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).

Serving today:

<u>Trustee of the month</u>: Jon Swartley <u>Greeters</u>: Glenn & Janice Wyble

<u>Worship Leader</u>: Randy Heacock <u>Preacher</u>: KrisAnne Swartley

Prayer Ushers: (not available today)

<u>Intercessor</u>: Kathy Heckler <u>Nursery (SS)</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/

Happening this week:

Mar 14 Prayer by zoom 9:00am

Care & Share Day 9am-5pm

Mar 17 Prayer by zoom 1:00pm Mar 18 Karen's Place 7-10pm

Coffeehouse

DMC NOTES:

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

Nursery & Children's Class – Basement Classrooms Human Sexuality (teen & adult) – Fellowship Hall Traditional Adult Class – Rooms 102/103

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/html.n

Lent Devotional Books – are available on the table near the prayer room in the sanctuary. Feel free to take one for your household and some for friends, neighbors, co-workers. We can always print more!

Prayer at the Cross – At any point during worship (or before or after), feel free to come to the cross at the front of the sanctuary, write down any struggle/loss/conflict/suffering that you are experiencing and place it among the dead vines covering the cross. Offer your suffering to God and wait and watch for how God meets you in the midst of it, how God may redeem it and bring fruit from it. This prayer practice will be available all during Lent.

Congregational Meeting Minutes – The minutes of the congregational meeting on February 26th were approved by MLT this past week and sent out by email. There are also several paper copies available on the mailbox table in the main hallway.

Sermon Notes: Matthew 16:21-26

Where have we heard this rebuke before from Jesus?

How are we all a little bit like Peter?

What if we took the rebuke as an invitation? How can we practice "getting behind" Jesus?

Prayer Guide:

2023 Theme - Spirit-Produced Fruit

DMC participants to pray for: Pray for the college students in our congregation: Abby Gourley, Mia Gidley, Noah Gidley, Dean Bartels and Heidi Swartley as they have been or soon will be on spring break. Pray for renewed energy and to be reminded often of God's presence as they return to studies for the remainder of the school year.

Monday – Pray for two of our Conference ministries: Spruce Lake Retreat and Care and Share. Pray for the leaders and employees and volunteers, that God will strengthen and encourage them for the work. Pray for those ministered to by these organizations, that God's love will touch them.

Tuesday – Pray for the courage to follow Jesus even when it's uncomfortable, when it means surrendering what you want, or when it may bring you pain/suffering.

Wednesday – Pray for Ministry Leadership Team today: John Landis, Judy Garrido, Sue Bartels, Mark Reiff, Steve Landes, and Kendrick Garrido. Ask God to bless and guide them and give them wisdom.

Thursday – Pray with Psalm 30 today. Read it slowly and notice what words/phrases the Holy Spirit brings to your attention. Thank God for the gift of His Word.

Friday – Notice what brings you joy today. Pray for someone you encounter today, that they will experience the joy of the Lord.

Saturday – Read Luke 14 in preparation for worship tomorrow. Ask God how He desires to transform you more into the likeness of Jesus.

2023 Crafted Prayer-

Dear Father, we praise and thank you for the glorious mystery of your Trinity. We are grateful that you have sent the Holy Spirit, whose transforming power is at work in us. The fruit that the Spirit produces in each of us brings forth your kingdom here on earth. Let us keep in step with you, Holy Spirit, ever mindful of the power that your gifts provide. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Community Groups Meeting @ DMC

<u>Sunday</u>

LAA (weekly, 7pm, basement)

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

<u>Tuesday</u>

Alanon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Wednesday

AA (weekly, 12pm, basement) Naranon (weekly, 6pm, Rm 205)

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

Thursday

Support Group (weekly, 7pm, Room 201)

Sandy Ridge Community Garden

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday work hours

March 5th

Attendance: 41

Offering: \$4938.00

(Mar 3-10)