

# 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.

Preservice Music: Lois & Freida Myers

Worship Leader: KrisAnne Swartley

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Prayer Ushers: Nancy Heacock, Steve Landes

Intercessor: Karen Fennell

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 6	Care Team mtg	7:00pm
Dec 7	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
Dec 8	MLT mtg	7:00pm
Dec 10	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm

### DMC NOTES:

#### **Sunday School in December:**

- Ministry Leadership Team has decided to pause the children's class and Faith Training Camp Groups for Dec 5, 12 & 19. During those weeks, plans will be made to begin again in January.
- The traditional adult Sunday School class that meets in Rm 102/103 will continue to meet in December.
- We look forward to the **annual Christmas cookie fellowship on Sunday, Dec 26, following worship!**

**From Mary Leatherman:** "Thank you to DMC, their extended families and leadership for the blessings you showered upon me. The notes, emails & texts I received in addition to what you witnessed continue to bless me. Thank you for supporting me in all those years, and may Jesus Christ be honored."

**Christmas Caroling-** Anyone who would like to go Christmas caroling, gather at Don & Kathy Heckler's home (200 Murray Drive, Doylestown) at **6:30pm on Wednesday, Dec 15**. After caroling, all are welcome at the Heckler's for fellowship, refreshments and warm drinks.

**2022 Offering envelopes** are in mailboxes. If you notice any mistakes or yours is not in your box, please let the church office know. If you haven't had offering envelopes before, but would like them, speak to any of the pastors.

## Sermon Notes: Luke 1:5-25 & 3:1-6

How do we engage the Christmas story?

What questions run through our minds?

What shapes how we reach our conclusions?

How do we look for God's salvation?

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

#### **DMC**

- **Give thanks for the many ways God uses the small and the ordinary to bring about his purposes in the world. Ask God to give you eyes to see what God is doing.**
- **Pray for Dave and Joyce Zuzack.** Dave is receiving hospice care at home. Pray for Dave and Joyce, and their daughters, Andrea and Mary, to experience God's peace, hope and joy in this journey. A Caring Bridge journal page has been setup: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/davezuzack>
- Pray for **Lucy DeJesus** to know God's ongoing provision of comfort and peace.
- Lift up **Sally Landis** as she deals with ongoing pain from broken ribs after severe coughing. Pray for healing and strength for Sally.

#### **Community**

- **Pray for the ministry of Pinebrook and Spruce Lake** as plans are made for 2022 to restore what God has entrusted to them, especially in maintenance of the properties so they can continue to point people to Christ.
- **Give thanks for the community groups who use the DMC building.** Pray that they would experience God's peace and healing as they meet. Pray for those in the AA group to find positive connections during the upcoming holidays.

#### **Global**

- Give thanks for the ministry of the **Nafziger and Tyson families in Nepal.** Pray for encouragement for them during this upcoming season of Advent.
- **Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton, of Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for the churches in Ecuador** that have suffered the loss of many leaders and members, due to COVID-19. While they continue to lament their losses, pray for their strength and resilience, as new leaders come forward to continue the reconciling mission of Christ.

**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 @ 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

**November 28<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance: 48

Offering: \$4003.25  
(Nov 26-Dec 3)