

# 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

### People Serving Today:

Greeters: Dave Chittick & Jeff Buckwalter, Jr.

Piano Prelude: Lois Myers

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Prayer Ushers: Nancy Heacock, Don Heckler

Intercessor: Karen Fennell

Worship services are streamed live on the public church Facebook page at 10:00am. The video remains available to view at any time. Video link: <https://www.facebook.com/doylestownmc/>

**Children's Ministry-** All children are welcome to gather in the basement for some special activities, following the opening worship songs. The children's ministry and the worship service will conclude at the same time.

### Upcoming Events

Dec 6	Conversation Group	11:15am
Dec 7	Worship planning	7:00pm
Dec 8	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
	Care & Share Day	9am-5pm
Dec 9	MLT mtg	7:00pm
Dec 11	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm

### DMC NOTES:

**A guided prayer on hope** during Advent is available in the prayer room or via email. Contact pastor Sandy for a copy.

**Advent theme- "Do not be Afraid"**- There is a basket at the cross and purple slips of paper in the bulletin this week. Feel free to write your fears on the slips of paper and place them at the cross in the basket, as a way of giving your fears to God and praying for a deeper trust in Jesus.

**THANK YOU-** Thank you for your generous food donations to the Bucks County Opportunity Council throughout the month of November. They are very grateful for the provisions for their food bank, as they provide groceries for families in need this winter.

**Church Directory 2021-** A sample directory is on the mailbox table in the main church hallway. Please take a look and make sure your information is correct. If additions or corrections are needed, go ahead and mark them in the sample or let KrisAnne know to make the changes. 2021 directories will be printed in early January.

**December Discernment Conversations- Racism-** There are three groups this month- 2 in-person and 1 by zoom. We are capping the groups at 10 people, so that all have a chance to participate. Sign-up for a group by notifying the church office:

- TODAY 12/6 @ 11:15am, in-person, led by pastor Randy
- Sunday 12/13 @ 11:15am, in-person, led by Mark Reiff
- Tuesday 12/29 @ 7:00pm, by zoom, led by pastor Sandy

## Sermon Notes: Matthew 1:18-25

How is Joseph described?

What faith is not?

What faith is?

What is the bigger picture?

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

#### **DMC**

- **“But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife, Elizabeth, will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.” Luke 1:13**
- 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.
- **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.
- **Heather Zeo** shares a praise that her oncologist released her as a patient as recent tests showed no signs of cancer. Join with Heather in giving thanks to God for her good health.
- Pray for **DMC participants in long-term care facilities:** Grace Brenneman, Peg Freed, June Histan, John and Sara Faye Moyer, and Dorothy Wartko as visits are limited due to Covid restrictions. Pray for peace and a sense of connection with God and others.

#### **Community**

- Mosaic Mennonite Conference prays this week for the **Material Resource Center (MRC)** in Souderton, PA, a Conference Related Ministry (CRM). Please pray that the MRC will be able to meet the worldwide demand for hygiene kits due to COVID-19 and for safety for volunteers and staff.
- **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.
- **Pray for Spruce Lake/Pinebrook** as they seek to be forward facing into 2021 with hopes of pointing guests to Christ, preparing for the Day Camp program to launch at Pinebrook in the spring.

#### **Global**

- **Mennonite Mission Network’s SOOP** has developed COVID-19 protocols that permit serving in some locations. While the Navajo Nation has a high rate of infections, most of the cases are further west than the Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission. **Pray for volunteers to serve through tutoring and Christmas activities.**
- **Dale Nafziger** expected to return to Nepal this past week, but his return was delayed as he waits for a timely covid test required to return to Nepal. Pray for wisdom as Dale seeks testing options and hopes to return home this Thursday, Dec. 10.

### **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: Nov 29**

Attendance: 55

Offering: \$5079.74  
(Nov 27-Dec 4)