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# The Daily Bluffer We Are All Works in Progress

### The Daily Joke & Riddle

What do they call pastors residing in Germany?

A: German Shepards

## Name That Biblical Character:

On an empty stomach in the desert, I fed on locusts and honey for the entire time I was in the desert. Who am I?

(Yesterday's character: Jonah)



Photo by Caroline Barsotti

#### Taking the Torch

By Eric Reynolds

The Daily Bluffer interviewed Molly Buccola about joining the Summer Conference steering committee, and finding joy in being together again.

**The Daily Bluffer**: Can you tell me what it's like having a complete change in leadership at Summer Conference?

*Molly Buccola*: Yes, I am thankful to the previous steering committee for taking a lot of notes for us, and we also have a few people still on board, such as Bill Zuelke and Toni Cooper, who are helping with the transition. Additionally, everyone else had made themselves available for us to call. That's helpful too.

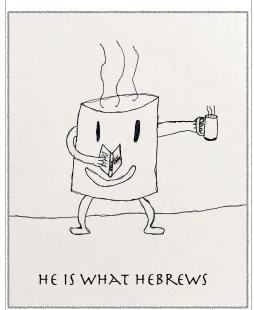
**DB**: This is also the first Summer Conference in three years. Have there been any unique problems from not being in conference for so long?

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#### Found Friday's Hidden Spot:

Elianna, Christina, Susie, Zuzi L., Simon V., Edward B., Greta H., Elsie H., Ashlyn F., Cory W. Alexander W., Zdenek L., Kelly, Eliott C., Levi K., Sam F., Catherine C., Sandra, Ara B., Zellie H., Lucas H., Vinnie W.



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**MB**: Ooh, how about that? Really, it's just exciting to see everyone, and I think that the general feeling is a feeling of joy that we can gather again. It feels like everyone's willing to step up and help out. There might be bumps in the road but everyone has been very helpful and flexible and it's been a fairly fluid process.

**DB**: Is there anything specific you'd like people to take home from the Summer Conference?

**MB**: My hope always is for us to experience rejuvenation and joy and the sense of community that we feel here, that we can take into the world. I love that about the Summer Conference — every time I leave

here I just feel jazzed and ready to create community or engage in community in my hometown.

**DB**: One more question. How has it been being a member of the steering committee?

MB: I love it because every time I show up to a meeting, I look at the screen — because we've been on Zoom — and it's all these people that I've known and loved for so long and we all have a common purpose. We have a deep, deep love and care for the Summer Conference. So it has been a complete joy, because all of us are doing it because we love it and we believe wholeheartedly in the conference and what it does as a community for us but also reaching beyond into the world. ❖

#### FIND THE SPOT:



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