

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: Don & Judy Derstine

Preservice Music: Lois Myers

Worship Leader: Karl Strauch

Music Leader: Lisa Reiff

Preacher: KrisAnne Swartley

Prayer Ushers: Don Heckler, Freida Myers

Intercessor: MaryLee Chittick

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

Jan 19	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
Jan 22	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm

DMC NOTES:

Pews roped off- The sanctuary pews are now roped off to encourage staggered seating for worship. Please look for the open places and sit there. Thank you!

Children's Ministry- All children are welcome to gather in the basement fellowship hall, following the opening worship songs, for a time of sharing, Bible stories and fun activities. The children's ministry and the worship service will conclude at the same time.

Year-end Giving Statements were sent out to individuals by email last week. Please contact pastor KrisAnne in the church office if you did not receive your email and/or if there are any errors that need to be corrected.

January 31- 5th Sunday Day of Service- check your email for details regarding our day of service at Ripple Church and Ripple Community Center in Allentown. **We will gather for worship at 10am and serve 1-4pm.** There is an opportunity to donate food/supplies for the meal if you are unable to serve that day (Karl & Cindy Strauch are coordinating the meal).

Sign up to contribute to our Lent Devotional- Lent is coming up in mid-February, so sign up soon to create a short devotional for our Lent Devotional book! Sign-up sheet is on the small table at the front of the sanctuary near the Prayer Room. Grab a half-sheet "guidelines" paper when you sign up. **Devos are due to pastor KrisAnne by 2/10.**

Crafted Prayer for DMC for 2021 – We will meet to craft a prayer for DMC for the new year. We will meet Sunday, **January 24 (11am – 12 noon)**, in the fellowship hall. The process includes times of listening, sharing and discerning together to hear what God wants for DMC in the 2021. Please contact pastor Sandy if you are interested.

Sermon Notes: Genesis 50:15-21

Who could Joseph blame for his suffering?

How did Joseph's perspective on his life affect him and others?

What can we learn from his character and witness?

Prayer Guide: 2021 Theme – *Look instead for what God can do!*

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- **“Look instead for what God can do.”** Our theme for 2021 will remind us to focus on the ways God is at work. Ask God to open your heart to being curious and interested in what God is doing in the current situations in your life, your family, your community and the world. Look for what is true, noble, pure, right and lovely so that you can see what God is doing.
- **Grace Brenneman** received care at Doylestown Hospital this past week for pneumonia. Give thanks for healing and for the trust Grace has in Jesus.
- Pray for **Stacey and Kent Wyble**. Pray for a continued trust in God for Stacey and Kent and for wisdom as they seek a physician who can help find answers.
- Pray for **Mandy Sokol-Przybyla, Mary Ellen Schade's daughter**, receiving care at Garden Springs Nursing and Rehab Center in Willow Grove. Pray for strength and healing for Mandy.

Community

- **As we live in a nation divided by political ideologies**, may we as a faith community, look instead for what God can do. Pray that we can guard our thoughts and conversations and walk in humility. Pray that God can use us as peacemakers as we focus on what is good, true, pure and praiseworthy.
- **Mosaic Mennonite Conference is praying this week for Healthy Niños Honduras**, a Conference Related Ministry (CRM). Please pray for opportunities to provide assistance to those with the greatest need in Honduras, for the families they serve, and financial support for their work.
- **Pinebrook/Spruce Lake** – Praise God for the many year-end donations that help to sustain this ministry of pointing people to Christ in the coming year. Pray for wisdom as resources are stewarded throughout the winter with few guests.

Global

- **Pray for Dale and Beth Nafziger and their daughters, Shova and Sushma**, serving in Nepal. Pray for a good resolution to the visa issue facing Sushma and for wisdom as Dale and Beth are considering options for their business, Top of the World Coffee.
- **Mennonite Mission Network praises God for DOOR's (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection)** creative adaptation of leadership training programs in the COVID-19 era. Pray for all the young people who are participating in DOOR's opportunities to experience God in urban settings.

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)

January 10th

Attendance: 38
Offering: \$4221.00
(Jan 8-15)