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

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).

People Serving Today:

<u>Trustee of the month</u>: Garry Landis <u>Greeters</u>: Don & Kathy Heckler

Preservice Music: Lois & Freida Myers

<u>Worship Leader</u>: Sandy Landes <u>Preacher</u>: Randy Heacock

Prayer Ushers: Nancy Heacock, Don Heckler

<u>Intercessor</u>: MaryLee Chittick <u>Nursery (worship)</u>: Judy Derstine

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

Dec 6 Prayer by zoom 9:00am Dec 9 Prayer by zoom 1:00pm

DMC NOTES:

DECEMBER Sunday School (11:10-11:50am) -

- Children's Class: continues to meet in the basement
- <u>Discovery Bible Study</u> series has ended. A class on human sexuality will begin January 8th.
- <u>Traditional Adult Class</u> (Rms 102/103): All are welcome to come to this class, even if you have never attended before! The current study series is on "Power & Love."

Tuesday 9am / Friday 1pm Zoom Prayer- Anyone is welcome to join these weekly prayer groups! Visit this link: https://zoom.us/j/98235668858?pwd=dE1zWTJ0d1VPdURIN2 https://zoom.us/j/98235668858?pwd=dE1zWTJ0d1VPdURIN2 <a href="https://dww.html.num.us/https://dww.html.num.us/html.n

Advent Worship - In the weeks leading up to Christmas, we are focusing on our 2002 theme in a different way, "Our Source Seeks Us." God seeks people throughout the Bible and most fully in Jesus Christ. We will gather for worship on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm and Christmas Sunday at 10:00am.

Mission Sunday – Last Mission Sunday of the year will be December 11th. Noel Santiago, our Conference Leadership Minister, will preach. All offerings collected that morning will go toward the mission organizations outlined in our 2022 church budget. We need \$9,000 to reach our giving goal for the year. If you give online or mail your check to the church office, please let KrisAnne know you would like your donation designated for missions.

Christmas Caroling- Wednesday, Dec 14- Meet at 6:30pm at Don & Kathy Heckler's home, 200 Murray Drive, Doylestown. We will carol in their neighborhood and enjoy visiting afterward. Contact the Hecklers (215-345-4493) or Freida Myers (215-794-8327) with questions.

2023 Church Directory – There is a draft of the new directory on the mailbox table. Please take a look and make any additions and/or corrections in pen (names, addresses and birthdays). New directories will be printed in early January.

A note of thanks from Abe & Lorraine Landis- We want to thank the congregation for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and food during this difficult time. We are blessed by your support.

Sermon Notes: Genesis 12:1-16

What is clear about God's call to Abram?

What is required of Abram?

What causes Abram to get into trouble?

What is disturbing about this narrative?

How does this connect to Advent?

Prayer Guide: 2022 Advent Theme - Our Source Seeks Us

DMC participants to pray for:

Lorraine Landis – Pray for healing and strength as Lorraine continues with home therapy.

Monday – Give thanks for God's relentless pursuit of us and his unfailing love. How is God calling you today? Where is God calling you?

Tuesday – Pray for Dale, Beth, and Sushma Nafziger as they make plans this month to travel to the US for a four - month visit. Pray for wisdom concerning their coffee shop business.

Wednesday – Ask God to give you eyes and ears to notice someone who might be hurting today. Pray for patience to be present with them and to offer your listening ear without trying to fix it.

Thursday- Christmas music is being played in public places. When you hear a song, notice it if it gives glory to God. Lift your heart in praise to Jesus who came to earth to be our savior.

Friday- How do you sense God is seeking you today in the midst of the busyness of the holiday season? Set aside 5 mins to be still with God today and rest in God's love for you.

Saturday – Pray for Noel Santiago as he prepares to preach at DMC tomorrow for Mission Sunday. Ask God to open our hearts to the message and to follow Jesus in the context where we are living and working.

Crafted Prayer for Advent 2022:

Heavenly Father, we praise and trust You. You are our Hope. We long to live without fear and put our confidence in You. Let us be found by You, Jesus, as you seek after us. You are our Source, the Source of life for the whole world! Let us always produce fruit in our homes and community for Your glory. Amen

Community Groups Meeting @ DMC

Sunday

LAA (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Girl Scouts (monthly, 6:30pm, Room 201)

Tuesday

AWP Empowerment (weekly, 9am-2pm, basement)

Alanon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Wednesday

AA (weekly, 12pm, basement)

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

Thursday

Support Group (weekly, 7pm, Room 201)

Sandy Ridge Community Garden

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday work hours

November 27th

Attendance: 53

Offering: \$2798.00 (Nov 25-Dec 2)