

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 & Judy Derstine

Worship Leader: Sandy Landes

Music Leader: KrisAnne Swartley

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Prayer Ushers: Mark Reiff, Mary Leatherman

Intercessor: Kathy Heckler

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/>

Upcoming Events

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| July 27 | Prayer by zoom | 9:00am |
| July 28 | Listening Prayer | 6:30pm |
| July 30 | 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.

August Newsletter- Articles, photos, etc. are due to Lois Myers by Tuesday evening for our next issue of News & Views. Send them to her at myersfm@juno.com

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

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. Bring lawn chairs, 2 side dishes for the potluck meal, drinks and any games you enjoy. **This is a great day to invite friends and neighbors!** Extra flyers are on the mailbox table if you'd like to share them with people.

Baptism- We will celebrate with Jeff Buckwalter Jr. as he is baptized at the church picnic on August 8th!

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

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).

Nursery- We plan to open up the nursery on September 12 with volunteers. Look for a pink paper in your church mailbox, asking for a response to a request for volunteers. If you didn't receive a paper but do have interest in volunteering in the nursery, contact KrisAnne in the church office. Thank you!

Sermon Notes: Matthew 16:13-23

What are the two declarations in this passage?

What is the trap Peter fell into? What trap do we fall into?

The snare of child centeredness.

Historical examples:

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

DMC

- **Pray that we as individuals and as a community of faith** would live out of the grace-filled relationship we have with God, a life of peace with God! Give thanks for God's abundant provision!
- **Suzanne Schwabe** is continuing to heal following a fall while at work. Pray for good rest/sleep and wisdom for Suzanne as she discerns what she can do. She is grateful for God's presence.
- **Dave Chittick** is so appreciative of the good progress he is making following knee surgery. Pray for continued and complete healing.
- Pray for **Lucy DeJesus, Betty Good and Stacey Wyble** to experience God's encouraging presence each day.

Community

- **The Sandy Ridge Community Garden is providing food for local shelters and food banks, exceeding last year's harvest.** Praise God for the growth taking place in friendships and food. Pray for the many people who regularly use the walking path, pavilion and outdoor prayer garden to know God's peace.
- Praise God for the many young people attending camp at **Spruce Lake Wilderness Camp and Day Camp**. Pray for strength for the staff as they serve many guests this summer: **Heidi Swartley (Spruce Lake Day Camp) and Steve Landes (Pinebrook Maintenance)**.
- There are six young adults serving as interns this summer throughout Mosaic Conference. This week, all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying specifically for three of these interns: **Dmarcos Ramos** in Homestead, FL, **Isaiah Mason** at New Hope Community Church in Charleston, WV, and **Syrafina Himawan** at Philadelphia (PA) Praise Center. Please pray for their personal and spiritual growth as well as for the people they are serving.

Global

- This month, **Mary Raber** is bringing closure to her 11 years of ministry with Mennonite Mission Network in Ukraine. Pray that Mary will find ways to maintain relationships, even as she says goodbye to students and colleagues at Odessa Theological Seminary and the churches where she worshiped.
- Lift up the **Nafziger and Tyson families serving in Nepal**. Pray for an awareness of the Holy Spirit's leading as they make decisions about work and ministry.

Community Groups Meeting at DMC:

Sunday:

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

Monday:

A Woman's Place Board (monthly, 6-8pm, basement)

Tuesday:

AWP Program (weekly, 9am-3pm, basement)

AlaNon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Wednesday:

AA (weekly, 12pm, basement)

AWP program (weekly, 6-8pm, Rm 102/3)

Bucks Co. Writers (weekly, 7pm, pavilion)

Thursday:

OA (weekly, 10am, Rm 102/103)

Support Group (weekly, 7pm, Room 201)

Sandy Ridge Community Garden

Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday work hours

July 18th

Attendance: 49

Offering: \$3690.25
(July 16-23)