

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: Karl Strauch

Music Leader: Wendy Schettig

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Nursery (worship): Joyce Zuzack

Prayer Ushers: Mary Leatherman, Steve Landes

Intercessor: Karen Fennell

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

Happening This Week:

Dec 24	Christmas Eve service	7:00 pm
Dec 27	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.

All are welcome to enjoy some cake in the first floor meeting room after worship today, in celebration of **Blanche Althouse's birthday!**

Pastor Sandy is serving at Souderton Mennonite Home today.

Sunday School will be held today.

Please join us for our **Christmas Eve candlelight service**, Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 pm. This service will not be livestreamed. Our offering will go toward the mission budget; roughly \$5,500 is needed for our mission giving goal.

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.

John Moyer went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 17. A funeral service will be held here at DMC February 8, 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.

Luke 2:8-20

Reflect on this account how God chose those with no power to communicate Jesus' birth.

How might God be calling you to become more comfortable with awkward moments?

Will you go with haste to pursue/seek where God is calling?

Will you freely share your encounter with God and release God's invitational authority?

2024 Theme – Jesus Gave Them Authority

DMC participants to pray for:

Karl Strauch is grateful for God's care and the healing he is experiencing. Pray for Karl and Cindy to continue to sense God's presence.

Mary Lee Chittick - Pray for steady and complete healing for her mouth and jaw.

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: From the hymn Come Thou Long Expected Jesus - *"from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee."* Pray this prayer today.

Tuesday: Ask Jesus to fill you anew with the Holy Spirit today as we celebrate Christ's coming together this evening.

Wednesday: Give thanks for the willingness of Jesus to come to earth to be Emmanuel, God with us. Pray for opportunities to share this good news with others.

Thursday: Pray for many people who will be traveling over the holidays. Pray for wisdom and grace in the busy roads, airports, and other modes of travel.

Friday: What gifts has God given you that you can "regift" to those around you today? Patience, peace, joy, love, etc? Praise God for the ways God is present as we share and receive his gifts.

Saturday: Pray for DMC as we gather tomorrow for a service of word and witness. Pray that the Spirit would inspire and open our hearts and minds to God's work.

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)

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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 15

Attendance: 46

Offering (12/13-20):
\$6,293