

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

People Serving Today:

Prayer Ushers: Steve Landes & Freida Myers

Intercessor: Betty Good

Worship Leader: Randy Heacock

Music & Preacher: KrisAnne Swartley

Worship services are streamed live on the public church Facebook page at 10:00am. The video remains available to view at any time. Video link <https://www.facebook.com/doylestownmc/>

Upcoming Events

Dec 29	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
	Conversation Group by zoom	7:00pm

DMC NOTES:

Worship at DMC will be online only through January 3. Live-stream videos on Sundays begin at 9:50am and the worship service begins at 10:00. The video link is on the left side of this page. **We plan to resume in-person worship on January 10.**

The prayer ushers will be available by phone on Sunday, Dec 27, 11 am – 12 noon. Feel free to call Freida Myers (215-794-8327) or Steve Landes (267-621-0523) if you would like prayer.

Christmas Eve offering- There is still time to designate your offering for Christmas Eve! We will keep it open until December 30th. If you mail your offering to the church, please be sure the envelope is marked clearly for Christmas Eve. If you give online, you will need to contact the church office to designate it for Christmas Eve (phone & email are at the top of this page).

December Discernment Conversations- Racism- There is one group left: Tuesday 12/29 @ 7:00pm, by zoom, led by pastor Sandy. There is still room in this group if you want to participate! Let Sandy know if you would like the zoom link (sandylandes1311@gmail.com).

Steve and Sandy Landes have moved. Their new address is 316 Spruce St, Hellertown, PA, 18055.

Crafted Prayer for DMC for 2021 – We will meet to craft a prayer for DMC for the new year. We will meet on Sundays, January 10 and 24 (11-am – 12 noon) either in person or via zoom depending on how we meet for worship those days. You are welcome to join both times or just once. Please contact Sandy if you are interested.

2021 Theme- Our worship and preaching theme for the new year is: **Look instead for what God can do!** It comes from the story of the healing of the blind man in John 9. When Jesus was asked who sinned to cause his blindness, Jesus replied that no one had and encouraged them to focus on what God would do in the midst of the situation. *How might we enter 2021 also looking for what God can do in and through our circumstances?*

Discipleship in 2021- Pastoral staff will be offering a monthly spiritual formation focus throughout the year. Watch for newsletter articles, devotional emails, and other invitations connect with scripture as we “look for what God can do in us” in 2021.

Sermon Notes: Luke 2:8-20

According to the angels, who is the Good News for?

Why is it surprising that these shepherds became evangelists? What did they share?

What is the encouragement and the challenge for us?

Prayer Guide: 2020 Theme - Waiting on God... in a hurried world

Luke 2:10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

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- Praise God for the gift of the message, "**Be not afraid,**" that God speaks to us every day through the scriptures, the Holy Spirit, and encounters with other people. Ask God to open your heart to the people around you who need to experience the good news of God's love.
- Pray for **Lucy DeJesus**, for better health and comfort as she has been experiencing continued pain in her leg.
- Pray for **Stacey and Kent Wyble**. Stacey is Don and Judy Derstine's daughter and Kent is Glenn and Janice Wyble's son. Stacey is having some serious health issues. Pray for wisdom for her doctors and for peace and comfort for both Stacey and Kent.
- Pray for DMC participants who are experiencing visiting restrictions now in retirement communities: **John and Sara Faye Moyer, Grace Brenneman, Dorothy Wartko, Peg Freed, Helmut Wahl and June Hstand.**

Community

- **Mosaic Mennonite Conference is praying this week for Bike & Sol**, a Conference Related Ministry (CRM). Please pray for the volunteers and youth, as they work together to learn and encourage each other about bicycles and life.
- **Pray for grace, God's empowering presence, to fill us** as we celebrate Christmas with many differences this year. As we mourn the loss of normal gatherings, ask God to give us creativity to connect and serve in our current reality with joy.

Global

- **Pray for Dale, Beth, Shova and Sushma Nafziger and Phil and Pratishka Tyson, all serving in Nepal in various ministries.** Pray for wisdom as they discern plans for 2021 and for good health.
- **Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer** are in the North American portion of their two-way mission. They will not be able to return to Ecuador in January, as they normally do, due to travel restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for them as they communicate electronically with congregations in Ecuador and the United States.

Community Groups Meeting at DMC:

Sunday:

Playwrite's Bridge (monthly, 2-5pm, basement)
NA (weekly, 7pm, basement)
Boy Scouts (weekly, 2pm, pavilion)

Tuesday:

AlaNon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Wednesday:

AA (weekly, noon, basement)
Writer's Group (weekly, 7pm, basement)
PA Rush soccer (monthly, 7pm, Rm 102-3)

Thursday:

OA (weekly, 10am, by phone)
Thurs Eve support (weekly, 7pm, Rm 201)

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Offering: \$3,612.00
(Dec 18-25)