

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).

As We Gather Today:

Trustee of the Month: Garry Landis

Greeters: Don & Kathy Heckler

Pre-service Music: Lois & Freida Myers

Worship Leader: Randy Heacock

Music Leaders: Lois & Freida Myers

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Nursery (worship): Janice Wyble

Prayer Ushers: Judy & Cesar Garrido

Intercessor: MaryLee Chittick

Watch live (begins at 9:50 am; video remains available to view at any time): www.facebook.com/doylestownmc

Happening This Week:

Dec 3	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
Dec 3	Care Team meeting	7:00 pm
Dec 4	Morning Out	10:00 am
Dec 6	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
Dec 7	Karen's Place	7:00 pm

DMC Notes:

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

Some **Sunday School opportunities** coming up:

- * (Today) December 1 - Our conference delegates will report on their experience at the Mosaic fall Assembly and at the seminar they attended on November 16 which provided a historical understanding of conferences and other affiliation possibilities.
- * December 8 - Mark and Lisa Reiff wish to celebrate Silas's first birthday with the congregation to give witness to God's faithfulness during the past year. Cake and ice cream will be served. Presents are not necessary (all the prayers and support for Silas have been his greatest gift this year).

All women are invited to **Morning Out**, Wednesday, December 4, 10:00-11:30 am in Room 205. Morning Out is a time of connection and inspirational reflection. Light snacks provided; bring your own beverage. Invite a friend! Questions? Contact Judy Garrido.

People are needed to help with DMC **Christmas caroling** on Wednesday, December 18 starting at 6:30 pm. Meet at Don and Kathy Hecklers' home, 200 Murray Drive, Doylestown (215-345-4493); bring warm clothes, a flashlight and snacks.

Your **2025 offering envelopes** are now in your mailbox. If you did not receive envelopes in 2024 but would like them for 2025, please contact Kristine in the church office.

If you're able to **provide flowers** for worship for a Sunday (or two ... or more!) during the first few months of 2025, please sign up on the bulletin board near the mailboxes.

Luke 21:25-36

What signs of chaos and distress causes you to grow weary and fear?

Do you believe in the mystery that God's kingdom is near in the midst of disorder?

For what do you need to repent in order to submit to God and focus on Jesus alone?

Will you continue to live out our rich Anabaptist history of those who lived with freedom and peace in the face of distress and persecution?

2024 Theme – Jesus Gave Them Authority

DMC participants to pray for:

Karl Strauch plans to begin chemotherapy this week. Pray for strength and peace for both Karl and Cindy. They are both so grateful for the prayers of the congregation and for God's presence with them.

Prayer Guide:

Monday: Give thanks for the wisdom God so graciously gives us. In what ways do you need to ask God for wisdom today?

Tuesday: Pray for the Care Team as they meet tonight. Pray for each of them to know God's peace.

Wednesday: Pray for those for whom the holidays bring back the pain of loss. Ask God for healing and to open your eyes to reach out to such people.

Thursday: Pray for the men's group that uses our building tonight. Pray they find freedom from addiction and experience hope from Jesus.

Friday: Pray for Mark Swartley as he transitions out of his responsibilities as CEO of Spruce Lake. Ask God to give him clarity and peace as he transitions to new opportunities.

Saturday: Pray for Mark, Lisa, Sam and Silas Reiff as plans are made to celebrate Silas' birthday tomorrow by expressing God's faithfulness over this past year.

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)

Tuesday

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 101)

Bucks Co. Writers (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

Thursday

Support Group (weekly, 7 pm - Rm 201)

November 24

Attendance: 61

Offering (11/22-29):

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