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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).

People Serving Today:

Greeters: Garry & Cyndi Landis

<u>Worship Leader</u>: Randy Heacock <u>Music Leader</u>: KrisAnne Swartley

Preacher: Noel Santiago

<u>Prayer Ushers</u>: Freida Myers, Kendrick Garrido

<u>Intercessor</u>: Dave Zuzack <u>Nursery (SS hour)</u>: Joyce Zuzack

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

Upcoming Events

Sept 13 Worship planning 7:00pm
Sept 14 Prayer by zoom 9:00am
Care & Share Day 9am-5pm
Trustees mtg 7:00pm
Sept 17 Prayer by zoom 1:00pm

DMC NOTES:

Children's Ministry- Beginning today, there will no longer be children's ministry offered during the worship service.

Children will meet for Sunday School class following the worship service. Feel free to make use of the children's activity bags during worship; they are available in the Broad Street lobby. Bags contain crayons & paper, Bible Story sticker pages and quiet puzzles/games.

KICKOFF SUNDAY- New morning schedule beginning TODAY-

Worship 10:00am

<u>Fellowship time</u> 10:55-11:10am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:10-11:55am

- Nursery (up to age 4) and children's Sunday School class (age 5 – grade 6) meet in basement classrooms.
- An introduction to Faith Training Camp Groups will be held in the sanctuary this morning for everyone ages 12 and up. Individual groups will begin meeting next Sunday 9/19. Communication about the groups and where they will meet will be sent by email this week in preparation for next Sunday.
- A traditional adult Sunday School class will meet in Room 102/103 beginning next Sunday 9/19.

Update from MLT- As we reported last month, Ministry Leadership Team once again discussed fall plans in light of increasing COVID cases. While we look forward to once again having Sunday School, we also wish to be wise in how we go about it. In our discussion, a few of us named that we enjoy the freedom of being together without wearing masks. However, due to increasing cases and the need for all students to wear masks in school, MLT has decided to strongly encourage all to wear masks while inside our building. We do this not as a mandate like last year but as a request. We do this as a way to respect one another and encourage us all to respect the decisions one another make. We have purchased a number of face shields – let the church office know if you would like one to use. We will order more as needed. Thank you!

Sermon Notes: Psalm 27:4, Colossians 3:1-2

<u>Prayer Guide</u>: 2021 Theme – Look instead for what God can do!

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- **Pray that we as individuals and a faith community** would be strong in the Lord, putting on the belt of truth, and be willing to admit our struggles so that we can experience God's grace.
- From the Listening prayer group that met in August: As we live in a culture that has many divisions due to politics, covid, and racial tensions, we invite you to join with us in this prayer: "This is a time of blessing; this is a time for prayer and thanksgiving. At every moment, judge not, lest ye be judged."
- Pray for Annie Stewart and her family, and the community in Lambertville, NJ, following flooding after Ida.
 Annie and her family are living with a friend and are in the process of waiting and doing paperwork, after cleaning/gutting the first floor of their house. They are extremely grateful for all the ways people are working together to help. Pray for continued guidance.
- Pray for **Ronda Histand** and her employees as they work together to clean up after flooding at her business. Additional help would be welcomed in the cleanup. Contact Ronda directly to volunteer.

Community

- Give thanks for the Sandy Ridge Community Garden and the abundant harvest of food and friendships.
- **Pray for Care and Share Thrift Shoppes** as they seek to be supportive to families/churches following the storm damage from Ida. Pray that their resources could be matched with needs.

Global

- Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer's family is together on the North American part of their two-way mission between Ecuador and the United States through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for God's leading, as health issues and logistical problems, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, have caused many changes to their plans.
- Lift up **Dale and Beth Nafziger, Phil and Pratiksha Tyson, serving in Nepal.** Pray for wisdom and courage as they serve in a challenging economy amid the health concerns of covid.

2021 DMC Crafted Prayer: God, we thank you for giving your only son, Jesus, to bring salvation and the promise of eternal life to all who believe. It is in Jesus that we most fully understand your great love for humanity. God, we thank and praise you for choosing us as your beloved children and bringing us into the family of God. As your beloved children, we have complete confidence in your care and protection. God, you are the source of all power and wisdom. As we follow you, we experience comforting hope, everlasting peace, and abundant joy. God, thank you that your light pierces the darkness in our world. Help us to reflect that light to our world as we encounter your loving presence. We offer this prayer with open and trusting hearts as we look for what you will do this year. In Jesus' name, Amen

Community Groups Meeting @ DMC

Sunday

Playwrite's Bridge (monthly, 2-5pm, basement) LAA (weekly, 7pm, Rm 102/103)

<u>Monday</u>

AWP Board (monthly, 5pm, basement)

<u>Tuesday</u>

AWP Empowerment (weekly, 9am-2pm, basement)
Alanon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Wednesday

AA (weekly, 12pm, basement) Bucks Co. Writers (weekly, 7pm, pavilion)

Thursday

OA (weekly, 10am, Rm 102/103)

Thurs Eve Support Group (weekly, 7pm, Rm 201)

Sandy Ridge Community Garden

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday work hours

September 5th

Attendance: 60

Offering: \$6003.25 (Sept 3-10)