

Doylestown Mennonite Church

215.345.6377

Volume: 62

dmc@doylestownmc.org

December 13, 2020

www.doylestownmc.org

No. 41

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:

Prayer Ushers: Robin Miller, Mark Reiff

Intercessor: Mary Ellen Schade

Worship & Music: KrisAnne Swartley

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Upcoming Events

Dec 15	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
Dec 18	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm

DMC NOTES:

Worship at DMC will be online only December 13 – January 3, including a Christmas Eve service on 12/24. We plan to resume in-person worship on January 10. Here is the live-stream Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/doylestownmc/>
The video will begin at 9:50am; worship will begin at 10am.

The prayer ushers will be available by phone on Sunday, Dec 13 from 9 am – 10 am. Feel free to call Robin Miller (215-416-8343) or Mark Reiff (215-429-8104) if you would like prayer.

Offering Update- It is with much appreciation for our DMC congregation, during this difficult year, that we can rejoice in one thing that has not changed- Your financial support has been constant and generous! Year-to-date our expenses are \$177,145 and our offerings are \$179,923. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

December Discernment Conversations- Racism- There are two more groups this month. Sign-up for a group by notifying the church office: TODAY 12/13 @ 11:15am, by zoom, led by Mark Reiff. Tuesday 12/29 @ 7:00pm, by zoom, led by pastor Sandy.

A guided prayer on hope during Advent is available! Contact the church office or pastor Sandy for a copy. sandylandes1311@gmail.com

Christmas Eve Offering- Ministry Leadership Team has decided to split our offering in four equal parts to the following ministries that people at DMC have connections with: **Spruce Lake/Pinebrook, Care & Share, Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lehigh Valley.** As we will be worshipping virtually that evening, please mail your offering to the church or give online. You will need to clearly designate the offering for Christmas Eve by marking your envelope clearly or emailing the church office. Thank you!

Sermon Notes: Luke 1:5-21 and 3:1-10

What is the purpose of preparation?

Who is called to repent?

What is the heart of repentance?

What hinders our ability to repent?

Prayer Guide: 2020 Theme - Waiting on God... in a hurried world

DMC

- Praise God for the gift of the message, **“Be not afraid,”** that God speaks to us every day through the scriptures, the Holy Spirit, and encounters with other people.
- Pray for **Lucy DeJesus**, for better health and comfort as she has been experiencing continued pain in her leg.
- **Mark and Lisa Reiff** ask us to pray for them as they are expecting the arrival of a baby boy in May 2021. Pray for good health for Lisa and the baby and for wisdom as they prepare.
- **Pray for Michael, Aimee and Abby Gourley** who are ill with the covid virus this week. Pray for their healing and peace.

Community

- **Mosaic Mennonite Conference prays this week for Spruce Lake and Pinebrook**, for wisdom and direction for the board and staff, protection from the covid-19 virus and that this ministry would continue to thrive as they point people to Christ.
- **Pray for grace, God’s empowering presence, to fill us** as we enter the Christmas season with many differences this year. As we mourn the loss of normal gatherings, ask God to give us creativity to connect and serve in our current reality with joy.

Global

- **Dale Nafziger** was able to return to Nepal this past week after receiving a negative covid test. Praise God for his visit with his family here in the US and that he was able to return home to Nepal.
- Praise God for **Joe Sawatzky, who recently became an international education liaison for Mennonite Mission Network and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.** Pray for Joe and global church leaders, as they seek to strengthen the body of Christ through Anabaptist education initiatives around the world.

Community Groups Meeting at DMC:

Sunday:

Playwrite’s Bridge (monthly, 2-5pm, basement)
NA (weekly, 7pm, basement)
Boy Scouts (weekly, 2pm, 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)

Stats: Dec 6

Attendance: 54

Offering: \$3,157.00
(Dec 4-11)