

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: Freida Myers, Mark Reiff

Intercessor: Kathy Heckler

Worship services are streamed live on the public church Facebook page at 10:00am. The video remains available to view at any time. Video 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 23	Care Team mtg	7:30pm
Nov 24	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
Nov 27	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm

DMC NOTES:

November 29th – Due to the rise in COVID cases in our area, Ripple Community has requested we postpone our day of service with them. Therefore, worship will be in-person at 10:00am. Following worship, we will put together the “to-go” meals for Ripple Community (in the basement-- 10 volunteers). Steve & Sandy Landes will take the meals to Allentown that afternoon. If you signed up to donate items for the meals, you can bring them the morning of the 29th. We plan to serve at Ripple Community on the 5th Sunday of January (1/31).

Offering envelopes- 2021 offering envelopes have been placed in church mailboxes this week. Please contact the church office if you received the wrong envelope number, if you didn't receive envelopes and would like them, or if you would prefer to receive your envelopes by USPS. Church phone number and email address are at the top of this page. Thank you!

December Discernment Conversations- Racism- The sermon for this topic will be given on November 29th. There will be three groups this month- 2 in-person and 1 by zoom. We are capping the groups at 10 people, so that all have a chance to participate. Sign-up for a group by notifying the church office:

- Sunday 12/6 @ 11:15am, in-person, led by pastor Randy
- Sunday 12/13 @ 11:15am, in-person, led by Mark Reiff
- Tuesday 12/29 @ 7:00pm, by zoom, led by pastor Sandy

Sermon Notes: Philippians 4:4-9

What is purpose of gratitude?

How might we pray?

What practical actions create space for gratitude?

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

“Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: Rejoice!” Philippians 4:4

DMC

- **Praise God for his faithfulness and the new mercies we receive each morning.** Ask God to show you ways that you can cultivate a grateful heart.
- **Pray for DMC to be built up in faith** as we practice discernment through conversations over the next month.
- **Pray for DMC participants in long-term care facilities:** Grace Brenneman, Peg Freed, June Hstand, John and Sara Faye Moyer, and Dorothy Wartko as visits are limited due to Covid restrictions. Pray for peace and a sense of connection with God and others.

Community

- **Pray for wisdom and protection as families gather** to celebrate Thanksgiving, as well as peace for those who grieve the loss of the normal rituals.
- **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.
- **Mosaic Conference is praying for the Community at Rockhill**, located in Sellersville, PA, a Conference Related Ministry (CRM). Pray for the safety of both residents and staff. Pray that care for others will compel us to wear masks and observe social distancing. Pray for civil discourse and genuine compassion as we live in a contentious, divided time.

Global

- **Lift up Dale Nafziger as he spends the next 12 days here in the US** picking up some needed supplies for their business and visiting with his immediate family. Pray for their daughter, Sushma, as she is awaiting a visa to remain in Nepal.
- In many North American Indigenous cultures, every day is Thanksgiving Day. For the Onondaga People around Lake Ontario, the morning begins with the Thanksgiving Address, known as the “Words that Come Before All Else.” **Join Mennonite Mission Network in thanking God for the good gifts that sustain us even in difficult times.**

Community Groups Meeting at DMC:

Sunday:

Playwrite’s Bridge (monthly, 2-5pm, basement)
NA (weekly, 7pm, basement)
Boy Scouts (weekly, 2pm, pavilion)

Wednesday:

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

Tuesday:

AlaNon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Thursday:

OA (weekly, 10am, by phone)
Thurs Eve support (weekly, 7pm, Rm 201)

Stats: Nov 15

Attendance: 51

Offering: \$2800.86
(Nov 13-20)