

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: Mark Reiff

Music Leaders: Lois & Freida Myers

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Nursery (worship): Cindy Strauch

Prayer Ushers: Mary Leatherman, Kendrick Garrido

Intercessor: MaryLee Chittick

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

Happening this week:

Dec 5	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
Dec 5	Listening Prayer	3:00 pm
Dec 5	Care Team meeting	7:15 pm
Dec 8	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am

DMC Notes:

Tuesday & Friday, 9:00 am - Zoom Prayer - anyone is welcome to join these weekly prayer groups! Link: zoom.us/j/98235668858?pwd=dE1zWTJ0d1VPdURIN2hHWXFJaDJXQT09 (meeting ID: 982 3566 8858, passcode: 805803. To join by phone, call 1-929-205-6099.)

The **DMC prayer guide** for the next several weeks will reflect our Advent theme - The Light for the World: Jesus. Each week we will follow a rhythm of praise, confession, praying for someone, listening, fasting, encouragement and thanksgiving.

The **Flower Sign-Up sheet** for January through May is now posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. Please consider what weeks you're able to provide flowers and sign up!

We are now working on the **2024 DMC Church Directory**. During the month of December, please check the draft copy on the table by the mailboxes to make sure your contact information, birthday and/or anniversary is correct and current. If you have any changes or additions, please write them in. We aim to have the new directory available in mid-January.

Your **2024 offering envelopes** are now in your mailbox. If you did not receive envelopes in 2023 but would like them for 2024, please [contact Kristine](#) in the church office.

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. Without many reminders, some of you have generously contributed and \$21,300 has been received this far. 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 an additional \$28,700 by the end of the year. Christmas is a time of giving and what better gift than to provide resources to build one cabin in the new wilderness camp at spruce Lake! Please clearly mark any donations for "Spruce Lake Cabin" fund and place with your regular offering.

Abe Landis has a new phone number: 215-804-6748. His mailing address is 810 Pumping Station Rd, Quakertown, PA 18951.

Time change: Listening prayer will meet on Tuesday December 5, at 3:00 pm in the 2nd floor prayer room.

Scripture Text – John 1:1-5

How was the light described?

What does light do?

How does light interact with darkness?

2023 Theme – Spirit-Produced Fruit

Prayer Guide:

Sunday – PRAISE God in a multitude of ways, silence, meditation, prayer, holy life, testimonies, treasures, time, hymns, etc. ... Shine light on His wonderful Word and share it with others.

Monday – CONFESS, acknowledge, admit, and declare your sins and confess your faith. Rearrange your life so that God's surgical light knife can shine in every corner.

Tuesday - PRAY to God for someone close to you who needs God's help Let God's light show you the way and continue to pray for this person's need.

Wednesday – LISTEN to God who sent His Holy Spirit to comfort you and also listen to the needs of others who you can help. God sees not only in the visible spectrum where our eyes work, but in all of the other spectrum wavelengths.

Thursday – FAST by refraining from eating food and seek to know God in a significantly deeper prayer experience.

Friday – ENCOURAGE each other by recalling various highlights when God provided our needs precisely when we most needed them.

Saturday - THANK GOD for His indescribable gift of grace in Christ, Christ's healing ministry, Christ's deliverance from sin, and for the faith of fellow Christians (His "Light and Salt of the world.")

**Thanks to Karl Strauch for writing our prayer guide this week.*

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)

November 26

Attendance: 51

Offering (11/24-12/1):
\$2483.00