

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (November 25) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

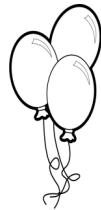
- Leadership Support \$3,629.00
- Program Fund \$565.00
- Missions \$25.00

THANK YOU!

If you have not been using offering envelopes and would like to begin doing so in 2019, please contact Henry Youndt. Using offering envelopes is a good way to keep a record of your donations and receive a receipt for all your donations at the end of the year.

Happy Birthday

- Miriam Auker—Monday, December 3
- Daryl Groff—Wednesday, December 5
- Cassidy Martin—Thursday, December 6
- Lexi Kreiner—Saturday, December 8
- Joyce Shenk—Saturday, December 8
- Joy Witmer—Sunday, December 9
- Minerva Nolt—Monday, December 10



Happy Anniversary

- Dean and Stephanie Myers-Wednesday, December 5

Happy 60th Anniversary!!!

- Elmer and Minerva Nolt—Thursday, December 6

SEWING CIRCLE NEWS

On Tuesday, December 4, the Sewing Circle will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the church. You are invited to bring a friend. For lunch bring a finger food to share; sandwiches and drink will be provided. Also, bring cookies for the cookie plates we will be packing.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

December 30—Message from Dave Moore

January 6, 2019—Communion

ADVENT CAFÉ

Sunday, December 2, 9 and 16



Youth will be providing hot drinks and pastries

starting at 8:30 a.m. in the café area downstairs.

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

Donations appreciated.

Christmas Project UPDATE

THANKS to everyone who picked an ornament from the Christmas tree to purchase a gift for the Conestoga Valley family we're sponsoring.



Please remember to **attach the ornament to the outside of the package**—this is very important since it identifies the recipient of the gift.

Please 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.



MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE COIN OFFERING

Starting Sunday, December 2, the children will be collecting coins during the worship service for Mennonite Disaster Service.



HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Lancaster Conference Center Office

December 5 @ 8:00 am - December 11 @ 5:00 pm

(Cookies and beverages served on December 5)

The Conference Resource Center is eliminating the library resources and giving the items away for personal use. Choose books, banners and videos as our gift to you.

Any items remaining after December 11 will go to the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society Book Frolic.

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.

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

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.



Copies of the minutes from the October 31, 2018 Administration Team meeting are on the lobby table. Please help yourself to a copy if you'd like one.

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.mennonitechilrenschor.org.

CHRISTMAS HYMN SING AT BLACK ROCK

Sunday, December 9

Maranatha Retreat Center Lobby

Refreshments begin at 3PM

Hymn Sing—3:15-4:45 PM



Joy to the World!

Bob Meck, song leader

Featuring Crescendo Community Choir

No reservations needed.

Free will offering will be taken.

Dinner Option: Dinner served at 5PM

\$17 per person (reservations required)

Phone: 800-858-9299

www.blackrockretreat.com/hymnsing

"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.

SAVE THE DATE—January 26, 2019

Authentic Moroccan Meal

5:00 PM at Stumptown Mennonite Church

Fundraiser to support Andres Prins

More details coming soon!