

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: Garry & Cyndi Landis

Preservice Music: Lois & Freida Myers

Worship Leader: Sue Bartels

Music Leader: Lisa Reiff

Preacher: KrisAnne Swartley

Prayer Ushers: Cesar & Judy Garrido

Intercessor: Kathy Heckler

Nursery (SS): 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

Jan 18	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
	SMH Gathering	2:00pm
	Listening Prayer	4:00pm
Jan 21	Prayer by zoom	1:00pm

DMC NOTES:

Sunday School Classes / Faith Training Camp Groups (11:10-11:50am):

- Nursery & Children's class (up to grade 5) – basement classrooms
- Traditional Adult Sunday School Class – Room 102/103
- Sermon Response Class (ages 12+)– Room 203
- Faith Training Camp Groups (ages 12+)– 2 men's groups (meeting in Randy's office and Room 204). A women's group (meeting in Room 205). A mixed group (meeting in Room 201). Talk to one of the pastors if you would like to join a group.

Listening Prayer will meet at DMC on Tuesday, January 18, 4 pm – 5 pm in the Upstairs Prayer room. You are welcome to join!

2021 Offering Reports are in church mailboxes this week. If you notice any errors or would like an electronic copy instead, contact KrisAnne in the church office. **2022 Church Directories** are available this week on the mailbox table. If you would like a pdf version sent to your email address, contact the church office.

Pastor Sandy's sabbatical – Sandy has requested a two-month sabbatical and MLT approved the request at their January meeting. She will take the months of February and March and will be paid half of her regular salary during those weeks. A letter from Sandy with more details is available in mailboxes and was sent out by email as well.

Additional Mission Giving- Due to your generosity, after meeting all of our commitments in our 2021 mission spending plan, a surplus of \$1,746 remains. Ministry Leadership Team decided to split this amount to support ministries that we visited on our fifth Sunday days of service in 2021. Therefore, we will be sending \$582 to Ripple Community Inc, Ripple Church and The Simple Way. MLT feels fortunate to serve a congregation that is so generous that enables this type of decision. A complete financial report for 2021 is being finalized and will be shared at a congregational meeting most likely in late February.

Save the Date- March 25-27- Spring Getaway at Spruce Lake- for family and friends, too, the more the merrier! More information on reservations coming soon. Contact person: Nancy Heacock (nanranh@verizon.net).

Sermon Notes: John 15:1-11

What is the difference between proximity and presence?

What are the challenges of remaining connected to Jesus?

What's one way you can practice abiding in Jesus this week?

Prayer Guide: **2022 Theme – *Searching for the Source***

2022 Crafted Prayer for DMC: Heavenly Father, we praise and trust You. You are our Hope. We long to live without fear and put our confidence in You. Help us to dig deep to seek Jesus, the stream of Living Water. Let us always produce fruit in our homes and community for Your glory. Amen

DMC

- **Guided prayer question for this week: God, how are you inviting me to look to you as my source this week?**
- **Pray that we would have wisdom and compassion as we live in an anxious world, especially with the continuing pandemic.** Pray for healing for those you know who are sick with covid.
- Lift up **Don and Judy Derstine, as well as Stacey and Kent Wyble** who have been ill with covid. Pray for strength and healing.
- Give thanks for the DMC participants who live at Souderton Mennonite Homes, **Grace Brenneman, Dorothy Wartko, Helmut Wahl, and John and Sara Faye Moyer.** Pray for good health and connections with their friends and families. Pastors Randy and Sandy will meet with them on Tuesday afternoon.

Community

- **Pray for families in our congregation and community with school-age children** who are navigating the challenges of the pandemic.
- **Pray for the AA and the Al-Anon group who meet in our building every week.** Pray for the participants to experience freedom and peace in their lives.

Global

- **Pray for Dale Nafziger as he works at renewing his business visa** to live and serve in Nepal.
- This weekend, as we remember Martin Luther King Jr., who followed Jesus' way of nonviolent civil disobedience to bring hope to people who have been marginalized by society, pray for **Mennonite Mission Network's** ministry of dismantling racism in the United States and around 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

January 9th

Attendance: 33

Offering: \$5,312.40
(Jan 7-14)