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:

<u>Preservice Music</u>: Lois & Freida Myers <u>Greeters</u>: Don & Judy Derstine

<u>Worship Leader</u>: Steve Landes <u>Music Leader</u>: Lisa Reiff <u>Preacher</u>: KrisAnne Swartley

<u>Prayer Ushers</u>: Don Heckler, Nancy Heacock <u>Intercessor</u>: Dave Zuzack

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

Upcoming Events

July 19	Worship planning mtg	7:00pm	
July 20	Prayer by zoom	9:00am	
	SMH Gathering	2:00pm	
	Prayer in pavilion	6:30pm	
July 23	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm	

DMC NOTES:

Children's Ministry- All children are welcome to gather in the basement following the opening worship songs, for a time of sharing, Bible memory and an interactive lesson. The children's ministry and the worship service will conclude at the same time.

Coming up August 8th - Church Picnic- We will gather for worship at 10:00am at Lost Acres on Creek Road. Lunch will begin at noon. **See bulletin insert** for other important details about the potluck meal and what to bring with you. This is a great day to invite friends and neighbors!

Prayer in the Pavilion will meet this Tuesday, July 20, 6:30-7:30 pm. We will pray for the people who use our outdoor spaces here at DMC and for the upcoming August concert series on Monday nights.

Listening prayer is rescheduled for Weds. July 28, 7 pm – 8 pm, at the home of Dave and Joyce Zuzack, 140 Old Orchard Rd, Chalfont. You are welcome!

Meals are appreciated for **Suzanne Schwabe** and her family as she recuperates. To take a meal, contact Suzanne directly at 267-987-4121.

Fall plans for congregational life- MLT and pastoral staff are currently working on plans for worship and Sunday School in the fall, with the expectation that things will continue opening up post-pandemic. We plan to kick things off September 12! In the meantime, there is a **congregational survey** in your mailboxes (also sent by email) that asks about preferences for Sunday morning meeting time and schedule. There should be enough copies for each individual in a household to respond (if not, there are extras on the mailbox table). Please return the surveys to the office by August 1 (orange box on KrisAnne's desk).

Sermon Notes: Romans 5:1-11 & 6:13-14

What does it look like / feel like when we work hard to keep God happy?

How does striving and performing for God's favor keep us bound?

What might change in your life and relationships if you lived from a place of deep grace?

<u>Prayer Guide</u>: 2021 Theme – Look instead for what God can do!

DMC

- **Pray that we as individuals and as a community of faith** would be fundamentally changed by the gospel and exhibit the faith, hope and love of a Christ-follower in our daily lives.
- Suzanne Schwabe had a fall on Monday while visiting a client. Pray for her healing and to know God's guidance as she recuperates.
- **Dave Chittick** had knee replacement surgery on Weds and was able to return home Weds eve. Praise God his surgery went well. Pray for his continued and complete healing as he goes through the process of therapy.
- Pray for Lucy DeJesus and Stacey Wyble to experience God's encouraging presence each day.

Community

- Give thanks for the Sandy Ridge Community Garden. Pray for positive experiences as they share produce with the local food banks and for relationships to build through gardening together.
- Pray for the summer staff at **Pinebrook and Spruce Lake Retreat Centers** as they serve many guests with the goal of pointing people to Christ. Lift up **Heidi Swartley** in her work as a Day Camp counselor. Pray that she would have strength and joy this week.
- This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for the Civil Rights Youth Learning Tour from Mennonite Mission Network, led by Mosaic staff member Michelle Ramirez. From July 16 to 24, the group will visit landmarks of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s-'60s and learn why our faith calls us to stand against injustice and with the oppressed. Pray for the group during this formational trip.

Global

- Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador has planted a community garden to provide food for church members and work for those who are unemployed. Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network request prayers for a bountiful harvest.
- Dale Nafziger writes that they are in day # 78 of lockdown in Nepal. Pray for wisdom for the Nafzigers as they seek to be faithful in this challenging time.

Community Groups Meeting at DMC:			
<u>Sunday</u> :	<u>Wednesday</u> :		July 11 th
Playwrite's Bridge (monthly, 2-5pm, basement)	AA (weekly, 12pm, basement)		
<u>Monday</u> :	Bucks Co. Writers (weekly, 7pm, pavilion)		Attendance: 62
A Woman's Place Board (monthly, 6-8pm, basement)	Thursday:		
<u>Tuesday</u> :	OA (weekly, 10am, Rm 102/103)		Total Mission
AWP Program (weekly, 9am-3pm, basement)	AWP Program (weekly, 6pm, basement)		Offering: \$6488.25
AlaNon (weekly, 7pm, basement)	Support Group (weekly, 7pm, Room 201)		Offering: 30488.25
Sandy Ridge Community Garden			
Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday work hours			