

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:

Trustee of the month: Cesar Garrido

Greeters: Mike Ryan, Blanche Althouse

Worship Leader: Karl Strauch

Music Leader: KrisAnne Swartley

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Prayer Ushers: Judy Garrido, Don Heckler

Intercessor: MaryLee Chittick

Nursery (SS): 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 link: <https://www.facebook.com/doylestownmc/>

Happening this week:

Apr 4	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
Apr 7	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm
	Good Friday Service	7:30pm

DMC NOTES:

NOTE: 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=dE1zWTJ0d1VPdURIN2hHWXFJaDJXQT09> (meeting ID 982 3566 8858, passcode 805803. To join by phone, call 1-929-205-6099)

Palm Sunday – TODAY – 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. Coffee, tea and doughnuts will be available in the pavilion for refreshment afterward.

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 bring it Easter morning 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.

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 sign-up sheet on the table near the mailboxes – add your name to bring baked goods, breakfast casseroles or fruit for the buffet. A worship service celebrating Jesus' resurrection will follow at 10:00am and will include communion!

Mark Your Calendars – Thank you to all who participated in our Spring Getaway at Spruce Lake Retreat! We are re-booked for next year already: March 8th -10th, 2024. Make a note so you can plan to attend this fun-filled weekend next year with our church. More details to come in the Fall. Questions, please contact Nancy Heacock.

Sermon Notes: John 12:1-19

Who participated in the original palm Sunday event?

What are appropriate motives?

Will you join the procession?

Prayer Guide:

2023 Theme – Spirit-Produced Fruit

Monday – Pray with the Old Testament prophet: “Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in highest heaven!” Repeat these words several times at each meal today.

Tuesday – Pray for all those in our nation affected by gun violence. Pray for peace.

Wednesday – Ask God to help you notice someone who needs encouragement today. Hold them before the Lord in prayer. Listen for how God might invite you to reach out to them and take action.

Thursday – Pray for the children of our congregation and your neighborhood. Pray that the love of Jesus will touch them and give them new life.

Friday – Prayerfully read John 19:17-30, the crucifixion of Jesus. Talk to God about what you notice in this text and how it impacts your emotions and thoughts.

Saturday – As you anticipate the hope and new life of Easter, offer to God any areas of your life where you are still waiting for resolution, for answers, for healing, for hope. Trust God’s Loving Presence with you in the waiting.

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

Sunday

LAA (weekly, 7pm, basement)
Girl Scouts (monthly, 6:30pm, Room 201)

Tuesday

Alanon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Wednesday

AA (weekly, 12pm, basement)
Naranon (weekly, 6pm, Rm 201)
Bucks Co. Writers (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Thursday

Support Group (weekly, 7pm, Room 201)

Sandy Ridge Community Garden

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday work hours

March 26th

Attendance: 49

Offering: \$3588.00
(Mar 24-31)