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## **JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER**

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:**

Good Day Church Family,

I am excited and happy to say that the youth are slowly but surely trickling in!!! As life is starting to get back to some sense of normalcy, so are our youth activities. Wednesday June 30th the youth will do our annual picnic at Eckhart Park with a Disc golf game afterwards. We are also going to revisit and make an annual Thanksgiving event of Thanksgiving in July. We did this 2 years ago with great success and are looking forward to doing it again. For those who don't remember or would like a reminder of what this event is, let me enthrall you...LOL...

The Thanksgiving in July event entails the youth of all ages spending the day at the church learning how to make, bake and serve a Thanksgiving meal. They learn how to make a pie ( everyone's favorite part ) , side dishes, how to set a table and the ins and outs of time management. At the end of the day the youth get to serve their families and Thanksgiving meal. It is a day filled with fun fellowship and many laughs. If you know of anyone interested in being a part of the day's events please contact me , young or old does not matter. You can Email me or text me at 260-235-0202.

A special shout out and Thank You to Marcus for his great job on his continued work in the garden with benches, book box, bicycle rack and other scouts projects. We look forward to see what the world has in store for you. Marcus will be starting his Senior year at Dekalb this year. We are very excited for him and his future!!!

*Kari Ackerman, CE Director*

## FUN EVENT TOURING THE QUILT GARDENS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH

A note from Rev. Tom Smith:

We had a great time today visiting quilt gardens and then lunching together at Das Essenhaus. There were a total of 35 of us, and a nice group from each of the four (4) churches, I think fifteen (15) from Auburn/Garrett and twenty (20) from Chapel/LaGrange.

The Auburn/Garrett bus went via Nappanee and Wakarusa, visiting about four (4) gardens along the way, and the Chapel/LaGrange bus went via Elkhart/Bristol, visiting three (3) gardens along the way. Lunch at Das Essenhaus was fabulous and I think everyone enjoyed their experience.



Greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Nicki just returned from a couple of week's break and has been invigorated by the Spirit! God is on the move in DeKalb County, that is for sure. This summer, we are taking time to plan for the future and be intentional about our kingdom vision. God has big plans for this community through The Gathering. We welcome everyone to take part in changing the lives of families and individuals. There is a place for everyone! Please call or email Nicki to see how you can help. (260)573-3351 or [nicki@thegatheringauburn.org](mailto:nicki@thegatheringauburn.org)

Grace & Peace,  
Today & Always,  
*Rev. Nicki Tackett*  
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Meeting Registration

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Topic

**Parliamentary Procedure for Leaders - A Year of Leader Formation Webinar**

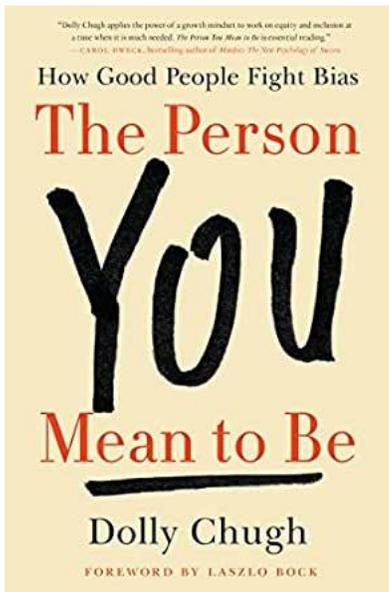
Description

PC(USA) ruling elders and deacons have responsibilities as leaders in Christ's church. Whether you serve as a moderator or as a participant, your call will involve meetings conducted by parliamentary procedure – usually Robert's Rules of Order. Most Presbyterians have learned about parliamentary procedure through observation during meetings. During this Year of Leader Formation webinar, you can expect to learn more about the theological connections between parliamentary procedure and our Book of Order and gain skills to help you participate more confidently and effectively.

This event is provided for free for participants and is funded through your per capita dollars. It does not come without cost, however. Knowing the diversity of language within the PC(USA), this webinar will be provided in several languages with interpretation based on requests made through the registration process. As a result, there is a registration deadline of July 6, 2021, in order to be able to have time to arrange for those services. This event will be recorded and will be available in English at [www.pcusa.org/leader-formation](http://www.pcusa.org/leader-formation) following the event.

Time

Jul 14, 2021 07:00 PM in [Eastern Time \(US and Canada\)](#)



Have you been searching for an opportunity to more fully engage our *Matthew 25* call? Have you been longing for a brave space to learn about and discuss internalized racial oppression and internalized white supremacy? Have you been feeling a desire to connect with the broader beloved community of our Presbytery? We have good news for you!

The Committee on Representation will be facilitating a summer reading group on Dolly Chugh's *The Person You Mean to Be: How Good People Fight Bias!* There will be a rolling discussion on Facebook throughout the summer and then a final conversation via Zoom at the end of the summer. Join us as we prepare ourselves for the *Matthew 25* work of dismantling structural racism. You can join individually, and you can also take the opportunity to have congregation-wide studies alongside of us. Be sure to order a copy of the book as soon as possible! Here is the link to join the Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/301921588142803>. We will start facilitating discussion in a couple of weeks, but you can go at whatever pace works best for you! You can always return to previous threads and read or contribute. A single

book is by no means comprehensive, but it is a great way to get this vital conversation started! Below is a review by Committee on Representation member Ellen Elly.

### *The Person You Mean to Be: How Good People Fight Bias* by Dolly Chugh

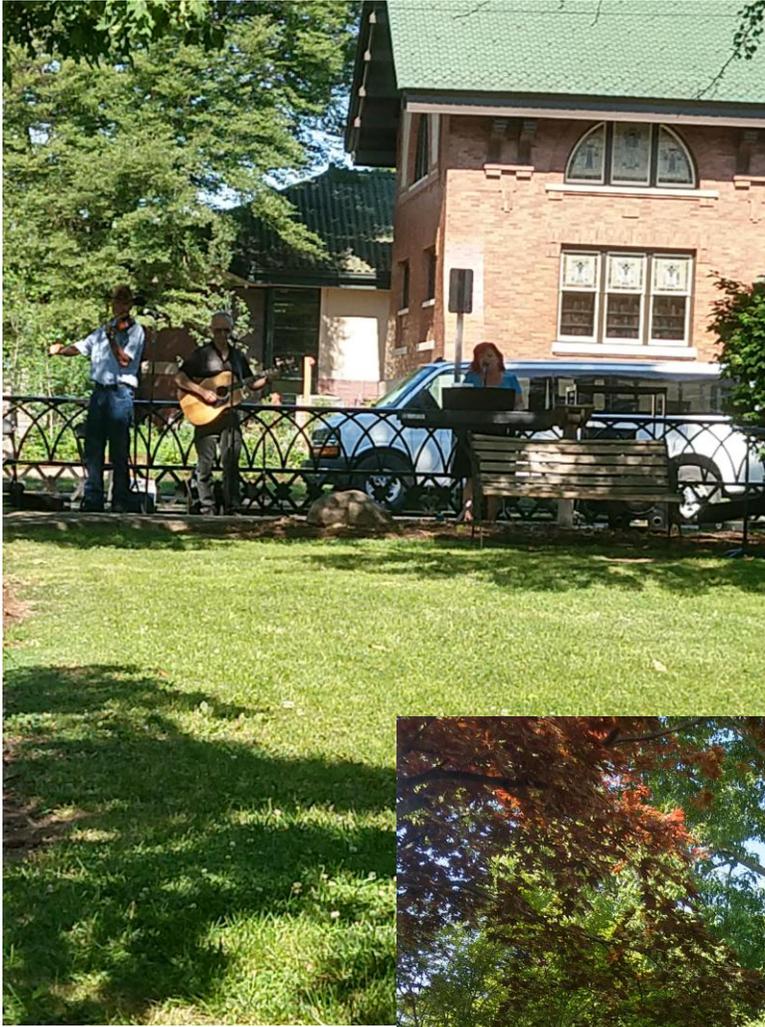
Most of us watched with horror the recording on TV this past year of George Floyd's life slowly being squeezed out of him by a police officer while other officers actively assisted or stood by doing nothing to stop it. It seemed like the whole nation began to “wake up” and realize that people of color really **were**'t being treated equally as white people. I heard many comments during that time which raised a lot of questions for me—like, “If you work hard you can be successful.” (Is that really true?) “I believe **everyone's** life matters.” (Do I really?) “I'm not a racist. I'm a **good** person.” (What does that even mean?)

I really **do** believe in equality, diversity, inclusion, and justice for all people, and I thought I was doing a pretty good job of being unbiased in my everyday words and actions. But, was I, and was what I did to put those beliefs into action actually helpful?

As I read Dolly Chugh's research findings on “unconscious bias” and other scientific findings that she included in her book, *The Person You Mean to Be: How Good People Fight Bias*, I learned a lot about my own unconscious biases. I realized that I had said and done things I thought might be helpful to others different from me that were unknowingly unkind and decidedly **not** helpful!

As well as providing a step-by-step approach to learn about your own areas of bias, Chugh offers helpful “tools” that can be used to become a better colleague to those who are different than you, as well as how to talk effectively and respectfully, as well as “politically,” and to avoid being an “unintentional barrier to equality.” Chugh stresses that we can stand up for our values and speak out against injustice and not be fearful of making mistakes, because we all make them. She shows us how we can learn and do better.

Chugh argues that “the only way to be on the right side of history, is to be a ‘good-ish’ person rather than a ‘good’ person. Good-ish people are always growing.” This book teaches how to do that.



**Friends of Grace Band worshipped with us in the Biblical Garden on Sunday, June 13th. It was a beautiful day and the service was enjoyed by everyone.**



**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE IN JULY:** The worship service will take place in the Biblical Garden (weather permitting) on Sunday, July 4th and Sunday, July 11th. **COMMUNION** will take place on **SUNDAY, JULY 11TH.**

Fellowship/Evangelism Church Growth Committee filled goodie bags for the children that attended the Kiwanis Bicycle Safety Day on June 5th. The goodie bags had bottled water, granola bar, beach ball, bracelet that looked like a chain on a bike and a list of APC activities.

We had a beautiful day! It was a nice sunny Saturday morning! Several bikes were inspected and tuned up, everyone received a new helmet along with their goodie bag, and many tried out the ever challenging obstacle course.

The Free Little Pantry will be up and ready soon. The post has been installed, it's located in the Auburn Presbyterian Church parking lot, the grassy area near tree close to the church. If you have donations you're welcome to leave them in the church kitchen or give to Melinda Smith.



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**Donors urgently needed: Red Cross still facing *severe blood shortage***

The American Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage that is negatively affecting blood product availability across the country. **Donors of all blood types – especially type O – are urged to make an appointment to give now and help ensure hospital shelves are stocked with blood products.**

Right now, the Red Cross is working around the clock to provide blood products to hospitals responding to an unusually high number of traumas and emergency room visits, as well as overdoses and resulting transplants. As a result of the blood shortage, some hospitals are being forced to slow the pace of elective surgeries until the blood supply stabilizes, delaying crucial patient care.

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Fellowship Hall  
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Above is an invitation received from our Senior, Isabella Gettys, inviting the church family to her graduation open-house.

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Session voted to keep the office opened on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. If you have business to take care of in the church you may do so during that time. However, the secretary will be answering the phones everyday; so if you need to reach someone don't hesitate to call the office number at 925-2987.

**MAILING ADDRESS UPDATE:**

Recently a mail box was purchased to have installed on the building. Eventually we will face out our PO box number. It is suggested that you start sending all mail correspondence to the street address which is:

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