

# 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: Nancy Heacock & Mark Reiff

Intercessor: Karen Fennell

Music & Worship Leader: KrisAnne Swartley

Preacher: Randy Heacock

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

Jan 5	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
	TNT	6-8pm
Jan 8	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm

### DMC NOTES:

**We will resume in-person worship next Sunday, Jan 10.**

Worship will begin at 10:00am with COVID precautions (wearing masks, physical distancing in pews, etc.). MLT is reminding us to limit indoor visiting. To help this, trustees will begin turning off lights and locking doors 15 minutes after the service ends. We will continue to live-stream our worship services as well.

**The prayer ushers will be available by phone on Sunday, January 3, 11 am – 12 noon.** Feel free to call Nancy Heacock (267-261-5123) or Mark Reiff (215-429-8104) if you would like prayer.

**Christmas Eve Offering-** We are happy to report that we received \$4060.00 toward the Christmas Eve offering. This amount will be equally split between Spruce Lake/Pinebrook, Care & Share, Mennonite Historians of Eastern PA and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lehigh Valley. Thank you so much for your generosity!

**January News & Views-** Newsletter articles, pictures, announcements, etc. are due to Lois Myers by Tuesday evening this week. [myersfm@juno.com](mailto:myersfm@juno.com)

**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 (in the fellowship hall) or via zoom depending on how we meet for worship those days. The process includes times of listening, sharing and discerning together to hear what God wants for DMC in the 2021. 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 the disciples 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 to connect with scripture as we “look for what God can do in us” in 2021.

## Sermon Notes: John 9:1-12

How quick are we to provide a label?

Notice how Jesus redirects focus.

How does Jesus move the disciples from observers to participants?

What questions did people have for the blind man?

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

**Our theme for 2021 will remind us to focus on the ways God is at work.** Ask God to open your heart to being curious and interested in what God is doing in the current situations in your life, your family, your community and the world.

#### **DMC**

- **Lift up Dave Zuzack** as he recovers from kidney surgery this past week. Pray for healing and strength for Dave and peace for Dave and Joyce.
- 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 Hiland.**

#### **Community**

- **Mosaic Mennonite Conference is praying this week for San Francisco Chinese Mennonite Church** in San Francisco, CA. In November, the congregation celebrated its 40th anniversary. Please pray for the church and their leaders as they continue to grow and follow God.
- **Pinebrook/Spruce Lake** are inviting your prayers for the plans they make for the new year, 2021. Praise God for the provisions God has already put in place to continue to point people to Christ, even during the pandemic. Pray for creativity and connection in ministering to the community, especially as they plan for the Day Camp program this summer.

#### **Global**

- **Mike Sherrill, Mennonite Mission Network's executive director**, begins each week with an all-staff worship and prayer time. During this time, he prays for each one of Mission Network's employees by name. Ask for God's wisdom and strength for Mike as he leads the church in mission.

### **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)

**December 27**

**Offering: \$3763.65**  
(Dec 25-Jan 1)