

# Compass Online

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IN FAITH  
TO SERVE

## *Romans 8:38-39 New International Version (NIV)*

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As we seem to acknowledge at the start of any conversation these days, these are unusual times. As such, we set aside our usual Compass communications about upcoming events and want to reach out to you with some words of encouragement, some updates, and a reminder that NO-THING ... NOTHING can separate us from the love of God.

## *Online Worship*

We have celebrated two weeks of worship online—across the miles and scattered in homes across the region, the country, and the world. We pray that the worship may touch you and help us feel joined together even though we are in many different spaces. We have heard many expressions of appreciation for the services broadcast thus far, and we trust that God's Spirit is touching and encouraging you. This is a beautiful opportunity for all of us, from across our five Sunday morning worship services, to blend our style preferences and join in humble worship of our amazing and gracious God.

Please join together with your brothers and sisters by tuning in to the **LIVE SERVICE at 11:00 am on March 29**. [Click here for a direct link to the broadcast](#). (You can also find a link on the church's homepage: [www.doylestownumc.com](http://www.doylestownumc.com).) Try to minimize any distractions, gather around with your family, and engage. We are going to worship, and we are going to learn together, blending our styles of liturgy, hymns and worship songs along with a message from Pastor Sunil. (You can also view a recording of this week's service anytime beginning later in the day.)

## *Coming Next Week - Devotions and Wednesday evening Worship via Zoom*

- **NEW! LIVE DAILY DEVOTIONS**—we are offering live, 15-minute Daily Devotions via Zoom, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, beginning Monday, March 30 at 9 am. To join us, [CLICK HERE](#) and use this meeting number 642 371 667 OR call in: +1 929 205 6099 and use the same meeting number.
- **NEW! LIVE MIDWEEK SERVICE**—On Wednesday April 1, 15, 22, 29 we are offering a live, 30-minute service via Zoom on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. To join us, [CLICK HERE](#) and use this meeting number 642 371 667 OR call in: +1 929 205 6099 and use the same meeting number.

## *Weekly Giving*

It is **imperative** to the health of the Church that you continue your regular weekly giving! [CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to safely give online. Don't forget to look for the option to set-up an automatic withdrawal from your bank account to help the Church avoid fees.

- ✓ **Give Online.** Go to <https://www.doylestownumc.com> and click on 'Give Now'.
- ✓ **Text On Your Phone.** Send 'GIVEDUMC' to 73256. Click the link.
- ✓ **Mail Your Check.** Doylestown UMC, 320 East Swamp Road, Doylestown, PA 18901 (Rest assured, mail is still being received and processed on a regular basis.)

## *We're Here for You*

If you are advised not to leave your home and need personal assistance (groceries delivered, prescriptions picked up, etc.) or big help (an urgent need at your home--may need two people to assist), please contact Debbie Schultheiss [Dschultheiss@doylestownumc.com](mailto:Dschultheiss@doylestownumc.com) or Pastor Sunil [pastorsunil@doylestownumc.com](mailto:pastorsunil@doylestownumc.com) or leave a message on the church phone at 215-348-5224. If you are willing and able to volunteer to DO the work, please also reach out to Debbie or Pastor Sunil as well.

## *Reach Out to Your Church Family*

- **Contact one another:** We are encouraging each of you to reach out and connect with one another during this time. We receive God's comfort and hear God speak to us in many ways, including through our fellow brothers and sisters here at DUMC. Please try calling at least one *different* person each day within our congregation to say hello and offer your support. Encourage each other, and if you are willing, pray with each other. To make it easier for you to reach out we are attaching a current copy of our church directory. (No, this is not the upcoming picture directory, but we hope you will find it helpful in the interim).
- **Pray for one another and let us pray for you:** We offer Confidential Prayer Requests and a Prayer Wall on our home page. Confidential requests go directly to Debbie Schultheiss and me. The Prayer Wall is a way to ask for prayer in a more public, communal way and you can offer your prayers to those have posted a request. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.
- **Feel free to contact staff members:** While our church building is closed, all staff are currently working from home. All phones and emails are being answered so feel free to contact the church at 215-348-5224 or to email staff directly. [CLICK HERE](#) to access staff email addresses.

## *Food Donations*

Many people are in need of food, but due to the coronavirus, food pantries are no longer accepting donations of food. Instead, please help out by making online donations which the food pantry can use to purchase grocery gift cards. To donate online to the Bucks County Housing Group, please [CLICK HERE](#).

## *For Your Prayers*

Please hold former DUMC Pastor, Steve McComas, and his wife, Deb, in your prayers with the death of their son, Patrick. The family requests that you do NOT call, text, or email but would welcome cards.

## *Other Online Ministry Opportunities for Your Family*

- **Student Ministries:** Pastor Paul's latest edition of **Elevation Online** includes three powerful worship songs, a message on overcoming stress and anxiety, and the always hilarious Stupid Video of the Week. Check it out here: <https://vimeo.com/399710612>
- **Children's Ministries:** We are working on ways to stay connected with you and your children during this time. One of those ways is through a live 'Sunday School' experience via Zoom. 'Empowering Courageous Kids: Exploring How Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through' will focus on Jesus' miracles and how his power pulls us through times just like this one. Look for more details coming next week! **In addition, attached are the weekly DUMC Children's Worship Bulletins for our Live Service on Sunday at 11:00 am. Two versions are attached: one for Pre-School Kids Ages 3-6 and one tailored to Elementary Kids Ages 7-12.** Print out this bulletin weekly as a fun way to involve your children in our worship. As a reminder, the front page of each bulletin highlights a *secret code* for your child to go to online at: <https://games.childrensbulletins.com> and unlock fun games reinforcing the bible message that week.

## *Stay Informed, Safe, and Healthy*

Beware of your sources for information. Many articles currently seen on social media about COVID-19 are attached to malware. Be sure to stay informed through reliable sources such as [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov) and [www.PA.gov](http://www.PA.gov). Continue to vigilantly practice social distancing, and wash your hands.

*May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7*