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:

<u>Greeters</u>: Don & Judy Derstine <u>Preservice Music</u>: Heather Zeo

Worship & Music Leader: KrisAnne Swartley

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Prayer Ushers: Steve Landes, Mary Leatherman

Intercessor: Kathy Heckler

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/

Children's Ministry- All children are welcome to gather in the basement fellowship hall, following the opening worship songs, for a time of sharing, Bible stories and fun activities. The children's ministry and the worship service will conclude at the same time.

Upcoming Events

Jan 26Prayer by zoom9:00amJan 29Prayer by zoom1:00pm

DMC NOTES:

Pews roped off- The sanctuary pews are now roped off to encourage staggered seating for worship. Please look for the open places and sit there. Thank you!

A reminder from MLT — Please finish visiting indoors 15 minutes after the worship service ends. If you want to continue visiting, feel free to move outside to do so. Thank you!

2021 Church Directories- New directories have been printed and put in mailboxes. <u>If you would like a printed copy mailed to you or if you would like a pdf file emailed to you, let <u>KrisAnne know</u> and we will be happy to take care of that.</u>

Crafted Prayer for DMC for 2021 –Be part of the process to write a prayer that we will pray throughout the year. We will meet via Zoom today, Jan. 24, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. The process includes times of listening, sharing and discerning together to hear what God wants for DMC in the 2021. Please contact pastor Sandy if you are interested.

DMC prayer chain, email and phone, is being updated. Please contact Sandy if you would like to be included to receive prayer concerns from our church family and community.

NEXT SUNDAY-January 31- Day of Service- We will gather for worship at 10am and serve at Ripple in Allentown from 1-4pm. Updated sign-up sheets for food donations and ways to serve that day, were sent out by email on Thursday. Check with pastor KrisAnne for more information.

Sign up to contribute to our Lent Devotional- Lent is coming up in mid-February, so sign up soon to create a short devotional for our Lent Devotional book! Sign-up sheet is on the small table at the front of the sanctuary near the Prayer Room. Grab a half-sheet "guidelines" paper when you sign up. Devos are due to pastor KrisAnne by 2/10.

Worship planning team wants to express deep and sincere thanks to MaryLee Chittick for her faithful service over many years. We bless her as she steps away from this commitment and serves in other ways. If you or someone you know would have interest in serving on the worship planning team, please contact Mark Reiff (lmreiffs@gmail.com). This team works at themes for special holidays, putting together music and visuals and prayers for worship services, ways to encourage congregational participation and more!

Sermon Notes: John 9:35-41

What is your posture?

In what way did Jesus bring judgment into the world?

Whose sin remains?

2021 Theme – Look instead for what God can do! **Prayer Guide:**

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- Grace Brenneman was able to return to Souderton Mennonite Home. Praise God for her healing. Pray for her recuperation and strength.
- Pray for Nancy Heacock as she offers support to her parents while her dad receives comfort care at home. Pray that her parents, **Bob and Addie Gehman**, would both experience God's presence each day.
- Pray for Lucy DeJesus as she continues to struggle with pain in her leg. Pray for healing and encouragement.
- Pray for Stacey and Kent Wyble as they wait for doors to be opened for Stacey to receive a diagnosis and treatment.
- Pray for Mandy Sokol-Przybyla, Mary Ellen Schade's daughter. She has made some progress with therapy. Pray that Mandy would seek God as she waits for further improvement.

Community

- Pray for the work of A Woman's Place and NOVA, organizations in our community that help victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault and other serious crimes. During the pandemic, there has been an increase in these crimes. Pray for these organizations to be able to continue to provide meaningful support.
- Mosaic Mennonite Conference Quakertown Christian School, a Conference Related Ministry (CRM). Please pray for the continued health & safety of their students, families, staff, & faculty. Pray also as the Board of Directors and Leadership Team make decisions for the 2021-22 school year. Join them in praising God for the new families at QCS this year.
- Pinebrook/Spruce Lake This weekend, January 22-24, is the first of the Ignite weekends, a youth retreat, being held at Spruce Lake with three more to follow in the next month. Pray for health for all those in attendance and that each person present experiences a closer relationship with Jesus.

Global

- Pray for Dale and Beth Nafziger and their daughters, Shova and Sushma, serving in Nepal. Dale and Beth recently visited some of the coffee farmers with whom they are collaborating. It is harvest time for the coffee. Pray for this partnership to bring glory to God as they work together.
- Mennonite Mission Network Upon completing her first year of service in eastern France with Mennonite Mission Network, Kate Widmer felt God's call to extend for a second year. Pray for her as she continues to work with immigrant families as part of the outreach of *La Prairie* Mennonite Church.

Community Groups Meeting at DMC:

Sunday:

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

AlaNon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Wednesday:

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) January 17th

Attendance: 44

Offering: \$2553.50 (Jan 15-22)