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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (November 4) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Missions \$3,957.00
- Leadership Support \$317.70

Happy Birthday

Anne Martin—Friday, November 16
Lester Martin—Sunday, November 18
Mel Martin—Sunday, November 18
Doris Mohler—Sunday, November 18
Steve Nolt—Tuesday, November 20



Happy Anniversary

Mel and Norene Martin—Sunday, November 18

Benefit Concert at Groffdale

Our congregation has a very special opportunity to host a benefit concert by the family of Toshi and Beth Imchen. Three of their daughters - Olivia, Grace and Abby have led worship here at Groffdale. The concert will be on **Sunday, November 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Toshi's family members live in India and the Imchen family regularly tries to send money to assist them with basic living needs. Everyone is welcome to attend the benefit concert here at Groffdale on Sunday, November 18 at 4:00 p.m. We will provide more information about this concert as the date approaches.



Thank you note!

Pastor Austin and Janelle and Pastor Tom and Jennifer would like to express our deep appreciation for the many expressions of love and encouragement during pastor appreciation month.

We are so blessed by the Groffdale congregation and excited for what God has for us in the future!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

November 18—Message from Pastor Austin

November 25—Message from Sherri Martin, 2018 LMC STEP graduate from Weaverland

December 2—Message from Pastor Tom

December 9—Message from Pastor Tom

December 16—Message from Pastor Austin

December 23—Message from Pastor Tom

Christmas Tea—9:00 am in All Purpose Room

January 6, 2019—Communion



Christmas Project for Local Family

Groffdale is again sponsoring a Conestoga Valley family in need this Christmas season.

The family we are sponsoring has seven children ranging in age from six months to 13 years old (5 boys and 2 girls).

There's a table in the lobby with Christmas ornaments listing the gift and suggested value.

Here's how you can help:

1. Choose an ornament...or two from the display.
2. Wrap your gift and **attach the ornament to the outside of the package - this is very important since it identifies the recipient of the gift.**
3. Bring your gift to church by Sunday, **December 2.**

Thank you for your generosity and help with providing support to a Conestoga Valley family in need. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Shenk.



The Holiday Distribution Day and Pancake Breakfast is on **Saturday, December 15** at Zion Lutheran Church on Quarry Road in Leola.

Volunteers are needed to help that day and also earlier in the week to prepare for distribution day. Jen Eshleman and Joyce Shenk are planning to help with the Gift Distribution Day. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Joyce Shenk and she will be glad to give you details and sign you up to help.



TEMPORARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Norma Rutt will be visiting her sister and brother-in-law in Georgia from November 9 through sometime in January.

Her address during that time is:

Norma Rutt
c/o Gerald & Laretta Eshleman
2576 Georgia Highway 88
Hephzibah, GA 30815



Annual German Christmas Market and Benefit Auction

Saturday, November 17
Weaverland Church
210 Weaverland Valley Road
East Earl



Proceeds directly help long term missionary couple Darrel and Miriam Weaver to further their pivotal work with immigrants and persecuted converts in Germany.

- ◆ **Market 10:00 am - 4:30 pm**
- ◆ **Germany style food stands 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**
- ◆ **Live benefit auction 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

Please partner with the Weavers this year in some way. Support them through prayer, financially, an auction item, or with other talents you have. Please contact GermanyMST@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

VOICES OF HOPE 2018 HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Refreshments 6 p.m.

Concert 7 p.m.

The Trust Performing Arts Center
37 N. Market St., Lancaster, PA

Join us for the 11th annual Voices of Hope Holiday Festival concert at the historic Trust Performing Arts Center in downtown Lancaster! In this final performance, Madeline Bender will be joined by Timothy Long, co-founder, emcee and pianist, as well as a few friends from around the opera world.

Visit their website at voicesofhopeopera.org for more details and to purchase tickets. Your attendance will improve the lives of children around the world through MCC's education programs!

Employment Opportunity at Groffdale

The position for a part time custodian at Groffdale will be open at the end of this year. If you are interested in the position, or know someone who might be interested in it, please contact Clete Weaver at 717-271-1102 for details.



MCC Annual Report

A copy of the report is available on the information table in the lobby. You'll learn how your gifts help MCC respond to disasters and crises, offer new opportunities in education and bring healing and hope to people all over the world. You are welcome to stop by and read the report.

CVCCS NEWS

Food Items Needed:

The food bank at Conestoga Valley Community Services (CVCCS) is in need of the following food items:

- **Taco kits**
- **Pancake Mix**
- **Hamburger Helper**

Please place your donations in the CVCCS box provided in the lobby. Thank you for your generosity!!!



“Journey to Bethlehem” will be held at Woodcrest Retreat on **December 7, 8, 14, 15**. The Christmas story will come alive as guests walk along wooded trails in six outdoor scenes with Biblical characters and live animals. Visit www.woodcrestretreat.org for more information.

