

# 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:

Greeters: Dave Chittick & Jeff Buckwalter, Jr.

Worship Leader: Karl Strauch

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Prayer Ushers: Robin Miller, Kendrick Garrido

Intercessor: Kathy Heckler

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	Worship planning	7:00pm
Dec 14	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
	Care & Share Day	9am-5pm
	Trustees mtg	7:00pm
Dec 15	Christmas Caroling	6:30pm
Dec 17	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm

### DMC NOTES:

**Services for Dave Zuzack-** There will be visiting hours at Fluehr Funeral Home Friday, Dec 17, 5-7pm. On Saturday, Dec 18, the family will receive visitors from 9-10am and the service will begin at 10:00am.

**Christmas Eve-** We will gather for worship at 7:00pm and our offerings that evening will support Indonesian Light Church in Philadelphia (we heard from pastor Hendy Matahelemual in November) and the Salvatori family, missionaries with Bold Hope in the Dominican Republic (we heard from Franco Salvatori in July).

**December 26<sup>th</sup> we will gather in the fellowship hall following worship,** to enjoy Christmas cookies, coffee/tea, and fellowship. Please bring a plate of cookies to share if you are able.

**Ripple Church and Ripple Community, Inc.,** express their deep gratitude for DMC's generosity in collecting items for their ministry work in the city of Allentown. They are much appreciated!

**Please see the enclosed ballot** regarding affirmation of trustees. Return completed ballots to the box in the church office by December 26. Thank you.

**Mary Lee Chittick has informed Ministry Leadership Team of her desire to step down as church treasurer, leader of Stewardship Ministry.** We have greatly appreciated her work and contributions to our conversations and wish to honor her desire. We have already pursued some individuals about taking on this role, but we also want to hear any suggestions from the congregation. Please give this prayerful reflection and pass along any suggestions to the church office or to any MLT member.

**Faith Training Camp update-** Thanks to all who gave feedback on FTC. A few highlights from the survey: "It was great to learn and share in a new way. I appreciated getting to know group members. The practice of focusing on one passage for 3 weeks was helpful. The opportunity to speak openly without facing judgment was meaningful." Suggestions for how to improve FTC were greatly appreciated. We will offer FTC once again, **January-March. Sign-up on the sheet on the mailbox table.** Traditional adult SS class (Rm 102/103) will continue. Steve Landes will also offer a SS class (sermon response or book study).

## **Sermon Notes: Luke 3:7-18**

How do we separate between correction and condemnation?

What is required?

What is the purpose?

### **Prayer Guide: 2021 Theme – *Look instead for what God can do!***

#### **DMC**

- **Ask God to give you eyes to see the salvation God is bringing to you and those around you.**
- **Pray for Joyce Zuzack, daughters, Mary and Andrea (husband, Philip),** as they grieve the passing of Dave on Weds, December 8. Pray that they would experience God's comforting and continued presence in the week ahead.
- Pray for **Lucy DeJesus** to know God's ongoing provision of strength and wisdom for her daily activities.
- Lift up these DMC participants who aren't able to worship with us in person: **Sara Faye Moyer, Grace Brenneman, Dorothy Wartko, June Histan, Betty Good, Doris Garges and Lucy DeJesus.** Pray that they would sense God's love.
- **Sally Landis** gives thanks for healing but experienced a setback this week. Pray for healing and comfort for Sally.
- Pray for **Stacey and Kent Wyble, and their parents, Don and Judy Derstine, Glenn and Janice Wyble.** Pray for healing and strength through the treatments she is receiving. Pray for protection from the covid virus for their household.

#### **Community**

- **Pray for the ministry of Pinebrook and Spruce Lake.** They are so **blessed and grateful for the leadership of Executive Director Mark Swartley** throughout this "Covid time!" Pray for Mark and Jackie as they serve alongside of staff in pointing people to Christ.
- This week all congregations in **Mosaic Conference are praying for Alpha (NJ) Mennonite Church and their new pastor, Kevin Opett.** The pastoral search has been long, and we celebrate Pastor Kevin's arrival and pray for the congregation and their new pastor.

#### **Global**

- **Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Orodara region, where many of Burkina Faso's Mennonites live.** Foreign-sponsored guerilla fighters are making it difficult for people to go to work and for children to attend school. Pray for the Mennonites' peace witness, for the families of the more than 1,500 people who have died and for the more than 1.3 million displaced people in Burkina Faso.

### **Community Groups Meeting @ DMC**

#### **Sunday**

Playwrite's Bridge (monthly, 2-5pm, basement)  
LAA (weekly, 7pm, Rm 102/103)

#### **Monday**

AWP Board (monthly, 5pm, basement)

#### **Tuesday**

AWP Empowerment (weekly, 9am-2pm, basement)  
Alanon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

#### **Wednesday**

AA (weekly, 12pm, basement)  
Bucks Co. Writers (weekly, 7pm, basement)

#### **Thursday**

Thurs Eve Support Group (weekly, 7pm, Rm 201)  
Girl Scouts (monthly, 6:30pm, basement)

#### **Sandy Ridge Community Garden**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday work hours

**December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance: 61

Offering: \$3902.40  
(Dec 3-10)