

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: Blanche Althouse, Louise Beyer

Worship leader: Mark Reiff

Song leader: Lisa Reiff

Preacher: KrisAnne Swartley

Prayer Ushers: Steve Landes, Mary Leatherman

Intercessor: Kathy Heckler

We will continue to stream our worship services live on the church Facebook page at 10:00am. You can find the video at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/doylestownmc/>

Upcoming Events

Sept 20	Conversation Group in the basement	11:15am
Sept 21	Worship planning mtg	7:00pm
Sept 22	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
	Care Team mtg	7:30pm
Sept 23	Conversation Group by zoom	7:00pm
Sept 25	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm

DMC NOTES:

The prayer ushers are always available before and during the service to pray confidentially with you. The prayer room is at the front of the sanctuary and accessible from the hallway as well.

Children's Time- All children are welcome to gather in the basement for some special activities this morning, following the opening worship songs. This time for children will be offered each Sunday morning going forward and will conclude at the end of worship.

Pastor Randy will be preaching at Towamencin Mennonite Church this morning, for the installation service of pastor Matt Raley.

Communion- We are planning to have communion in the pavilion, following the worship service, on **October 4th**. Individually wrapped juice and wafer packets will be set out on the table in the Sandy Ridge lobby, for each person to take one with them on their way out to the pavilion. All who desire to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to participate. Pastoral staff will lead communion once we are gathered outside.

These announcements from MLT were sent out last week:

Worship- MLT heard recommendations last week from the worship planning team and affirmed adding the following elements to our current worship services in order to include more voices, which has been a rich part of who we are as a congregation: piano prelude, worship leaders, occasional special music (from behind the plexiglass shield) and communion (taken outdoors using prepackaged wafer and juice cups). The goal is to continue to keep the indoor worship service to one hour or less.

Fifth Sunday Day of Service- The feedback from August 30th at Pinebrook has been very positive. MLT values the opportunity to work together across generations, enjoy extended time of conversation and laughter, and bless the ministry of Pinebrook. MLT has asked pastoral staff to pursue local places where we could serve for the next fifth Sunday, which will be November 29.

Drop-in Study Center- As we have learned that Central Bucks students are going back to school on September 30, we are no longer pursuing opening a drop-in center for students and parents.

Sermon Notes: John 6:35-51

What are we hungry for?

What satisfies our hunger?

How can we seek to be satisfied and nourished by Jesus in the coming weeks and months?

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

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

DMC

- **Pray for DMC to be nourished by the bread of life, Jesus,** as we live through these tumultuous times. Praise God for his sustaining presence!
- **Pray for DMC to be built up in faith** as we practice discernment through conversations over the next several months.
- **Pray for these families who have recently lost a parent:** ~Ruth Hart's family, Karen and Dean Garges ~Robert Mazuk's family, Robin and Ron Miller ~Richard Rush's family, Dawn and Rob Troup

Community

- **Mosaic Mennonite Conference welcomes Homestead (FL) Mennonite Church to our conference at our Fall Assembly. Please pray** for spiritual growth and faithfulness of the members of Homestead congregation and that the Homestead congregation can continue to find ways to work with the community to be a place of peace for Homestead and surrounding areas.
- **Pray for educators in our communities** who are navigating differences in schooling and making the needed adjustments to learning. What school in your community can you pray for on a regular basis?

Global

- **Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado of Mennonite Mission Network** request prayer for the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Benin, Africa, since quarantine ended in June. Pray especially for the protection of the children and staff at **La Casa Grande, a children's home,** and that the children will not fall behind in their education.

DMC Crafted Prayer for 2020

Yes, all praise to you, God, because you are who you say you are, our Peace. Help us to be still and wait on you as we learn to trust. Make us a people of peace and welcome, just as you have welcomed us. Give us the courage to use our gifts freely in the world, knowing the outcome is in your hands. We praise you as we eagerly anticipate what you will do this year. Hallelujah! Amen.

Community Groups Meeting at DMC:

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Boy Scouts (weekly, 5pm, pavilion)

Tuesday:

AlaNon (weekly, 7pm, basement)
Stand by Me NA (weekly, 7pm, pavilion)

Wednesday:

AA (weekly, noon, pavilion)
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: Sept 13

Attendance: 43

Mission Offering:
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