

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

Worship Leader: Sue Bartels

Music Leader: Ronda Histand

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Nursery (worship): Cindy Strauch

Prayer Ushers: Nancy Heacock, Kendrick Garrido

Intercessor: Junior Brodie

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

Happening This Week:

Dec 9	Worship Planning mtg	7:00 pm
Dec 10	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
Dec 10	Care & Share Day	9am-5pm
Dec 13	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am

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.

This **update from Kendrick Garrido** for your information on the status of our finances through mid-November: our weekly giving has been, on average, less than what we targeted in our budget for this year and when compared with our actual expenses so far, we are about \$9,000 behind. We continue to have reserve funds set aside for times where we fall short of our budgeted giving, so this is a manageable situation and I wanted to make sure everyone is aware. Thank you for your generous and faithful giving throughout the year!

During Sunday School today, 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).

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.

If you did not receive **offering 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.

We are now working on the **2025 DMC Church Directory**. Over the next few weeks, please check the draft copy on the table by the mailboxes to make sure your contact information, birthday and/or anniversary is correct and current. If you have any changes or additions, please write them in. We aim to have the new directory available in mid-January.

Luke 1:26-38

Are you willing to submit to God's invitational authority to follow the way of Jesus?

Do you share God's invitational authority by inviting others to follow Jesus and to submit to His ways?

Are there relationships/situations in which you are tempted to control rather than live God's invitational authority?

Will you continue to trust God as you live with the pain of rejection when people you care about choose to follow their own way?

2024 Theme – Jesus Gave Them Authority

DMC participants to pray for:

Karl Strauch received care at Doylestown Hospital and hopes to begin radiation treatment for colon cancer in the next week. Pray for healing for his leg wound and for continued trust in God for both Karl and Cindy. They are both grateful for prayer and support from DMC.

MaryLee Chittick had surgery on Wednesday to repair a broken jaw and is grateful for caring friends, your prayers and excellent medical care. Praise God for his care. Pray for continued healing and peace for MaryLee.

Mark, Lisa, Sam and Silas Reiff - Give thanks and praise to God as we celebrate Silas' birthday and for the gift of his life. Pray for Silas to continue to grow well and to be able to be weaned from his feeding tube and CPAP for breathing.

Prayer Guide:

Monday: Ask God to help you live with authority rooted in submission to God today.

Tuesday: Pray for Dale and Beth Nafziger as Dale makes plans to travel to the US at the end of December for a 3-month assignment visiting churches and family.

Wednesday: Give thanks for God's healing power for Karl Strauch and MaryLee Chittick as well as others who need healing, physical, emotional, spiritual.

Thursday: As preparations go on for Christmas celebrations, how might God be calling you to let go of an expectation and pick up his peace and joy today?

Friday: Pray for the MLT as they meet on Sunday to discern God's leading for next steps for DMC.

Saturday: Give praise and thanks to God for his presence with us as we gather for worship tomorrow. Pray for an outpouring of his Spirit upon us.

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)

Monday

German Chat (weekly, 2 pm - Rm 101)

Tuesday

Alanon (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

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)

Sandy Ridge Community Garden

Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday work hours

December 1

Attendance: 57

Offering (11/29-12/6):
\$4,303