

# 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, KrisAnne, 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).

### People Serving Today:

Trustee of the month: Garry Landis

Greeters: Don & Kathy Heckler

Worship Leader: Karl Strauch

Preacher: Noel Santiago

Prayer Ushers: Mary Leatherman, Kendrick Garrido

Intercessor: Karen Fennell

Nursery (worship): Janice Wyble

Worship services are streamed live on the public church Facebook page beginning at 9:50am. The video remains available to view at any time. Video link: <https://www.facebook.com/doylestownmc/>

### Upcoming Events

Dec 13	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
	Care & Share Day	9am-5pm
Dec 14	MLT mtg	7:00pm
	Caroling	6:30pm
Dec 16	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm

### DMC NOTES:

#### **DECEMBER Sunday School (11:10-11:50am) –**

- Children's Class: continues to meet in the basement
- Women's Support Group: continues to meet
- Traditional Adult Class (Rms 102/103): All are welcome to come to this class, even if you have never attended before! The current study series is on "Power & Love."

**Tuesday 9am / Friday 1pm Zoom Prayer-** Anyone is welcome to join these weekly prayer groups! Visit this link: <https://zoom.us/j/98235668858?pwd=dE1zWTJ0d1VPdURIN2hHWXFJaDJXQT09> (meeting ID 982 3566 8858, passcode 805803. To join by phone, call 1-929-205-6099)

**TODAY is our last Mission Sunday of the year.** We need \$9,000 to reach our mission giving goal for the year. If you give online or mail your check to the church office, please let KrisAnne know you would like your donation designated for missions.

**Pastor Randy** is preaching at Towamencin Mennonite Church this Sunday as part of his Mosaic Conference work.

**Christmas Caroling this Wednesday-** Meet at 6:30pm at Don & Kathy Heckler's home, 200 Murray Drive, Doylestown. We will carol in their neighborhood and enjoy visiting afterward.

**Christmas Eve & Christmas Day -** We will gather for worship on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm, with carols and candle lighting. Worship will begin at 10am on Christmas Day (no Sunday School). Both services will be live-streamed.

**2022 Church budget update-** DMC congregation, As we near the end of the year, I am providing a brief overview of our progress toward our financial needs & goals. So far this year, your generous donations toward our general budget have exceeded \$174,000. In addition, Randy's continued donation of his Mosaic stipend takes us to over \$202,000 toward our general budget goal. Your faithful and consistent offerings have kept pace with our general expenses which are at just under \$200,000 to date. These are the expenses that go into running DMC as a house of worship (staff, admin, maintenance, supplies, utilities, etc.), as well as all the other services & events which are lovingly shared with the community. We are closing the year in good shape financially thanks to your generous support! -Kendrick Garrido, Treasurer

**2023 Church Directory –** There is a draft of the new directory on the mailbox table. Please take a look and make any additions and/or corrections (names, addresses, phone numbers and birthdays). New directories will be printed in early January. Thank you!

**Sermon Notes: 1 Samuel 5:1-5**  
***Trusting God in Times of Trouble***

**Prayer Guide:**

**2022 Advent Theme – *Our Source Seeks Us***

**DMC participants to pray for:**

**Lorraine Landis** – Pray for healing and strength as Lorraine continues with home therapy.

**Denny Bartels** – Denny expects to have hip replacement surgery on Monday, Dec 12. Pray for Denny to experience healing and for peace for both Denny and Susan.

**Monday** – Ask God to give you a word or verse from scripture to encourage you this week to trust God.

**Tuesday** – Pray for college students as they finish up this semester of classes. Pray that they will have energy for all the needs to be accomplished and assurance of God's presence.

**Wednesday** – Pray for all those for whom Christmas is an especially difficult time of year. Ask God to direct you to reach out to a person you normally do not connect with over the holidays.

**Thursday** – As you go about your day, ask God to bring to mind one action or attitude that may need further reflection. Is God directing you to confess to another person or change anything going forward?

**Friday** – Praise God for the times in your life when God has pursued you and you experienced unexpected/undeserved love.

**Saturday** – Ask God to give you the confidence to wait and trust God as you prepare for tomorrow's worship.

**Crafted Prayer for Advent 2022:**

Heavenly Father, we praise and trust You. You are our Hope. We long to live without fear and put our confidence in You. Let us be found by You, Jesus, as you seek after us. You are our Source, the Source of life for the whole world! Let us always produce fruit in our homes and community for Your glory. Amen

**Community Groups Meeting @ DMC**

**Sunday**

LAA (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Girl Scouts (monthly, 6:30pm, Room 201)

**Tuesday**

AWP Empowerment (weekly, 9am-2pm, basement)

Alanon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

**Wednesday**

AA (weekly, 12pm, basement)

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

**Thursday**

Support Group (weekly, 7pm, Room 201)

**Sandy Ridge Community Garden**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday work hours

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance: 53

Offering: \$4066.00  
(Dec 2-9)