&B Women's Study
Sat	May 29—10:00	MONTHLY B&B Women's Study
Thu	June 3—7:30	Philippians Study
Thu	June 17—7:30	Philippians Study
Sun	June 20—Noon	BYO Lunch @the Pavilion
Thu	Jun 24—7:00	Women's Book & Movie Club
Sat	June 26—10:00	MONTHLY B&B Women's Study
Thu	July 1—7:30	Philippians Study
Thu	July 15—7:30	Philippians Study (last)
Sun	July 18—Noon	BYO Lunch @the Pavilion

## Beholding & Becoming

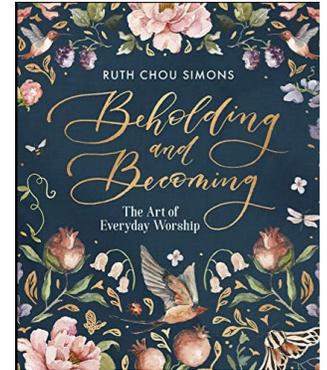
The women had an enriching time in Ephesians, which emphasized how we intersect our faith in Christ with living covenantally—how we are "hinged." Our next study will focus on how we live out our Covenant *day by day, moment by moment*. Do you wonder how you are honoring God in your every day life, quarantined no less?

Ruth Chou Simons shares how we can find beauty in the everyday moments, and the ways we can worship and experience God! Ruth is the author of *Beholding and Becoming*. She was born in Taiwan and moved to the US at the age of 3. She started studying Biochemistry then switched to Art, graduating from the UC Berkeley. She's also taken seminary classes.



She is the founder of [GraceLaced](#), an art, book, and product entity, which her pastor husband helps to run.

We will hold this study in 2 separate formats:



**MONTHLY**—meeting for 4 Saturdays, and

**WEEKLY**—meeting for 8 Tuesday evenings.

You can purchase it at your favorite [online store](#), where it's available for \$17.39 or buy used here for less: [Becoming & Beholding](#) or *A Guided Companion* is also available for those interested. If this is a financial hardship for you, please contact [Grace Kraybill](#) and she will send you a copy as a gift of the church.

Please pray for Sarah Walsh as she prepares to lead us.

# From the Hearth

You may say that we eat so we can gather, but East Asians say we gather so we can eat! East or West, food has always been an integral part of bringing people together, showing love, making a home, continuing a story. And we look forward to the great banquet to come! Recipes from our congregants will be featured in every newsletter, so please submit them to Grace Kraybill anytime. (A photo would be welcome too.)

## Rudy's Breakfast Burritos [6 tortillas]

- 1/2 lb chorizo sausage
- 1/2 Lg onion, diced
- 1 Med potato, diced
- 6 Lg eggs
- 1 C Mexican blend cheese
- Green salsa to taste



Sauté first 3 ingredients in a large skillet until potatoes are soft and chorizo is fully cooked.  
In a medium bowl beat eggs with a Tbsp of water or milk. Pour into skillet over sautéed items and cook over medium heat. Flip when partially cooked. Top with cheese and cover until cheese melts.  
Serve on tortillas with salsa.  
Enjoy!

Rudy Kancianic, March 2021

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## STORY:

Chorizo is a pork and spice mix which is available fresh or semi-cured. Hatfield produces a fresh version available at most supermarkets. Paula says, "We have family in Albuquerque NM and we used to go to the Balloon Fiesta where we had breakfast burritos and Rudy decided to try to make them at home."

## Millie's Cheese Pie [Makes 2 - 9" pies]

- 2 lb. Ricotta cheese
- 15 oz. canned pumpkin
- 4 eggs
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 C. heavy cream
- 1 C. milk
- 1 C. chopped walnuts  
(reserve some for topping)
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350°.  
Mix ingredients together in a stand mixer or large bowl until creamy and uniform in texture.  
Fill 2- 9" pie shells with mixture.  
Bake for 1 hour or until a toothpick or knife inserted at the center comes out clean.  
Sprinkle chopped walnuts on top to garnish.

Tom Albrecht, March 2021

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## STORY:

Tom shares that his mother would make cheese pies for the holidays. He added the pumpkin and walnuts as variations. She made her own pie shells, but Tom finds that the frozen deep dish ones from the grocery store work well.

## March 2021

Grace & Peace Presby is meeting at St. James United Church of Christ 321 S Limerick Road Limerick PA 19468-1607 Watch on Youtube or sign-up to attend in person on the [website](#).

[www.graceandpeacepc.org/](http://www.graceandpeacepc.org/)

To submit articles, updates, and photos, email Grace Kraybill any time at: [graceok@comcast.net](mailto:graceok@comcast.net)

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you can search for. Each unit will present an overview of the text at hand before digging into it with a series of questions for reflection or discussion. The unit concludes by highlighting the gospel of grace in each passage tagged, "*Gospel Glimpses*." The whole-Bible themes that occur in the passage are identified as "*Whole-*

*Bible Connections*", while Christian doctrines that are affirmed in the passage are tagged as "*Theological Soundings*." Then, the final component of each unit is for reflecting on personal and practical implications from the passage at hand.

Please order your copy from the [PCA bookstore](#). (\$10.90 including shipping)

We encourage participants to look out for the Zoom meeting announcements and use the ESV Bible or the ESV Study Bible ([esv.org](http://esv.org)). You can also get information on our [website calendar](#). The bi-weekly schedule (every other Thursday, 7:30 PM) will take us to July 15, 2021. Hope to see you all!

- Gabe SantaMaria

## ZoomCafé

Ladies! join me with your tea or coffee for a casual time to catch-up! Come when you can, stay as long as you want!

Two scheduled so far:

[Friday, March 5 at 8:30 PM](#)

[Wednesday, March 31 at 10:00 AM](#)

- Grace Kraybill

"To live Coram Deo is to live one's entire life – in the presence of God, – under the authority of God, – to the glory of God."

- R.C. Sproul

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#### WIC Leadership Conference February

The conference was offered via YouTube and Zoom with the theme *Living covenantally*. [Speakers included](#) Karen Hodge (MC), [Susan Hunt](#), Paula Miles, Susan Tyner, and Meaghan May.

Ms. Hodge stressed, "I need you; you need me. We need to learn from each other." She spoke of the "*Content* of the Covenant in the *Context* of Covenant Community."

The keynote speaker was

Susan Hunt. She echoed, "The content of the covenant in the context of covenant community life culminates in God's family flourishing." She reminded us of the words of R. C. Sproul: "To live Coram Deo is to live one's entire life in the presence of God, under the authority of God, to the glory of God." She encouraged our women's ministry to cultivate a familial culture, from the infant to the silver-crowned. Consider [Titus 2:3-5](#) and [I Thessalonians](#)

#### 2:7-8.

Paula Miles exhorted the Covenant is local *and* corporate. Reading [Psalm 87](#), she reminded us our common spiritual birthplace unites all of us, no matter where we were born.

Susan Tyner taught through Naomi, "God is with us—even when we are cranky and mad at Him... God uses all of our stories to create the big story for the Kingdom." She has designed a [Covenant Timeline](#) to help old

and young alike to see the story of God's grand redemption.

Meaghan May reminded us of the importance of basic primers, such as "What Is Reformed Theology" (R. C. Sproul) and "On Being Presbyterian" (Sean Michael Lucas). We need a strong, common foundation.

Becky states it was an honor and privilege to attend the Training. May God bless all the churches that were represented!