

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: Sue Bartels

Music Leader: Lisa Reiff

Preacher: KrisAnne Swartley

Prayer Ushers: Cesar Garrido, Freida Myers

Intercessor: MaryEllen Schade

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

Dec 28	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
Jan 4	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
Jan 7	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm

DMC NOTES:

Everyone is welcome to gather in the fellowship hall following worship today, to enjoy Christmas cookies, coffee/tea, and fellowship. Please bring a plate of cookies to share if you are able.

Faith Training Camp update- We will offer FTC groups once again, **January-March**. Sign-up sheet is on the mailbox table. Add your name to the list and indicate what kind of group you prefer (women's, men's, mixed). 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.

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.

Sermon Notes: Matthew 2:1-12

What were the different responses to Jesus' birth?

What's important about the presence of the Magi?

How should we respond?

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

DMC

- **In the midst of the chaos of the world, Jesus was born to be with us.** Give thanks for the gift of his presence with us and the ways God's faithfulness is different than our understanding.
- **Pray for Joyce Zuzack, daughters, Mary and Andrea(husband, Philip),** following the loss of Dave. Pray for comfort and wisdom as they adjust to the reality of his death and for peace in knowing Dave is in God's care.
- 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

- 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.
- This week, all **Mosaic congregations** are invited to pray for the **Mosaic Conference staff.** Pray that staff members will continue to discern God's direction for our Conference and our communities and guide us accordingly. Pray for **Randy Heacock** as he serves as a Leadership minister for several congregations.

Global

- **Pray for the Nafziger and Tyson families serving in Kathmandu, Nepal.** As they celebrate Christmas, pray for renewed hope and strength.
- **Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Linda Beachy,** who is in the middle of her year-long SOOP assignment at the Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

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 19th

Attendance: 46

Offering: \$3655.25
(Dec 17-24)