

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).

Today, Sunday, December 31
we will worship at 10:00 am
around tables, enjoying food together.

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: www.facebook.com/doylestownmc

Happy
New Year

Happening this week:

Jan 2	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
Jan 3	Morning Out	10:00 am
Jan 5	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
Jan 6	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.

Today is your last chance to make any changes to the draft copy of the **2024 DMC Church Directory** on the table by the mailboxes! Please check that your info is correct, and we aim to have the new directory available in mid-January.

A **meal schedule** has been set up for Mark and Lisa Reiff to provide meals for the next several weeks, at the following link: TakeThemAMeal.com/ROFR6763. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Landes.

Thus far, we have received \$40,400 of the \$50,000 desired for the **Spruce Lake Youth Cabin**. Donations are still being accepted for this project; please clearly mark your gift for the "cabin fund".

For the month of January only, **Morning Out** will be held the 1st and 4th Wednesdays of the month (January 3 & 24). Join us, 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.

DMC crafted prayer for 2024 - we will once again look to God to help us write a crafted prayer for DMC. There are two sessions planned to craft this prayer: Tuesday, January 16, 10:30-11:30 am at DMC, and Tuesday, January 23, 7:00-8:00 pm on Zoom. All are welcome to join this process; please contact Sandy with any questions.

Newsletter items for the January edition of News & Views are due to Lois Myers by Tuesday evening, January 2. Please send her your articles and photos to myersfm@juno.com.

2023 Theme – Spirit-Produced Fruit

DMC participants to pray for:

Denny Bartels - Praise God for the healing Denny has experienced since surgery in early November. Pray that Denny would have patience and be mindful of his limitations as he awaits further healing.

Marge Swartley - Marge is receiving care at the Grand View rehab unit. Pray for strength and encouragement for Marge as she has therapy every day.

Mark, Lisa & Silas Reiff - praise God that Silas is gaining weight. Pray that he would continue to eat well and grow. Lift up the concerns about his hearing and ask God to help Silas hear the voices of those who love him.

Prayer Guide:

Monday - Give thanks for the promise of God's presence and provision for all that we will need for the coming year.

Tuesday - Pray for someone you know who needs wisdom in making a decision to be guided by God.

Wednesday - "Be still and know that I am God." Practice this prayer today as the Spirit leads.

Thursday - Notice the beauty in creation today, the skies, the birds, the people. Give thanks!

Friday - When we worry, we can be confident God has not forgotten us. Confess your worries today and lean into the care of our Heavenly Father (see Matthew 6).

Saturday - Prepare for worship tomorrow by asking God to open our hearts and minds to the message God has for DMC in the coming year.

2023 Crafted Prayer:

Dear Father, we praise and thank you for the glorious mystery of your Trinity. We are grateful that you have sent the Holy Spirit, whose transforming power is at work in us. The fruit that the Spirit produces in each of us brings forth your kingdom here on earth. Let us keep in step with you, Holy Spirit, ever mindful of the power that your gifts provide. We pray in Jesus' name, 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 201)

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

Thursday

Support Group (weekly, 7 pm - Rm 201)

December 24

Attendance (AM): 42

Offering (12/22-29):
\$2538.00

Spruce Lake Cabin support:
\$9000.00