

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (December 3) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Missions \$5,736.00
- Program Fund \$300.00
- Leadership Support \$300.00
- Snader Family PDA \$300.00
- Church Facilities \$50.00

Note from the Treasurer

As we approach yearend, we still have significant deficits in several funds. The Leadership Support Fund is in the red by \$5,241. The Program Fund is in the red by \$8,275 which includes the \$2,158 that we still need to cover the cost of our Homecoming celebration. Please give prayerful consideration to these needs as you plan your yearend giving.

Henry Youndt, Treasurer

**2018 Offering Schedule is in your mailbox.
Look for the green paper!**

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December 17—3rd Sunday of Advent

Pastor Tom will be preaching

December 24—Christmas Eve

9:00 a.m. Christmas Tea

10:00 a.m. Pastor Tom will be preaching

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve service



December 31

Pastor Austin will be preaching

Happy Birthday

Minerva Nolt—Sunday, December 10

Kathy Heft—Wednesday, December 13

Elsie Hanna—Saturday, December 16

Cody Kreiner—Sunday, December 17

Amanda Horst—Monday, December 18

Cliff Day—Tuesday, December 19



Happy 80th Birthday

Arlene Martin—Saturday, December 16



Happy Anniversary

Menno and Lydia Riehl—Friday, December 15

Eldon and Joy Witmer—Saturday, December 16

Harold and Doris Mohler—Monday, December 18

Christmas Giving Project for the people of Puerto Rico

We invite you to share the love of Jesus this Christmas season by participating in our giving project for the people of Puerto Rico. We will have the exciting opportunity to share both globally and locally!

Global Giving—During Advent this year we will be focusing our coin offerings on relief efforts that Mennonite Disaster Service is leading in Puerto Rico. You will have the opportunity to share your coins and bills through Sunday, January 7.

Local Giving—Many Puerto Rican families are choosing to leave Puerto Rico due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria. There are many Puerto Ricans joining family members who currently are living in Lancaster City. This influx of families creates a large need for the School District of Lancaster to be providing for many new students entering the school system.

We will be collecting items for these families. Please place your items in the box provided.

December 10—hats, gloves and scarves—any size

December 17—coats—any size

December 24—blankets

December 31—toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, hairbrushes

January 7—Food items....more details coming



ADVENT CAFÉ

Sunday, December 10 and 17

Youth will be providing hot drinks and pastries before Sunday School starting at 8:30 a.m. at the back of the church.



Stop by for a cup of tea, coffee, or hot chocolate, and a pastry.

Donations appreciated.

Note of Thanks!

I want to thank the congregation for the visits and prayers for me the last several months as I was dealing with health issues. The Lord is good and merciful. I am doing a lot better. Thank you for praying.

Harold Ressler

EMPANADILLAS SALE (frozen)

New Holland Spanish Mennonite Church
\$18 per dozen or \$1.50 each

Sign up TODAY—sheet is on the lobby table
Pick up at New Holland Spanish Mennonite Church on Thursday, December 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm.
Pay when you pick up.



Phone Number Update



Robert and Angela Hahn have a new phone number: 717-466-6005

Please make a note of this change.

Christmas Cards for Ryan and Bethany Umble Family

As the Christmas Season is upon us, we wanted to give you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to the Umble family. We are assembling a package of Christmas cards to be delivered via a friend who will be traveling to Cambodia at the end of the month. If you would like to send a card to the Umbles, please mail it to:

Megan Beiler
5261 Denlinger Road
Gap, PA 17527

The cards need to arrive at the address above **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 20TH.**

Umble Mission Support Team

"Journey to Bethlehem" will be held at Woodcrest Retreat on **December 15 and 16.** The Christmas story comes alive, in six unique scenes, as you walk by candlelight along quiet wooded trails with the Biblical characters. Dramatic actors, live nativity and real animals. Visit www.WoodcrestRetreat.org for more details. Groups may call the office for guaranteed admission details at 717-738-2233. See poster on bulletin board for times and prices.



Christmas Music Programs at Lancaster Mennonite High School

Lancaster Mennonite High School will hold two separate Christmas music programs this year at the Lancaster Campus: an instrumental concert featuring the band and orchestra on **December 12 at 7 p.m.**, and a choral music concert on **December 16 at 4 p.m.** The public is invited to these free concerts.

Position Opening Homes of Hope Coordinator

Homes of Hope, a transitional housing ministry of Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC), is seeking someone to fill the position of Coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for the assessment placement in one of our eleven homes, and case management of families in Lancaster County who are facing homelessness.

For more details, see posting on the bulletin board outside coat room or contact Kim Wittel at 717-735-7540.