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

<u>Worship Leader:</u> Sue Bartels <u>Music Leader:</u> Ronda Histand <u>Preacher:</u> Randy Heacock

Nursery (worship): Cindy Strauch

Prayer Ushers: Nancy Heacock, Steve Landes

Intercessor: MaryLee Chittick

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

Happening This Week:

Mar 19	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
Mar 19	Care Team meeting	7:15 pm
Mar 22	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am

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.

Reminder that meal schedules have been set up for Mark and Lisa Reiff (takethemameal.com/ROFR6763) and Ray and Marge Swartley (takethemameal.com/FFFV6363), to provide meals over the next several weeks. If you have any questions contact Sandy Landes.

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.

The **Care Team** recently received Aimee Gourley's resignation, effective Sunday, March 3. The team has appreciated her time of service with us on behalf of the DMC congregation and invites your prayers and thoughts as they meet to discern God's leading for the open position. Their next meeting is Tuesday, March 19. Please reach out to Pastor Randy, Pastor Sandy or Freida Myers if you have any questions or concerns.

Scripture Text – Matthew 17:1-13

How will you step away from the noise to listen for God?

How is Jesus asking you to leave the comfort of God's presence and enter the world to serve?

What is conventional wisdom, tradition, or practice that Jesus declares but I say ...?

2024 Theme – Jesus Gave Them Authority

DMC participants to pray for:

John Moyer – He is receiving care in the Health Care unit at Souderton Mennonite Homes; pray for his peace and comfort.

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

Lisa, Mark, Sam and Silas Reiff – Pray for continued weight gain, growth and development for Silas. Silas has some more follow-up appointments at CHOP this week. Pray for wisdom for his doctors.

Prayer Guide:

Monday: How is God giving you strength to follow Jesus each day? Give thanks ahead of time for God's provision for this day and this week.

Tuesday: Pray for a DMC participant who God brings to your mind today. Listen for how God wants you to give them a word of encouragement.

Wednesday: Lift up the Sandy Ridge Community Garden group as they prepare for another growing season. Pray that God's love would be shared and experienced by all.

Thursday: God invites us to repent of thoughts and actions that are not in order with what God has for us. Invite the Holy Spirit to show you God's ways today.

Friday: Praise God for his peace and rest as we live in his loving compassion each day.

Saturday: Ask God to help us at DMC to be a welcoming people as we meet others throughout our week and as we gather for worship.

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 10

Attendance: 54 (DMC + Spruce Lake)

Offering (3/8-3/15): \$2471.00