

# 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

Preservice Music: Lois & Freida Myers

Worship Leader: Sue Bartels

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Prayer Ushers: Robin Miller, Steve Landes

Intercessor: Aimee Gourley

Nursery (worship): Cyndi Landis

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 20	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
	SMH Gathering	2:00pm
	Listening Prayer	4:00pm
Dec 23	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00pm

### DMC NOTES:

**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)

**Listening prayer** meets Tuesday, December 20, 4pm – 5pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Prayer Room. You are welcome to join to rest in God's presence together.

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

**Christmas Eve Offering-** Due to your generosity, we have met our mission commitments for 2022. Therefore, Ministry Leadership Team has designated our Christmas Eve offering to be divided equally between: **Bridge of Hope BuxMont**, which provides services to single parents in our local area; and **Bold Hope International** in the Dominican Republic, where Franco and Stacy Salvatori serve (Franco is the former pastor of Rocky Ridge Mennonite Church).

**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: Exodus 3:1-12 & 4:27-31**

What does the burning bush teach us about the God who seeks us?

What is the threefold platform for action?

Why does Moses question his call?

How does God respond?

### **Prayer Guide:**

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

#### **DMC participants to pray for:**

**Lorraine Landis** – Give thanks for the progress Lorraine has made. Pray for continued strength and peace.

**Denny Bartels** – Praise God for the healing Denny has experienced this week following his surgery.

**Monday** – Keep your eyes open today for a “burning bush” moment, when God reaches out to You with love and a calling to act in faith. Give thanks for God seeking you out.

**Tuesday** – Pray specifically for your immediate neighbors today. Pray that they will have a special sense of God’s nearness during this Christmas season, even in the midst of any struggle they may be experiencing.

**Wednesday** – Pray for the Church around the world; ask God to bring to mind a few places/countries where you could focus your prayers. Pray for followers of Jesus there, that they would be encouraged and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be Christ’s Body in their community.

**Thursday** – Set aside some time to think of areas of your life where you are tempted to take control, instead of releasing control and trusting outcomes to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to grant you the courage to let go and simply trust.

**Friday** – Pray for staff and volunteers of churches in your community, as they prepare and host services this weekend. Pray that they will be led by the Spirit and encouraged as they serve and give of their time, energy and gifts.

**Saturday** – Give thanks that God came near to us in Jesus! Listen for the Spirit’s guidance, how you can embody that kind of nearness for others. Who can you draw near to- in love and mercy- this coming week?

#### **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 11<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance: 58

Mission Sunday

Offering: \$10,891.00

(Dec 9-16)