

# Doylestown Mennonite Church

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## WELCOME!

We are people on a journey of following Jesus and invite you to walk with us. In our desire to be authentic, we share our joys and struggles in order 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

### People Serving Today:

Greeters/Ushers: Angel Mejias & Sandra Maldonado

Garry & Cyndi Landis

Worship Leader: KrisAnne Swartley

Preservice/Offertory: Heather Zeo / Abby Zeo

Prayer Ushers: Mark Reiff & Mary Leatherman

Intercessor: MaryEllen Schade

Nursery- Worship: Janey & Kendrick Garrido

Nursery- SS: Sue Bartels

Preacher: Randy Heacock

### DMC NOTES:

**There are paper candles in a basket near the Christmas tree in the Sandy Ridge lobby.** We invite you to take a candle and write a few words on it, expressing how you would like to “create space to receive Jesus” and then hang it on the tree.

**During the month of Advent,** you are invited to set aside a time to visit the Upstairs Prayer room to use the prayer activity created especially around our theme: **Creating Space for Jesus.** Sign up for a timeslot on the calendar outside the prayer room.

**Christmas Eve service** will be at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 24th. Our offerings gathered that evening will go toward renovations at Pinebrook Retreat Center (including adding heating/AC units for \$3,100.00 each).

**On December 29<sup>th</sup>** we will welcome six new congregants through baptism and membership during our worship service. **Worship will be at 9:30am, followed by a Christmas cookie social in the fellowship hall (no Sunday school).** Bring a plate of cookies to share as we welcome new members and celebrate the holiday!

**2020 Offering Envelopes** have been distributed in mailboxes. If you notice any error, please reach out to KrisAnne in the office. If you do not wish to use the envelopes, feel free to simply place them back on her desk.

**Right Before Your Eyes-** This powerful movie about faith and addiction will be shown here at DMC on Saturday evening January 11, beginning at 6:30pm. Tickets are available through the church office for \$5 each. After the movie, actors will be available for a brief Q&A. There will also be refreshments served in the fellowship hall.

**Karen's Place Valentine's Dinner & Concert** featuring Juliana Schnee, will be February 15 @ 6:30pm. Tickets are \$30 each. Contact the church office to reserve your tickets. Seating is limited.

### **Sunday School 11:00-11:45 am**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>
Pre-K –Grade 5	Basement rooms
Adult Class- “Discipleship”	Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study	Room 102/103
Jr./Sr. High Students	Room 205
Sermon Response Class	Room 203
Women's Book Club	Room 201

### **Upcoming Events**

December 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00pm
January 11	Women's Prayer Retreat	9am-3pm
	“Right Before Your Eyes” Movie	6:30pm

## Sermon Notes: Matthew 1:18-25

I need more than goodness?

What if Joseph did not adjust his plans?

What is necessary to make room for Jesus?

### Prayer Guide: 2019 Theme- Incarnational Living: being Jesus' presence in the world

#### **DMC individuals/families**

##### **In what ways are you being invited this Advent season to make space for God?**

- **Jenni Garrido** – Pray for continued healing and for energy. Praise God for his constant faithfulness. (Meals are appreciated, to signup: takethemameal.com, family name: Garrido, password: help)
- **Ronda Hstand** – recovering from surgery, healing and wisdom
- **Tim Brenneman** – being treated for lung cancer, experiencing fatigue and pain
- **Michael Fennell** – strength and healing

#### **Community Connections**

- **Spruce Lake/Pinebrook** – Praise God for a board and a staff that desires to see people pointed to Christ. Pray for a Retreat Center Director at Spruce Lake so that Mark Swartley can spend more time giving leadership to the ministry.
- **Towamencin Mennonite Church** – Please pray that they can continue to recognize the opportunities God has placed before them in the community, and for God's continued guidance as they search for a new lead pastor.
- **Give thanks for the groups who meet in our building every week.** Pray that they would sense the welcoming love of God.

#### **Global Concerns**

- **Dale and Bethsaba Nafziger have created a "Christmas" atmosphere at their Top of the World Coffee shop in Kathmandu.** Check out their Facebook page and pray for their ministry to bring people to Christ this Christmas.
- **Phil and Pratishka Tyson, Nepal,** are grateful for their son, Evan, born in late October. They are doing well. Pray for wisdom in their work with Beauty for Ashes and Love Justice International.

### Groups Meeting at DMC:

#### **Sunday:**

**Playwright's Bridge** (2pm, basement,  
1x/month)

**NA** (7pm, basement)

#### **Monday:**

**Girl Scouts** (6pm, basement, 1x/month)

#### **Tuesday:**

**AlaNon** (7pm, basement)

#### **Wednesday:**

**AA** (12pm, basement)

**Bucks Co. Writers' Group** (7pm, basement)

**PA Rush soccer** (7pm, main floor, 1x/month)

#### **Thursday:**

**OA** (10am, main floor)

**Girl Scouts** (6pm, basement, 2x/month)

**Thurs Eve Group** (7pm, Room 201)

**Stats: 12/15/2019**

Attendance: 79

Offering: \$4,059.99