

# 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:

**Trustee of the Month:** Garry Landis

**Greeters:** Don & Kathy Heckler

**Pre-Service Music:** Lois & Freida Myers

**Worship Leader:** Sue Bartels

**Music Leaders:** Lois & Freida Myers

**Preacher:** Randy Heacock

**Nursery (worship):** Joyce Zuzack

**Prayer Ushers:** Nancy Heacock, Steve Landes

**Intercessor:** Junior Brodie

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](http://www.facebook.com/doylestownmc)

## Happening this week:

Dec 26	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
Dec 29	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am

## DMC Notes:

**Tuesday & Friday, 9:00 am - Zoom Prayer** - anyone is welcome to join these weekly prayer groups! [CLICK HERE](#) or use meeting ID: 982 3566 8858, passcode: 805803. To join by phone, call 1-929-205-6099.

Please check the draft copy of the **2024 DMC Church Directory** on the table by the mailboxes by December 31, to make sure your contact information, birthday and/or anniversary is correct and current. We aim to have the new directory available in mid-January.

Earlier this year MLT announced that DMC would seek to sponsor a **youth cabin at Spruce Lake Retreat**. The goal of raising \$50,000 by the end of the year was identified. Since the goal is to finish this off by the end of 2023, we are inviting all to consider a one-time special gift to raise the remaining need. Please clearly mark any donations for "Spruce Lake Cabin" fund and place with your regular offering.

**Congratulations to Lisa & Mark Reiff** as they welcomed Silas Reiff into the world on December 10. A meal schedule has been set up to provide meals for the next several weeks, at the following link: [TakeThemAMeal.com/ROFR6763](http://TakeThemAMeal.com/ROFR6763). If you have any questions, contact Sandy Landes.

Join us for our **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** starting at 7:00 pm. Our offering during this service will go towards our mission budget.

On **Sunday, December 31** we will worship at 10:00 am around tables, enjoying food together. Please bring bagels/cream cheese, cut fruit, breakfast cake, or some breakfast food to share. Naturally, any Christmas cookies that you wish to share are welcome too! Similar to the Thanksgiving meal, we will set the tables up and make preparations so we will begin eating by 10:30. Come ready to share blessings from 2023 and prayers for 2024.

Note that **Morning Out** will take a break on Wednesday, December 27, and resume as normal on January 10.

## Scripture Text – Luke 2:25-32, Isaiah 9:2-7

How is Simeon described?

What does Simeon declare upon seeing baby Jesus?

For who is light promised?

What promise gives both hope and caution?

## 2023 Theme – Spirit-Produced Fruit

### DMC participants to pray for:

**Marge Swartley** – moved to rehab unit at Grand View Hospital for therapy following a stroke. Give thanks for each step of improvement. Pray for strength and encouragement for Marge and Ray.

**Mark, Lisa & Silas Reiff** are grateful to be at home now. Continued prayers are welcome for Silas' hearing to improve and for peace for them as a family as they adjust to new rhythms with a baby. Praise God that Silas is gaining weight!

### Prayer Guide:

**Sunday** - Praise God for being our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace

**Monday** - Jesus is the Light for the World! Celebrate his presence with you today!

**Tuesday** - Pray for someone you know who is feeling lonely today to experience human and divine connection.

**Wednesday** - Allow a silent space in your life today to breathe hope into your current circumstances as you open yourself to God's guidance.

**Thursday** - Make a choice about how you might fast today in giving God an opportunity to reveal something to you. Wait and trust in God's goodness.

**Friday** - Ask God to encourage you today wherever you need it most.

**Saturday** - Meditate on the blessings of 2023 and prepare to share as we gather for a table gathering in worship tomorrow, December 31.

### 2023 Crafted Prayer:

Dear Father, we praise and thank you for the glorious mystery of your Trinity. We are grateful that you have sent the Holy Spirit, whose transforming power is at work in us. The fruit that the Spirit produces in each of us brings forth your kingdom here on earth. Let us keep in step with you, Holy Spirit, ever mindful of the power that your gifts provide. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

### Community Groups @ DMC

#### Sunday

LAA (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

#### Tuesday

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)

### December 17

Attendance: 40

Offering (12/15-22):

\$7761.00

Spruce Lake Cabin support:

\$3100.00