# **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).

## As We Gather Today:

<u>Trustee of the Month:</u> Cesar Garrido <u>Greeters:</u> Louise Beyer, Dave Chittick

Worship Leader: Sandy Landes

Pre-Service Music/Music Leaders: Lois & Freida Myers

*Preacher:* Randy Heacock

Nursery (worship): Macy & Amber Youssef

Prayer Ushers: Mary Leatherman, Kendrick Garrido

Intercessor: Karen Fennell

Watch live on our YouTube channel - YouTube.com/@doylestownmc (begins at 9:50 am; video remains available to view at any time)

\*\* See the foyer bulletin board for Sunday School options for today and the coming weeks. \*\*

## **Happening This Week:**

Mar 25	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
Mar 25	Care Team mtg	7:00 pm
Mar 26	Morning Out	10:00 am
Mar 28	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am

## **DMC Notes:**

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

Pastor Sandy will be away Sunday, March 23 – Tuesday, March 25. Please contact Mary Lee Chittick for prayer concerns to be shared over the prayer chain during this time.

Today during the Sunday School hour, a **congregational meeting** will be held to approve the 2025 spending plan.

**Morning Out** will meet this Wednesday, March 26 at 10:00 am at Panera Bread in Doylestown for a time of connection and conversation. If you have questions, see Judy Garrido.

Next Sunday, March 30 will be our first **Day of Service** for 2025, and will be held in place of our regular worship service. There are three wonderful options for you to choose from - please sign up today on the table outside the prayer room.

You're invited to a **Goodbye Party for Pastor Randy** on Saturday, April 12 - please see the invitation email for details and <u>RSVP by March 28</u>. If you didn't get an email, contact Kristine in the church office, and if you have any questions, please reach out to Sue Bartels.

#### Easter weekend:

- \* We will gather for a **Good Friday Service** on April 18 at 7:00 pm with a focus on sharing around our Lenten journey.
- \* On **Easter Sunday**, April 20, all are welcome to come for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am. Please sign up on the sheet on the table near the mailboxes to bring baked goods, breakfast casseroles or fruit for the buffet. A worship service celebrating Jesus' resurrection will follow at 10:00 am and will include communion.

**Lenten journals/workbooks** are still available on the table next to the prayer room. This resource is our prayer focus for the months of March and April.

## Luke 13:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

We all are given the grace of this moment; will you heed Jesus' urgent call to repent?

Are you tempted to rely on clichés or sayings that provide false self-assurance?

Will you invite God to identify how and where you need to lean more into God's grace?

Would you risk asking others what fruit they see in you being produced by God's grace?

### DMC participants to pray for:

**Karl Strauch** – continuing with chemotherapy treatments, pray for opportunities to share his faith as he meets people during this process and for strength

## **Prayer Guide:**

**Monday** - How are you responding to suffering in your life and others? Ask God to give you patience and perseverance as hope is being formed in you. Romans 5:1-5

**Tuesday** - Pray for the Care Team as they meet tonight and discern how God is calling them to support care in our congregation and beyond.

**Wednesday** - Praise God for the people who are using the outdoor spaces here at DMC more now that spring is here, the walking path, the Sandy Ridge Community Garden, the playground and the prayer garden. Ask God to bless them with peace.

**Thursday** - Pray for Dale Nafziger as he prepares to retire at the end of this month and hopes to secure a more permanent visa to remain in Nepal

**Friday** - Give thanks for the blessings of community, the relationships that help to nurture you and provide opportunities for you to show love to others. Phone a friend today.

**Saturday** - Pray for DMC as we serve our community tomorrow, our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday day of service. Pray for good connections and a humble attitude as we serve.

## **DMC 2025 Crafted Prayer:**

Dear Heavenly Father, Open our hearts and minds to see and hear you as we surrender our will to yours. As your servants, help us to depend on you so we can let go of distractions and bring glory to you. We thank you, Jesus, for you are our Rock, our firm foundation, and our eternal salvation. In Jesus' name, Amen

## **Community Groups @ DMC**

#### Sunday

LAA (7 pm - basement)

#### **Monday**

German Chat (2 pm - basement) County Line Quilters (6 pm - basement)

#### **Tuesday**

Alanon (7 pm - basement)

#### Wednesday

AA (12 pm - basement) Naranon (6 pm - Rm 101) Bucks Co. Writers (7 pm - basement)

#### **Thursday**

Support Group (7 pm - Rm 201)

#### Sandy Ridge Community Garden

Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday work hours

#### March 16

Attendance: 48

Offering (3/14-21): \$3,218