# **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 & Kathy Heckler

Piano Prelude: Lois Myers

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Prayer Ushers: Nancy Heacock, Kendrick Garrido

Intercessor: Karen Fennell

Worship services are streamed live on the church Facebook page at 10:00am. You can find the video at the following 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**

| Nov 9  | Trustees mtg         | 7:00pm  |
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|        | Worship planning mtg | 7:00pm  |
| Nov 10 | Prayer by zoom       | 9:00am  |
|        | Care & Share Day     | 9am-5pm |
| Nov 11 | MLT                  | 7:00pm  |
| Nov 13 | Prayer by zoom       | 1:00pm  |

## **DMC NOTES:**

**New Doors-** We are happy to report that new doors are in process of being installed in the main office hallway! The installation and finish painting will be completed shortly.

**Today is our last Mission Sunday of the year**- Jeffrey Buckwalter, Sr. will share with us about the work of the Sandy Ridge Community Garden. All offerings collected this morning will go toward missions beyond our congregation. If you give online or mail your offering to the church office and want a certain amount designated toward mission, please label it clearly.

**Special Offering Project-** Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting food bank items for Bucks County Opportunity Center in Doylestown. Extra copies of the donation list are on the mailbox table.

November Discernment Conversations- Eschatology- Lots of spots left for November 15! Please sign up for a group by notifying the church office (phone and email address are at the top of this page).

- Sun, Nov 15 @ 11:15am in person, led by Mark Reiff
- Weds, Nov 18 @ 7:00pm by zoom, led by pastor KrisAnne

Fifth Sunday Day of Service- November 29 is our next day of service. We will be partnering with Ripple Community Inc. in Allentown, working from 1-4pm (cleaning, decorating, repairs, painting, packing meals). We are invited to stay for Ripple Church's worship service (4-5pm) as well. See the sign-up sheets on the table near the prayer room in the sanctuary-sign up to work at the church and/or community center, or sign up to donate toward the meals we will pack that will be handed out after the worship service. You may also contact the church office to sign up. A recorded worship service will be posted on the DMC Facebook page at 10:00am.

## Sermon Notes: John 15:1-11

What is the relationship between the vine and fruit?

What is purpose and context of pruning?

What are we called to do?

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

"Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

### DMC

- Pray for an openness to the words of Jesus in your life as you remain connected to him. Give thanks for the fruit you witness in yourself and others.
- **Pray for DMC to** be built up in faith as we practice discernment through conversations over the next two months.
- Pray for Annie Stewart and her family as they grieve the passing of her father this fall.
- Praise God for the healing **Cynthia and Karl Strauch** have experienced from the Covid virus.

## Community

- Praise God for the Sandy Ridge Community Garden, which ended another growing season and is now preparing for next year.
- Pray for the work of Bucks County Opportunity Council (recipients of our food drive this month.) Their mission is to reduce poverty and partner with the community to promote economic self-sufficiency.
- Give thanks for **Spruce Lake/Pinebrook** as they continue to seek to point people to Christ. Pray for the resources needed to sustain these ministries through the fall and winter season.
- This week Mosaic Mennonite Conference is praying for North Tampa Christian Fellowship in Tampa, FL. We are invited to join in prayer for them as they transition into Mosaic Mennonite Conference.

## Global

- Lift up Dale and Bethsaba Nafziger as they discern next steps in their business and their service for the kingdom of God. Pray for their daughter, **Sushma**, as she is awaiting a visa to remain in Nepal.
- Janie and Neal Blough have retired in France after 45 years of ministry there through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they continue to serve by teaching and providing worship resources to congregations throughout Europe and beyond.

## **Community Groups Meeting at DMC:**

Sunday:

Playwrite's Bridge (monthly, 2-5pm, basement) AA (weekly, noon, basement) NA (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Wednesday:

Writer's Group (weekly, 7pm, basement) PA Rush soccer (monthly, 7pm, Rm 102-3)

Monday:

Boy Scouts (weekly, 5pm, pavilion)

Thursday:

OA (weekly, 10am, by phone)

**Tuesday:** 

AlaNon (weekly, 7pm, basement) Stand by Me NA (weekly, 7pm, pavilion) Thurs Eve support (weekly, 7pm, Rm 201)

Stats: Nov 1

Attendance: 60

Offering: \$6,600.65 (Oct 30-Nov 6)