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

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:

<u>Trustee of the month</u>: Jon Swartley <u>Greeters</u>: Glenn & Janice Wyble

Preservice Music: Lois & Freida Myers

<u>Worship Leader</u>: Steve Landes <u>Music Leader</u>: KrisAnne Swartley

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Prayer Ushers: Freida Myers, Cesar Garrido

<u>Intercessor</u>: Aimee Gourley <u>Nursery (SS)</u>: Cyndi Landis

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/

Happening this week:

Mar 28 Prayer by zoom 9:00am Mar 31 Prayer by zoom 1:00pm

DMC NOTES:

Sunday School Classes (11:10-11:50am) -

Nursery & Children's Class – Basement Classrooms Human Sexuality (teen & adult) – Fellowship Hall Traditional Adult Class – Rooms 102/103

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN APRIL

Tuesday 9am / Friday 1pm Zoom Prayer- Anyone is welcome to join these weekly prayer groups! Visit this link: https://zoom.us/j/98235668858?pwd=dE1zWTJ0d1VPdURIN2 <a href="https://bulling.net.ing.ingline.googl

Grace Brenneman's memorial livestreaming link- The service is Saturday, April 1, beginning at 2:00pm. https://youtube.com/live/V6WtNTa04OU?feature=share

Newsletter items are due to Lois Myers by Tuesday evening.

Fruit for the Cross – Pick up a fruit shape on the sanctuary table near the prayer room! Take it home, decorate it and give it a name (one of the 9 fruits of the Spirit) and <u>bring it Easter morning</u> to hang on our cross! The fruit will hang there, along with our struggles and losses, as an act of faith that our God brings fruit in the midst of suffering.

Palm Sunday – April 2nd – We will celebrate Palm Sunday in a unique way this year! Immediately following the service, all are invited to gather in the main hallway near the Sandy Ridge doors and we will form a procession out to a spot near the playground and pavilion where we will plant a tree. This tree will symbolize our losses, struggles and suffering; and our faith and hope in God to bring new life out of those difficult experiences.

Good Friday – April 7th @ 7:30pm – We will gather in the sanctuary for a worship service remembering Jesus' sacrifice and crucifixion.

Easter Sunday – April 9th - Breakfast & Worship – All are welcome to come for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30am. There is a signup sheet on the table near the mailboxes – add your name to bring baked goods, breakfast casseroles or fruit for the breakfast. A worship service celebrating Jesus' resurrection will follow at 10:00am and will include communion!

Mark Your Calendars – Our next Spring Getaway to Spruce Lake is booked for March 8-10, 2024. More info to come in the fall!

Sermon Notes: Matthew 11:20-30

Why did Jesus denounce these cities?

What might Jesus say to us?

What will you do with Jesus multi-layered invitation?

Prayer Guide:

2023 Theme – Spirit-Produced Fruit

DMC participants to pray for:

June Histand gives thanks for the community where she lives. Pray for June as she connects with other residents as they live with the changes that come with aging.

Monday – Invite God to identify an area of your life or a direction you are heading, in which God is calling for a change.

Tuesday – Listen to Jesus' invitation of rest in Matthew 11:28. What heavy burden are you carrying that Jesus invites you to lay down?

Wednesday – Pray for a person you see today whom you do not know. Pray that God will guide them as they go about their day.

Thursday – Pray for a person you know from our congregation who attends school. Pray that they will build their identity on who Jesus declares they are and not on the opinions of others.

Friday – Invite God to remind you of one truth today on which you need to focus.

Saturday – Ask God to prepare you for gathered worship tomorrow. What suffering/struggle do you wish to lay at the cross and wait for God to transform?

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 Meeting @ DMC

<u>Sunday</u>

LAA (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Girl Scouts (monthly, 6:30pm, Room 201)

<u>Tuesday</u>

Alanon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Wednesday

AA (weekly, 12pm, basement) Naranon (weekly, 6pm, Rm 205)

Bucks Co. Writers (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Thursday

Support Group (weekly, 7pm, Room 201)

Sandy Ridge Community Garden

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday work hours

March 19th

Attendance: 48

Offering: \$2593.00 (Mar 17-24)