

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).

Serving Today:

Trustee of the Month: Cesar Garrido

Greeters: Glenn & Janice Wyble

Worship Leader: Sandy Landes

Music Leaders: Lisa Reiff

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Nursery (worship): Joyce Zuzack

Prayer Ushers: Nancy Heacock, Steve Landes

Intercessor: Junior Brodie

Worship services are streamed live on the public church Facebook page beginning at 9:50 am. The video remains available to view at any time.

Video link: www.facebook.com/doylestownmc

Happening this week:

Nov 21	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
Nov 22	Morning Out	10:00 am
Nov 22	Thanksgiving Eve Service	7:00 pm
Nov 24	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am

DMC Notes:

Tuesday & Friday, 9:00 am - Zoom Prayer - anyone is welcome to join these weekly prayer groups! Link: zoom.us/j/98235668858?pwd=dE1zWTJ0d1VPdURIN2hHWXFJaDJXQT09 (meeting ID: 982 3566 8858, passcode: 805803. To join by phone, call 1-929-205-6099)

Message from Kendrick Garrido: "Our weekly giving has averaged less than what we targeted in our budget for this year and to put it in perspective, we'd need to average about \$4,300 weekly giving in the remaining weeks to catch up for the year. So far this year, our expenses have also been less than planned and there's been no issue to keep up with expenses. I will also add that we have reserve funds set aside for situations where we fall short of our budgeted giving. Thank you for your generous and faithful giving throughout the year! -Kendrick"

Today will be the last day for the **discernment conversation** in the basement during Sunday School for this year. The plans are for MLT to do some further processing at our December meeting. Conversation during the Sunday School hour will start up again January 7, 2024.

Pastor Sandy is inviting anyone interested in helping to write an **Advent prayer calendar** for DMC. We will meet via Zoom on Tuesday morning, November 21, 10:00 - 10:30 am. We will use the same Zoom link used for Zoom prayer.

All women are invited to **Morning Out**, Wednesday, November 22 at 10:00 am. We will meet at Panera Bread in Doylestown for a casual time of connection. Invite a friend! Questions? Contact Judy Garrido.

For our **Thanksgiving Eve service**, we will gather around tables for a light meal and conversation. For those able, please arrive at 6:30 to help set up the meal. We will begin eating at 7:00. Please bring finger food if possible, such as cheese/crackers, cut-up fruit, or little sandwiches. Sliced ham and dessert will be provided. We will share together of God's faithfulness.

Singers are needed when the DMC family goes Christmas caroling on Wednesday, December 20 starting at 6:30 pm. Meet at Don and Kathy Hecklers' home, 200 Murray Drive, Doylestown (215-345-4493); bring warm clothes, a flashlight and snacks.

Scripture Text – Ephesians 4:17-5:2

What theme runs throughout this passage?

What specific behavior does Paul address?

What path does Paul encourage?

2023 Theme – Spirit-Produced Fruit

DMC participants to pray for:

Denny Bartels is recuperating from surgery. Pray that he will be able to rest, heal and have strength for each day. If you are interested in providing a simple meal for Denny and Sue, please contact Sandy Landes.

Prayer Guide:

Monday - Ask God how you might walk in the way of love today. Listen for God's answer.

Tuesday - Pray for families who are struggling to make ends meet to experience God's provision. Pray for an opportunity to bless a family/single person today.

Wednesday - DMC will gather tonight for a Thanksgiving Eve meal and sharing time in our fellowship hall. Give thanks for this opportunity to meet together.

Thursday - Pray for those who are lonely/estranged from friends and family today.

Friday - God promises to help us be content (Philippians 4:12-13). Pray for a spirit of contentment and rest as our culture enters the season of Christmas.

Saturday - Take five minutes to be still in God's presence today. Notice what God puts on your heart in that time. What aspect of God's character is important for you today?

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 @ DMC

Sunday

LAA (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

Tuesday

Alanon (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

Sandy Ridge Community Garden

Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday work hours

Wednesday

AA (weekly, 12 pm - basement)

Naranon (weekly, 6 pm - Rm 201)

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

Thursday

Support Group (weekly, 7 pm - Rm 201)

November 12

Attendance: 45

Offering (11/10-17):
\$3843.00