

senior ministry community newsletter

November 2024

FUN AND GAMES









(I-r) Dan Pennino and Florence Mori (I-r) Bill Mori and Eddie Pennino

The seniors gathered in November for an afternoon of fun and games. And, of course, the afternoon included lots of snacking. Everyone seemed to have a great time and we are planning more game times in the future.





(I-r) Albert Dastolfo and Reita Martin



(I-r) Judy Birge and Sharon Conlon



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Meet Doris Morgan

We will be getting to know the members of the Senior Ned. She does still help with some of the activities Fellowship Team. This month we are meeting Doris like extracting the honey from the hives but she no Morgan.

When you ask people to describe Doris Morgan, you hear a repeat of many of the same words. Words like dependable, hard-working, organized, and friendly are often used. As one of her co-volunteers commented, "When you are with Doris, you feel like it's all going to be ok."

Doris was born in Vineland and moved to Pittsgrove Township when she was a teen. Most of her professional working life was spent in two local glass houses—Kontes and Wheaton Glass. After she had her third child, a son, she stayed home to be with him and enjoyed seeing him reach those childhood milestones that she had missed with her two daughters.

Doris and Ned, her husband of thirty years, are



Ned and Doris on the recent cruise down the Maurice River

beekeepers. Ned got into beekeeping and coaxed Doris into helping by giving her a beekeeping suit for Christmas. Doris says she become a very reluctant beekeeper but she did take a course on beekeeping in 2012 so she would know what to do. When Ned retired, Doris quite happily turned over the bees to

longer has a large involvement with the bees.

Doris also loves gardening and became a Master Gardener in 2013. She says that she always had an interest in flowers and vegetables and when her children got older, she "didn't want to be one of those people who sat around watching soap operas all day and I liked being outside." And as a testament to



Doris in her yard

how much Doris does loves gardening, she says that when she pictures her perfect day on earth, it would be a sunny 70 degree day and she would spend it working in her yard.

One of Doris' biggest challenges the last few years has been her Type 1 diabetes. She had covid in 2020 and came out of that with a sugar problem, which

she says does runs in her family. She was told that her first year would be a roller coaster ride trying to get her sugar regulated and it was and she still struggles with that. Doris is very careful about her eating and writes everything down that she eats. She says she is a "control freak" so it has been hard to not be able to control the diabetics but she says it has "made me eat better" and "taught me compassion". "I was never into broccoli or cauliflower" she stated, so it has been a positive thing that she has had to improve her eating. She says one of the things she is looking forward to in heaven is a "big bowl of ice cream with a warm brownie on top" - something she no longer can have.

Although Doris has only been at CCCC a few years, joined the Senior Fellowship. She is also involved in she attended another church until she was eighteen. At eighteen, she did what so many people that age do, she stopped attending. She explained that it took her father dying of cancer about thirty-three years ago to bring her back into the church.

She chose our church a couple of years ago because she said she felt very welcomed there and it helped that she already knew quite a few people from her involvement with the food bank.

Since Doris has been at CCCC, she has been very active. She was raised with the idea that if you are asked to help and you can, you need to say "yes". She is "second in command" at the food bank and does most of the administrative part of the process. Doris is the one you see greeting people with her clipboard as they drive up - no matter how cold or how hot it is. She says she enjoys socializing with the people and enjoys helping them. She is said to "know everyone" that comes.

She also co-teaches Sunday school (2nd and 3nd graders) with Nancy Roggio. And she has recently

the Book Club and helps with VBS, if she is available.

She also works with Code Blue in Vineland that provides shelter for people who need it when the temperature goes below freezing. She works the 5-8:30pm shift, the dinner shift.

In conclusion, there are many more people who would echo what her friend Florence Mori shared about Doris. "I first met Doris when I started volunteering for the Angel's Closet Food Bank that's associated with our church. She is very organized and willing to help everyone and does so with a smile. She has a great sense of humor, a wicked left hook—especially when playing corn hole or pickleball and is a committed walking partner. I am very blessed to have her in my life as my sister in Christ and dear friend."

We are all fortunate that Doris decided to make her home at CCCC.

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(I-r) Christine Jones, Karen Fleury and Terri Mobley



(I-r) Pat Birnstiel, Sharon Conlon and Pat Conlon

What's next?

December—Christmas Luncheon

What: We will be having a Christmas luncheon.

When: Saturday, December 7 from 11:30am-2pm.

Where: Cumberland County Community Church, 1800 E. Broad St., Millville

Cost to Enter: - \$5.00 payable at registration

Registration: Required by Sunday, December 1. Register at Welcome Booth or online at

CCCCmillville.org

Senior Ministry Purpose Statement:

Our purpose is to make each day count by providing opportunities to fellow-ship, socialize, learn, build relationships and share the joy of our journey with Jesus.

Have a very Merry Christmas and let's not forget the reason for the season!!!

Luke 2:11 "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

"You are never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream." C.S. Lewis

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