# **Doylestown Mennonite Church**

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## Welcome!

We are people on a journey of following Jesus, and we invite you to walk with us. In our desire to be authentic, we share our joys and struggles to both encourage and pray for one another. All are welcome to ask questions and participate in our activities. Our vision - taking risks with and for Christ - continues to shape us. Please feel free to make DMC your faith community.

~ Pastors Randy and Sandy

**Tithes & Offerings** - If you would like to give an offering, you may place it in the basket on the table at the front of the sanctuary. There is also an option to give online on the home page of our website (address at the top of this page).

### **Serving Today:**

<u>Trustee of the Month:</u> Cesar Garrido

Greeters: Don & Judy Derstine

Worship Leader: Steve Landes
Music Leader: Sue Bartels
Preacher: Randy Heacock

*Nursery (worship):* Joyce Zuzack

**Prayer Ushers:** Freida Myers, Don Heckler

Intercessor: Karen Fennell

Worship services are streamed live on the public church Facebook page beginning at 9:50 am. The video remains available to view at any time.

Video link: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/doylestownmc">www.facebook.com/doylestownmc</a>

## **Happening This Week:**

| Prayer by Zoom      | 9:00 am   |
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| Listening Prayer    | 3:00 pm   |
| Morning Out         | 10:00 am  |
| Prayer by Zoom      | 9:00 am   |
| Good Friday service | 7:30 pm   |
|                     | Listening Prayer<br>Morning Out<br>Prayer by Zoom |

#### **DMC Notes:**

**Tuesday & Friday, 9:00 am - Zoom Prayer;** anyone is welcome to join these weekly prayer groups! <u>CLICK HERE</u> or use meeting ID: 982 3566 8858, passcode: 805803. To join by phone, call 1-929-205-6099.

**Listening Prayer** meets this week on Tuesday, March 26 at 3:00-4:00 pm in the  $2^{nd}$  Floor prayer room. ou are welcome to join!

All women are invited to **Morning Out**, Wednesday, March 27, 10:00-11:30 am in Room 205. This is a time of connection and inspirational reflection. Light snacks provided; bring your own beverage. Invite a friend! Questions? Contact Judy Garrido.

We will gather for a **Good Friday Service** on March 29 at 7:30 pm. It will be a service of readings, reflections and prayer focusing on the humiliation of the cross.

**Easter Sunday** - All are welcome to come for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am. Please sign up on the sheet on the table near the mailboxes to bring baked goods, breakfast casseroles or fruit for the buffet. A worship service celebrating Jesus' resurrection will follow at 10:00 am and will include communion.

**Sunday, April 7** will be our first mission Sunday for the year, and Noel Santiago will bring the morning message. Our entire offering that day will be set aside to support those mission efforts we have identified as a congregation.

The Care Team invites the congregation to prayerfully consider the open position on the team. Over the next month please read the list of participants in our directory and allow the Spirit to direct your thoughts to persons who are trustworthy and have integrity. As names come to mind, please take time to pray over those persons. As the Spirit gives peace and affirmation, please offer those names to any member of the Care Team by April 28, before our next meeting on April 30. The Care Team will also pray and collectively discern our next step in inviting a person to join the team. We will keep the congregation informed of the process. Thank you for joining us in waiting on God for his leading. The Care Team: Randy Heacock, Freida Myers and Sandy Landes

#### **Scripture Text – Matthew 21:1-17**

Are we willing to name our tendency to choose our own authority rather than yield to God's?

Will you listen to Jesus by inviting God to name one thing Jesus taught that you need to practice?

Will you ask God to identify any attitude, belief or practice in you that hinders others from freely experiencing God's mercy?

Will you willingly participate with Jesus' desire to gather you under his wings?

## 2024 Theme - Jesus Gave Them Authority

#### DMC participants to pray for:

**John Moyer** – He is receiving care in the Health Care unit at SMH; pray for his daily strength and that he keeps walking with Jesus.

Marge & Ray Swartley – Pray for strength and encouragement for each day.

**Lisa, Mark, Sam and Silas Reiff** – Pray for Silas' weight gain and for Mark and Lisa as they work with doctors to determine how best to help him in his growth and development. Pray for their peace and wisdom as they trust God in their parenting.

#### **Prayer Guide:**

**Monday:** When you find yourself waiting today in traffic, for a call, for a meal or whatever, invite God to speak to you as you wait.

**Tuesday:** Pray for the Men's Al-anon meeting that gathers at DMC tonight at 7. Pray that they would know God's strength as they walk with family and friends who struggle with addiction.

**Wednesday:** Pray for the DMC Care Team as they invite your participation in discerning who God wants to join them. **Thursday:** Pray for children who are experiencing chaos caused by divorce or financial instability. Ask God to protect them and provide a listening ear.

**Friday:** Reflect on Jesus' crucifixion and ask God to provide greater awareness of Jesus' willingness to humble himself and become obedient to the point of death.

**Saturday:** Pray for our Resurrection celebration tomorrow. Pray that God's power and glory will be present at both our breakfast and service.

#### **DMC 2024 Crafted Prayer:**

Dear Heavenly Father, you send us out to proclaim Jesus' name and with his healing power. We submit to your authority. Let us praise the Lord and step out unencumbered by worldly cares. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us in our times of weakness. We accept the authority you bestow on us with humility and compassion. Give us wisdom and help us to be fearless in our encounters. May we joyfully reflect your glory now and forevermore. Amen

## **Community Groups @ DMC**

Sunday

LAA (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

<u>Tuesday</u>

Alanon (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

**Sandy Ridge Community Garden** 

Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday work hours

Wednesday

AA (weekly, 12 pm - basement)
Naranon (weekly, 6 pm - Rm 201)
Bucks Co. Writers (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

**Thursday** 

Support Group (weekly, 7 pm - Rm 201)

#### March 17

Attendance: 54

Offering (3/15-3/22): \$3653.00