

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

Tithes & Offerings- If you would like to give an offering, you may place it in the basket on the table at the front of the sanctuary. There is also an option to give online on the home page of our website (address at the top of this page).

People Serving Today:

Greeters: Dave Chittick & Jeff Buckwalter, Jr.

Worship Leader: Mark Reiff

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Prayer Ushers: Mary Leatherman, Don Heckler

Intercessor: MaryLee Chittick

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/>

December 26th we will gather in the fellowship hall following worship, to enjoy Christmas cookies, coffee/tea, and fellowship. Please bring a plate of cookies to share if you are able.

Upcoming Events

Dec 21	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
	SMH Gathering	2:00pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00pm

DMC NOTES:

Christmas Eve- We will gather for worship at 7:00pm and our offerings that evening will support Indonesian Light Church in Philadelphia (we heard from pastor Hendy Matahelemual in November) and the Salvatori family, missionaries with Bold Hope in the Dominican Republic (we heard from Franco Salvatori in July).

Extra ballots regarding trustees are on the mailbox table.

Please return completed ballots to the box in the church office by next Sunday. Thank you!

Mary Lee Chittick has informed Ministry Leadership Team of her desire to step down as church treasurer, leader of Stewardship Ministry. We have greatly appreciated her work and contributions to our conversations and wish to honor her desire. We have already pursued some individuals about taking on this role, but we also want to hear any suggestions from the congregation. Please give this prayerful reflection and pass along any suggestions to the church office or to any MLT member.

Faith Training Camp update- Thanks to all who gave feedback on FTC. A few highlights from the survey: "It was great to learn and share in a new way. I appreciated getting to know group members. The practice of focusing on one passage for 3 weeks was helpful. The opportunity to speak openly without facing judgment was meaningful." Suggestions for how to improve FTC were greatly appreciated. We will offer FTC once again, **January-March**. Sign-up on the sheet on the mailbox table. Traditional adult SS class (Rm 102/103) will continue. Steve Landes will also offer a SS class (sermon response or book study).

5th Sunday Days of Service update- Ministry Leadership Team thanks all who completed surveys. Things people found most helpful about the experience: "working together toward a common goal, getting to know individuals in a way that doesn't happen while sitting in worship, a new way of learning to worship, a nice break from routine, experiences at A Woman's Place and Ripple were enlightening." While many affirmed the Days of Service, we did receive 5 comments out of 20 that did not appreciate doing this on a Sunday. After discussing the surveys, MLT decided to reduce our 5th Sunday Days of Service from 4 to 3 for the coming year. We will have worship here at DMC on January 30th, and practice days of service in May, July and October. Thank you again for your feedback. Please feel free to speak any member of MLT if you have questions.

Sermon Notes: Luke 1:39-55

What is peculiar about this text?

What happens to Elizabeth?

How does Mary respond?

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

DMC

- **Praise God for the gift of grace and truth as we follow Christ together.** Pray that we would grow in our understanding and practice of both grace and truth.
- **Pray for Joyce Zuzack, daughters, Mary and Andrea (husband, Philip),** as they grieve the passing of Dave. They plan to travel to Latrobe, PA for a funeral mass and interment on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Pray for traveling mercies and peace and comfort for them as a family.
- Pray for **Lucy DeJesus** to know God's ongoing provision of strength and wisdom for her daily activities.
- Pray for **Stacey and Kent Wyble, and their parents, Don and Judy Derstine, Glenn and Janice Wyble.** Pray for healing and strength through the treatments she is receiving. Pray for protection from the covid virus for their household.

Community

- This week, **Mosaic Conference** is invited to pray for those affected by the devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and seven other states on December 10-11. Please also pray for Mennonite Disaster Service as they discern needs and prepare to help.
- Pray for **wisdom for the board and the staff of Spruce Lake & Pinebrook** as they continue to face the challenges our culture presents, so that we may see new opportunities for pointing people toward Christ. Pray for good health for staff and guests.

Global

- **Pray for the Nafziger and Tyson families serving in Kathmandu, Nepal.** As they celebrate Christmas, pray for renewed hope and strength.
- **Matthew and Toni Krabill, of Mennonite Mission Network,** are serving as co-directors for the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for their health, creativity and joy, as they welcome researchers, share Anabaptist resources and develop online classes for French-speaking theology students throughout the world.

Community Groups Meeting @ DMC

Sunday

Playwrite's Bridge (monthly, 2-5pm, basement)
LAA (weekly, 7pm, Rm 102/103)

Monday

AWP Board (monthly, 5pm, basement)

Tuesday

AWP Empowerment (weekly, 9am-2pm, basement)
Alanon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Wednesday

AA (weekly, 12pm, basement)
Bucks Co. Writers (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Thursday

Thurs Eve Support Group (weekly, 7pm, Rm 201)
Girl Scouts (monthly, 6:30pm, basement)

Sandy Ridge Community Garden

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday work hours

December 12th

Attendance: 51

Offering: \$5203.25
(Dec 10-17)