

# 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).

### Serving today:

Trustee of the Month: Michael Gourley

Greeters: Dave Chittick, Jeff Buckwalter Jr.

Worship Leader: Karl Strauch

Music Leader: Ronda Hestand

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Nursery (worship): Cyndi Landis

Prayer Ushers: Don Heckler, Sandy Landes

Intercessor: Kathy Heckler

Worship services are streamed live on the public church Facebook page beginning at 9:50 am. The video remains available to view at any time. Video link: [www.facebook.com/doylestownmc](http://www.facebook.com/doylestownmc)

### DMC NOTES:

**Tuesday & Friday, 9:00 am - Zoom Prayer** - Anyone is welcome to join these weekly prayer groups! Visit this link:

[zoom.us/j/98235668858?pwd=dE1zWTJ0d1VPdURIN2hHWXFJZDJXQT09](https://zoom.us/j/98235668858?pwd=dE1zWTJ0d1VPdURIN2hHWXFJZDJXQT09) (meeting ID 982 3566 8858, passcode 805803. To join by phone, call 1-929-205-6099)

**Newsletter items are due to Lois Myers** by this Tuesday, August 29. Send her any photos, book reviews or articles that you may want included in September's "News & Views".

**June Hestand has moved** to a new room in Springhouse Estates. She now lives in the Cherry Springs unit, Room #201A. Her new phone number is 267-464-2451.

*"Finally beloved whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think (focus) about these things." Philippians 4:8*

Interested in being part of a **month-long gratitude challenge** with a small group of other people? Beginning on 9/1, make a daily list of 5 things you are grateful for, then share it via text message with the 2-4 other members of your group. Email or call Randy if interested.

**The school year will begin soon!** You are invited to sign up to be a prayer partner for a student this school year. The signup sheet is next to the prayer room. As a prayer partner, you will receive prayer reminders throughout the school year, along with contact information for the student.

Beginning Sunday, September 10, **MLT will be leading a time of congregational discernment** during the SS hour for all adults. More details will be coming out in the next few weeks.

### Happening this week:

Aug 28	Karen's Place outdoor concert	7:00-9:00 pm
Aug 29	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
Aug 29	Listening Prayer	5:00 pm
Sep 1	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am

## Scripture Text – Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:36-53

What is the context?

What is clear?

What gives us hope?

### **2023 Theme – Spirit-Produced Fruit**

#### **DMC participants to pray for:**

**Lucy Dejesus** - Lucy is receiving care at Doylestown Hospital for congestive heart failure. Pray for Lucy to experience peace and an awareness of God's presence as she awaits healing.

#### **Prayer Guide:**

**Monday** – Give thanks for the gift of community and the people you meet today with whom you will share the love of Christ. Notice who God brings along your path.

**Tuesday** – Pray for the children and young people in our congregation as they are starting school again. Lift up one of them by name and pray as the Spirit leads you.

**Wednesday** – How has God been teaching you about forgiveness? Give thanks for God's forgiveness freely given and ask for God's guidance as you walk the journey of forgiveness and grace in your life.

**Thursday** – Lift up Dale and Beth Nafziger, Phil and Pratihka Tyson as they serve in Nepal. Pray that they would know God's strength and wisdom in their service.

**Friday** – Rejoice in the infinite variety of God's creation today. Take a few minutes to sit and breathe in the beauty you see, in people, in the sky, in the plants, animals, etc.

**Saturday** – Sabbath means rest. How can you prepare for worship tomorrow by inviting God to give you rest in your spirit, rest from worry and fear? Pray for us as a congregation to experience God's rest as we worship.

#### **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)

#### **Tuesday**

Alanon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

#### **Sandy Ridge Community Garden**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday work hours

#### **Wednesday**

AA (weekly, 12pm, basement)  
Naranon (weekly, 6pm, Room 102/3)  
Bucks Co. Writers (weekly, 7pm, basement)

#### **Thursday**

Support Group (weekly, 7pm, Rm 201)

#### **German Chat Groups**

3<sup>rd</sup> week of month, Tues 7pm, W/TH 1pm, Rm 102/103

### **August 20<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance: 46

Offering: \$3718.00  
(August 19-25)