

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).

As We Gather Today:

Trustee of the Month: Garry Landis

Greeters: Don & Kathy Heckler

Worship Leader: Steve Landes

Music Leaders: Sue Bartels, Cesar Garrido

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Nursery (worship): Joyce Zuzack

Prayer Ushers: Freida Myers, Mark Reiff

Intercessor: MaryLee Chittick

Watch live (begins at 9:50 am; video remains available to view at any time): www.facebook.com/doylestownmc

Happening This Week:

Dec 15	MLT meeting	12:00 pm
Dec 17	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
Dec 17	Listening Prayer	3:00 pm
Dec 18	Morning Out	10:00 am
Dec 18	Christmas caroling	6:30 pm
Dec 20	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am

DMC Notes:

Tuesday & Friday, 9:00 am - Zoom Prayer; anyone is welcome to join these weekly prayer groups! [CLICK HERE](#) or use meeting ID: 982 3566 8858, passcode: 805803. To join by phone, call 1-929-205-6099.

Listening Prayer meets on Tuesday, December 17 at 3:00 pm in the 2nd floor prayer room. You are welcome to join!

All women are invited to **Morning Out**, Wednesday, December 18, 10:00-11:30 am in Room 205. Morning Out is a time of connection and inspirational reflection. Light snacks provided; bring your own beverage. Invite a friend! Questions? Contact Judy Garrido.

People are needed to help with DMC **Christmas caroling** on Wednesday, December 18 starting at 6:30 pm. Meet at Don and Kathy Hecklers' home, 200 Murray Drive, Doylestown (215-345-4493); bring warm clothes, a flashlight and snacks.

Please join us for our **Christmas Eve candlelight service**, Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 pm. This service will not be livestreamed.

Upcoming Worship Services: On December 29 we will have a service of song and witness. As part of this service we will share communion. Dale Nafziger will be preaching on January 5 for our first mission Sunday of 2025.

Michael Gourley has informed us that he is no longer able to serve as a **Trustee**. We will miss Michael and the joy he shared while serving. We are happy to add that Gideon Youssef has agreed to step in and serve alongside the other Trustees. Welcome, Gideon, and thank you for your willingness to serve DMC in this way!

We are now working on the **2025 DMC Church Directory**. Please check the draft copy on the table by the mailboxes to make sure your contact information, birthday and/or anniversary is correct and current. If you have any changes or additions, please write them in. We aim to have the new directory available in mid-January.

Isaiah 9:2-7

Will you lean into the mystery of God's authority that increases as we share our weakness and vulnerability?

What keeps you trapped to your self sufficiency so that you find it hard to admit weakness or ask for help?

What situation is God inviting you to let go of control and trust God's grace is sufficient?

How will you participate in the endless authority of Jesus?

2024 Theme – Jesus Gave Them Authority

DMC participants to pray for:

Karl Strauch is grateful to be at home and for the prayers of our church family. Pray that Karl and Cindy would know God's peace and presence as he awaits healing for a leg wound and meets with doctors for radiation in the coming week.

Mary Lee Chittick - Pray for continued healing and peace for Mary Lee.

Mark, Lisa, Sam and Silas Reiff - Pray for Silas to continue to grow well and to be able to be weaned from his feeding tube and CPAP for breathing.

Prayer Guide:

Monday: Pray for those who sit in the darkness of loneliness and isolation. Pray that they will know God's presence.

Tuesday: Pray for Karl Strauch as he continues treatment. Pray that his leg wound will continue to heal.

Wednesday: Pray for those from DMC who go caroling this evening and for those to whom they sing. May God's presence be made real in those encounters.

Thursday: Ask God to show you the authority you have as you follow Jesus. How is God calling you to use that authority?

Friday: Ask God to bring to your mind someone who needs to know God's peace. What is God directing you to do or say to share God's peace?

Saturday: Pray for those planning to lead worship tomorrow. Ask God to give them confidence and clarity as they lead.

DMC 2024 Crafted Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, you send us out to proclaim Jesus' name and with his healing power. We submit to your authority. Let us praise the Lord and step out unencumbered by worldly cares. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us in our times of weakness. We accept the authority you bestow on us with humility and compassion. Give us wisdom and help us to be fearless in our encounters. May we joyfully reflect your glory now and forevermore. Amen

Community Groups @ DMC

Sunday

LAA (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

Monday

German Chat (weekly, 2 pm - Rm 101)

Tuesday

Alanon (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

Wednesday

AA (weekly, 12 pm - basement)

Naranon (weekly, 6 pm - Rm 101)

Bucks Co. Writers (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

Thursday

Support Group (weekly, 7 pm - Rm 201)

Sandy Ridge Community Garden

Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday work hours

December 8

Attendance: n/a

Offering (12/6-13):
\$17,688.60