

# Groffdale Mennonite Church

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## SUPPLEMENT

**THANK YOU** for last Sunday's (December 2) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Missions \$6,281.00
- Mennonite Schools Tuition Aid \$100.00
- Mennonite Disaster Service \$100.00

*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.*

### **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE COIN OFFERING**

**For the month of December,  
the children will be collecting coins  
during the worship service  
for Mennonite Disaster Service.**



## **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**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 at 7:00pm

**December 30**—Message from Dave Moore

**January 6, 2019**—Communion

### **ADVENT CAFÉ**

Sunday, December 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 Thank You!**

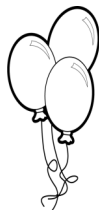
**THANKS** to everyone who purchased a gift for the Conestoga Valley family we're sponsoring. The gifts have been delivered to Zion Lutheran Church in Leola and will be distributed at a community event on Saturday, December 15.



*Thank you for your generosity and help with providing support to a Conestoga Valley family in need.*

### **Happy Birthday**

Joy Witmer—Sunday, December 9  
Minerva Nolt—Monday, December 10  
Kathy Heft—Thursday, December 13  
Elsie Hanna—Sunday, December 16  
Cody Kreiner—Monday, December 17  
Amanda Finky—Tuesday, December 18



### **Happy 81st Birthday**

Arlene Martin—Sunday, December 16

### **Happy Anniversary**

Menno and Lydia Riehl—Saturday, December 15  
Eldon and Joy Witmer—Sunday, December 16  
Harold and Doris Mohler—Tuesday, December 18



### **CVCCS NEWS**

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

- Canned vegetables
- Canned soup
- Pancake mix



### **Clothing Items Needed:**

- ♦ Winter Coats for men, women & children
- ♦ 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!!!*

## 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.

### 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.



**“Journey to Bethlehem”** will be held at Woodcrest Retreat on **December 14 and 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](http://www.woodcrestretreat.org) for more information.



### Intergenerational Christmas Hymn Sing

Woodcrest Retreat  
Indian Rock Center  
Thursday, December 20  
7:00 PM

All ages will enjoy singing favorite traditional Christmas songs. Enjoy hot drinks and bring a few cookies to share. An offering will be received to purchase Bible Curriculum for the 2019 Summer Camp season.

## CHRISTMAS HYMN SING AT BLACK ROCK



*Joy to the World!*

Sunday, December 9  
Maranatha Retreat Center Lobby  
Refreshments begin at 3PM  
Hymn Sing—3:15-4:45 PM

Bob Meck, song leader

Featuring Crescendo Community Choir

No reservations needed.

Free will offering will be received.

Dinner Option: Dinner served at 5PM

\$17 per person (reservations required)

Phone: 800-858-9299

[www.blackrockretreat.com/hymnsing](http://www.blackrockretreat.com/hymnsing)

## SAVE THE DATE—January 26, 2019

### Authentic Moroccan Meal

On **Saturday, January 29, 2019** an authentic Moroccan meal will be served banquet style in the Fellowship Hall of **Stumptown Mennonite Church**, 2813 Stumptown Road, Bird in Hand. Angelica and Andres, with the help of friends, will be the hosts and will be serving tajine (main dish of chicken), a fresh salad, French bread, fresh fruit and mint tea accompanied by scenes and music from Morocco!  
**The meal will be at 5:00 pm.**

The dinner will serve as a fund-raiser to support Andres as he seeks to extend by two years, through 2020, his term of service with Eastern Mennonite Missions. Andres is a member of the “Christian/Muslim Relations Team: Peacemakers Confessing Christ, led by Dr. David W. Shenk and with teammates Jonathan Bornman, Angie Brenneman and Grace Shenk, and serves as consultant to churches of many denominations in the US and worldwide, teaching and leading seminars on building bridges of dialogue, witness, peacemaking and hospitality toward Muslims.

(see [www.emm.org/peacemakers](http://www.emm.org/peacemakers))

A freewill offering will be received. Reservations are required as places are limited. All are welcome!

**Call, text or email Mag Nolt at 717-575-3119  
or [magnolt47@gmail.com](mailto:magnolt47@gmail.com)  
by January 22, 2019 to reserve your place.**