

# 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 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).

### Serving Today:

**Trustee of the Month:** Garry Landis

**Greeters:** Don & Kathy Heckler

**Pre-Service Music:** Lois & Freida Myers

**Worship Leader:** Karl Strauch

**Music Leaders:** Lois & Freida Myers

**Preacher:** Randy Heacock

**Nursery (worship):** Judy Derstine

**Prayer Ushers:** Judy & Cesar Garrido

**Intercessor:** Aimee Gourley

Worship services are streamed live on the public church Facebook page beginning at 9:50 am. The video remains available to view at any time.

Video link: [www.facebook.com/doylestownmc](https://www.facebook.com/doylestownmc)

### Happening this week:

Dec 11	Worship Planning Team meeting	7:00 pm
Dec 12	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
Dec 12	Care & Share Day	9:00 am-5:00 pm
Dec 13	Morning Out	10:00 am
Dec 13	MLT meeting	7:00 pm
Dec 15	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am

### DMC Notes:

**Tuesday & Friday, 9:00 am - Zoom Prayer** - anyone is welcome to join these weekly prayer groups! Use this link - <https://tinyurl.com/mwvcdyze> - or use meeting ID: 982 3566 8858, passcode: 805803. To join by phone, call 1-929-205-6099.

All women are invited to **Morning Out**, Wednesday, December 13, 10:00-11:30 am in Room 205. This is a time of connection and inspirational reflection. Light snacks provided; bring your own beverage. Invite a friend! Questions? Contact Judy Garrido.

The **DMC prayer guide** for the next several weeks will reflect our Advent theme - The Light for the World: Jesus. Each week we will follow a rhythm of praise, confession, praying for someone, listening, fasting, encouragement and thanksgiving.

The **Flower Sign-Up sheet** for January through May is now posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. Please consider what weeks you're able to provide flowers and sign up!

We are now working on the **2024 DMC Church Directory**. During the month of December, please check the draft copy on the table by the mailboxes to make sure your contact information, birthday and/or anniversary is correct and current. If you have any changes or additions, please write them in. We aim to have the new directory available in mid-January.

**Your 2024 offering envelopes** are now in your mailbox. If you did not receive envelopes in 2023 but would like them for 2024, please [contact Kristine](#) in the church office.

Earlier this year MLT announced that DMC would seek to sponsor a **youth cabin at Spruce Lake Retreat**. The goal of raising \$50,000 by the end of the year was identified. Without many reminders, some of you have generously contributed and \$21,300 has been received this far. Since the goal is to finish this off by the end of 2023, we are inviting all to consider a one-time special gift to raise an additional \$28,700 by the end of the year. Christmas is a time of giving and what better gift than to provide resources to build one cabin in the new wilderness camp at Spruce Lake! Please clearly mark any donations for "Spruce Lake Cabin" fund and place with your regular offering.

**Singers are needed** when the DMC family goes Christmas caroling on Wednesday, December 20 starting at 6:30 pm. Meet at Don and Kathy Hecklers' home, 200 Murray Drive, Doylestown (215-345-4493); bring warm clothes, a flashlight and snacks.

**Abe Landis** has a new phone number: 215-804-6748. His mailing address is 810 Pumping Station Rd, Quakertown, PA 18951.

**June Hiland** went home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 1. A funeral service will be held here at DMC on Sunday, January 21 starting at 2:00 pm.

## Scripture Text – John 1:6-9

How is John described as being distinctively different than Jesus?

Why is this clarity so important?

What are we called to?

## 2023 Theme – Spirit-Produced Fruit

### Prayer Guide:

Sunday - Praise God for something unexpected in your life

Monday - Confess to someone, and God, for the careless words you've spoken and may have put up a barrier in your friendship.

Tuesday - Pray for someone you know needs the Light of Christ in their lives.

Wednesday - Be still for 5 minutes and listen for what God might want to say to you.

Thursday - Make today a day of fasting from something you think you can't do without: food, TV, cell phone or anything else.

Friday - Visit or call someone you know needs encouragement.

Saturday - On this busy Saturday, thank God for every situation (good or bad) you find yourself in.

*\* Many thanks to Mary Leatherman for writing our prayer guide this week.*

### 2023 Crafted Prayer:

Dear Father, we praise and thank you for the glorious mystery of your Trinity. We are grateful that you have sent the Holy Spirit, whose transforming power is at work in us. The fruit that the Spirit produces in each of us brings forth your kingdom here on earth. Let us keep in step with you, Holy Spirit, ever mindful of the power that your gifts provide. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

## Community Groups @ DMC

### Sunday

LAA (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

### Tuesday

Alanon (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

### Sandy Ridge Community Garden

Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday work hours

### Wednesday

AA (weekly, 12 pm - basement)

Naranon (weekly, 6 pm - Rm 201)

Bucks Co. Writers (weekly, 7 pm - basement)

### Thursday

Support Group (weekly, 7 pm - Rm 201)

## December 3

Attendance: 42

Offering (12/1-8):  
\$2938.00