

# 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).

## As We Gather Today:

Trustee of the Month: Cesar Garrido

Greeters: Gideon & Karen Youssef

Worship Leader: Karl Strauch

Music Leader: Sue Bartels, Cesar Garrido

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Nursery (worship): Janice Wyble

Prayer Ushers: Judy & Cesar Garrido

Intercessor: MaryLee Chittick

*Sunday School is not regularly scheduled during July & August*

Watch live (begins at 9:50 am; video remains available to view at any time): [www.facebook.com/doylestownmc](http://www.facebook.com/doylestownmc)

## Happening This Week:

July 22	Worship Planning Team mtg.	7:00 pm
July 23	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am
July 26	Prayer by Zoom	9:00 am

## DMC Notes:

**Tuesday & Friday, 9:00 am - Zoom Prayer;** anyone is welcome to join these weekly prayer groups! [CLICK HERE](#) or use meeting ID: 982 3566 8858, passcode: 805803. To join by phone, call 1-929-205-6099.

**The DMC outdoor prayer garden** has received a much-needed "sprucing up," thanks to Dave Santopietro. Great job, Dave! A time of praying and rededicating the outdoor spaces was held this morning before worship.

**The Care Team** is delighted to report the good news of Gary Garges' positive affirmation (32 received) to serve on the team. Our first meeting with Gary was Tuesday, July 16. We welcome Gary with gratitude for God's goodness and Gary's willingness. Today, as a congregation, we will participate in a prayer of commissioning for this calling.

The July **prayer practice discussion** is planned for today, Sunday, July 21 during the Sunday School hour, 11:15 to 12 noon.

Please join us for our annual **church picnic**, being held at Lost Acres Ranch on Sunday, August 4 - worship begins at 10 am and lunch at 11:30 am. See the flyer on the table by the mailboxes for directions and more details.

As we approach the end of our **6-month trial**, MLT is discerning our next steps and asks for your thoughtful input. A questionnaire was emailed last Monday; please either fill this out online or pick up a paper copy from the table by the mailboxes and drop your responses in the box in the church office. Responses are due by August 2.

## 2 Timothy 3:1-17, Matthew 5:10-16

Will we allow ourselves to change our understanding that conflict is bound to happen?

Is our learned pattern to be nice an outward form of godliness that denies the power of the cross?

Is there a particular situation you are facing in which God is saying don't be surprised, don't demonize the other, don't avoid but stay focused on what you know Jesus has taught?

What is it to live being completely honest while being fully loving?

## 2024 Theme – Jesus Gave Them Authority

### DMC participants to pray for:

**Pastor Randy and his family** – His mother, Joanne, passed away early Wednesday morning. Services were held Saturday, July 20. Pray for continued peace and comfort for Randy and his family as they give thanks for her life.

**Lisa, Mark, Sam, and Silas Reiff** – Praise God that Silas' surgery went well and he is recovering, now back at CHOP King of Prussia. Pray that Silas will show good progress as he continues the weaning process from oxygen support. Pray for clarity and peace for Mark and Lisa in making decisions for his care.

**MaryLee Chittick** is thankful that her strength is improving. Pray for discernment and clarity for the doctors appointments she will have in the coming weeks.

### Prayer Guide:

**Monday:** Pray that the humility of Christ would fill us as we live today, being open to the harvest of righteousness that comes through surrender.

**Tuesday:** Pray for the Care Team as they work together to encourage the many gifts in our congregation to be used for God's glory. Give thanks for Gary Garges as he serves in this capacity.

**Wednesday:** Praise God for the ministry of Spruce Lake/Pinebrook this summer. Ask God to provide needed staff to serve many guests.

**Thursday:** *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace.* And be thankful. Colossians 3:15, Open yourself to God's peace.

**Friday:** Pray for Dale Nafziger as he receives medical care in Thailand and is awaiting healing for his ankle.

**Saturday:** Pray for our worship tomorrow to bring glory to God and joy to our hearts!

### DMC 2024 Crafted Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, you send us out to proclaim Jesus' name and with his healing power. We submit to your authority. Let us praise the Lord and step out unencumbered by worldly cares. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us in our times of weakness. We accept the authority you bestow on us with humility and compassion. Give us wisdom and help us to be fearless in our encounters. May we joyfully reflect your glory now and forevermore. 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 101)

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

#### Thursday

Support Group (weekly, 7 pm - Rm 201)

### July 14

Attendance: 38

Offering (7/12-19):

\$2,373