

# 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:

Greeters: Garry & Cyndi Landis

Preservice Music: Heather Zeo

Worship Leader: Karl Strauch

Music Leader: KrisAnne Swartley

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Prayer Ushers: Mary Leatherman, Steve Landes

Intercessor: Karen Fennell

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/>

### Upcoming Events

Apr 26	Worship planning mtg	7:00pm
Apr 27	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
Apr 30	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm

### DMC NOTES:

**Children's Ministry-** All children are welcome to gather in the basement fellowship hall, following the opening worship songs, for a time of sharing, Bible stories and fun activities. The children's ministry and the worship service will conclude at the same time.

**Sandy Landes** will be away Thursday, April 29 – Monday, May 3, visiting family in Iowa. For any prayer requests for the prayer chain during that time, please contact Mary Lee Chittick, [mlchit@comcast.net](mailto:mlchit@comcast.net), 215-803-0491.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Day of Service-** Here is a note from MLT explaining "**Serving Together to Worship**" on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. This was part of the information presented at the 2020 congregational meeting before plans changed due to COVID restrictions. We look forward to fully implementing the original vision beginning May 30<sup>th</sup>:

*"We will join together to work alongside one another as a way to worship. For some this may seem like we are breaking the Sabbath. Yet Jesus repeatedly taught that it is appropriate to do good on the Sabbath. We are suggesting this change in our routine on the fifth Sunday of the month in order to experience the good we can do in serving others and working together. Though it is a new practice, it connects to traditional values of service and working side by side."*

**Save the Date- May 30<sup>th</sup> - Watch for sign-up sheets for two places to serve on the next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Pinebrook in Stroudsburg and The Simple Way in Kensington. More information and details will be coming next week! There will not be a worship service at the church building that morning, as we worship "on location" in Stroudsburg and Kensington. There are many worship service videos available on the church Facebook page for those who wish to watch one.

## Sermon Notes: John 8:31-47

What does Jesus say about truth?

How do lies bind?

What is the source of lies?

How do we lie?

What is the antidote for lies?

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

#### **DMC**

- Pray for **Stacey and Kent Wyble**, along with their parents, Don and Judy Derstine and Glenn and Janice Wyble. Stacey had more tests including a bone marrow biopsy this week. Pray for wisdom for the doctors as they discern a treatment plan for Stacey. Pray for Stacey and Kent to sense God's new mercies each day.
- Pray for **DMC participants** who are unable to worship with us in person due to limits of health, transportation, etc. Ask God to bless them and pray for opportunities to reach out to each other.

#### **Community**

- **The Sandy Ridge Community Garden** is well under way for the upcoming growing season. Ask God to bless the garden and the relationships that develop as they work together.
- **Spruce Lake/Pinebrook** are in the process of hiring summer staff and preparing for many visitors to both retreat centers. Praise God for the new opportunities with Day Camp planned for both Spruce Lake and Pinebrook this summer.
- This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Franco and Stacy Salvatori and their family** as they prepare to relocate to Dominican Republic as missionaries. Franco recently served as pastor at Rocky Ridge (Quakertown, PA) Mennonite Church.
- **In what places are we praying with and for others throughout our week?** See the April News and Views article...Add your location to the prayer bulletin board.

#### **Global**

- **Dale and Beth Nafziger** expected to return home to Nepal this weekend from several weeks in Thailand for medical checkups and vacation. Pray for wisdom and strength as they return to work this week as well as joy in seeing what God is doing!
- **Phil and Pratiksha Tyson, along with their son, Evan**, serve in Kathmandu, Nepal. They expect to return to Nepal this week, leaving on Thursday, April 29. Pray for safe travels and peace in the transition.
- **Mennonite Mission Network** praises God for the three-year ministry of Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado at *La Casa Grande*, a children's home in Benin. Pray for Diana and Felipe as they transition back to living in and doing God's work in Colombia, their sending country.

### **Community Groups Meeting at DMC:**

#### **Sunday:**

Playwrite's Bridge (monthly, 2-5pm, basement)  
NA (weekly, 7pm, basement)

#### **Monday:**

Boy Scouts (weekly, 7pm, 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)

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance: 63

Mission Offering:  
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