

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (November 11) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Leadership Support \$4,154.48
- Missions \$670.00
- Program Fund \$250.00

Happy Birthday

- Lester Martin—Sunday, November 18
- Mel Martin—Sunday, November 18
- Doris Mohler—Sunday, November 18
- Steve Nolt—Tuesday, November 20
- Miriam Weaver—Wednesday, November 21
- Fern Bauman—Friday, November 23
- Glenn Eberly—Tuesday, November 27



Happy Anniversary

- Mel and Norene Martin—Sunday, November 18
- Tim and Kris Greenawalt—Thursday, November 22

Note from Pastor Tom

Thank you so much for your prayers for Tanner, Tuyen and myself as we travel, minister and learn in Vietnam. God has blessed us with good health and energy during our first week here in this beautiful country. Tuyen has been providing some wonderful experiences for Tanner and I in getting to know the people and culture.

On Thursday November 15 we begin our time with the pastor's gathering of the Vietnamese Mennonite Church. Tuyen will be preaching on Thursday and I just learned that I will be preaching on Friday morning. That would be Thursday evening around 9:30 p.m. Eastern time. I greatly appreciate your prayers. Tuyen will be translating for me. The topic I have been asked to preach on is "God has chosen you."

On Saturday, Sunday and Monday our schedule will be full as we visit churches and homes in the southern region of Vietnam before heading home on Tuesday. Please pray that God would provide the grace and strength for the opportunities ahead of us. Thank you so much for your encouragement and prayers as Tanner and I experience all that God has for us in this adventure. We love you and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

December 24—Christmas Eve Service

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.



Adult Sunday School Materials for the Winter quarter are available.



Student books are in the classrooms.

Teacher's guides are on the information table in the lobby.

Leon and Lydia Martin are living at Brethren Village and their address has changed.



Leon and Lydia Martin
42 Circle Drive, Apt 216
Lititz, PA 17543

Please make a note of this change.

Note from Prins MST – Sign up Next Sunday

Last month you should have received a newsletter from Andres Prins, along with a response form, in your mailbox. Andres has committed to another two-year term with the Christian-Muslim Relations Team of Eastern Mennonite Missions. Along with Andres, the MST is inviting partners in prayer and finances for this ministry. Next Sunday, November 25, the MST will have a table in the narthex where you can learn how you can become a partner. Stop by to chat, pick up November's newsletter and complete the response form. Thank you for your partnership!

Prins MST (Leon Eshleman, Glenn Hershey, Mag Nolt, Grace Shenk, Irene Weaver, Ruthie Zimmerman)

CVCCS NEWS

Food Items Needed:

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

- Canned vegetables
- Canned soup
- Pancake mix



Clothing Items Needed:

- ♦ Winter Coats
- ♦ Ladies underwear (size medium & large)
- ♦ Men's underwear (size large and XL)

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

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.

The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster

(MCCL) invites you to ring in Christmas with them and guest artist Philadelphia Bronze handbell ensemble. (Kayley Eshleman sings in the choir.)

Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 pm

Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster

Saturday, December 1 at 3:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 pm

Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster



The mission of MCCL is "training children to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing." This program of Lancaster Mennonite School is open to the community. For more information, visit www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org.

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.



CHRISTMAS COOKIE CONCERT

Friday, December 7

6:30-7:30 PM

Forest Hills Mennonite Church

100 Quarry Road, Leola

You are invited to a FREE piano and vocal concert featuring **Laura Hershey** and **Joe Jaskolka**. Cookie jars, plates of cookies and cookie dough logs will be available for sale. Proceeds benefit MOMS program.