

# 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: Jeff Buckwalter, Jr. & Dave Chittick

Preservice Music: Heather Zeo

Worship Leader: Steve Landes

Music Leader: Lisa Reiff

Preacher: KrisAnne Swartley

Prayer Ushers: Mark Reiff, Robin Miller

Intercessor: Betty Good

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/>

**Children's Ministry-** All children are welcome to gather in the basement fellowship hall, following the opening worship songs, for a time of sharing, Bible stories and fun activities. The children's ministry and the worship service will conclude at the same time.

### Upcoming Events

Mar 16	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
Mar 19	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm
Mar 19-21	Spring Getaway to Spruce Lake Retreat	

### DMC NOTES:

**Pastor Randy** is preaching at Rocky Ridge Mennonite Church this morning, one of the congregations he works with through Mosaic Conference as a leadership minister.

**Congregational Meeting Minutes and a report from Pastor Randy** were sent out by email this week. A number of paper copies are also available at the mailboxes. The minutes were approved by MLT at their meeting on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Spring Getaway to Spruce Lake: March 19-21.** Call Spruce Lake directly to make your reservation (570-595-7505) **by Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Indicate what meals you want to purchase (Saturday B,L,D and Sunday B,L). Make special mention of Sunday lunch, as we need at least 10 people to buy it in order for Spruce Lake to offer it.

**PRAYERS OF HOPE** – Use the colored slip of paper in your bulletin to write a prayer: *Where do I need hope? Where am I experiencing hope?* Pin your prayer to the cross or drop it in the bowl- our "vessel of hope"- any time before, during or after the worship service.

**Good Friday & Easter worship services** – We will meet in person and over livestream for worship and communion on Good Friday, April 2, at 7:30pm. While we will not meet for breakfast, Easter worship on April 4 will be at 10:00am, in person and livestreamed as well.

**Worship planning team would like to collect 2 different sets of short videos clips of DMC participants:**

- Set one- answering the question "Where do you long for hope? Or where do you wish you could see some hope?"
- Set two- answering the question "Where are you experiencing hope right now? Or in what situations do you find hope?"

We plan to put these videos together for use during worship on Good Friday and Easter morning. Send your videos to pastor KrisAnne by email or share them with her on Google Drive (**deadline- March 24**).

## Sermon Notes: Matthew 24:1-14

What is Jesus' point in this discussion about the Temple and the end of the age?

What four things are we called to do "in the meantime"? How can you practice some of them this week?

### Prayer Guide: 2021 Theme – *Look instead for what God can do!*

#### **DMC**

- **Lucy DeJesus** is at home. Pray for Lucy to experience God's comforting presence as she continues to have pain. She appreciates short visits.
- Pray for **Grace Brenneman and her family** as they grieve the passing of her grandson, Joshua Brenneman, this past week from injuries sustained in a work accident.
- Pray for **Stacey and Kent Wyble**. Pray for wisdom for the doctors who are caring for her and that her condition does not worsen.

#### **Community**

- **The Sandy Ridge Community Garden** is planning for the next growing season. Pray for good communication and connection as the gardeners prepare.
- **Spruce Lake/Pinebrook** are grateful for the **groups, including some new ones**, that once again are inquiring about having a retreat at Spruce Lake. Thank God that all 4 winter **IGNITE Youth Weekends** went smoothly. Several hundred young people have been encouraged to know and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.
- This week all congregations in **Mosaic Conference** are praying for **Ripple Community Inc. (RCI)** in Allentown, PA, a Conference Related Ministry (CRM). RCI supports people living on the margins of society. Please pray for the health and safety of the community that RCI supports and for more affordable housing to become available in Allentown.

#### **Global**

- **Dale Nafziger** is in conversation with an individual who is interested in buying Top of the World Coffee. Pray for wisdom and understanding and a way forward that will advance God's kingdom.
- Join **Mennonite Mission Network** in praying for the two-day virtual meeting of **Mennonite Voluntary Service staff** and local unit leadership, which begins on Friday. Pray for them as they discuss opportunities for the future of the program, share best practices, and build relationships.

**2021 Crafted Prayer:** God, we thank you for giving your only son, Jesus, to bring salvation and the promise of eternal life to all who believe. It is in Jesus that we most fully understand your great love for humanity. God, we thank and praise you for choosing us as your beloved children and bringing us into the family of God. As your beloved children, we have complete confidence in your care and protection. God, you are the source of all power and wisdom. As we follow you, we experience comforting hope, everlasting peace, and abundant joy. God, thank you that your light pierces the darkness in our world. Help us to reflect that light to our world as we encounter your loving presence. We offer this prayer with open and trusting hearts as we look for what you will do this year. In Jesus' name, Amen

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

#### **Sunday:**

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

#### **Monday:**

Boy Scouts (weekly, 7pm, pavilion)

#### **Tuesday:**

AlaNon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

#### **Wednesday:**

AA (weekly, noon, basement)  
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)

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance: 47  
Offering: \$5220.65  
(Mar 5-12)