

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (December 16) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Program Fund \$4,316.00
- Leadership Support \$1,425.00
- Missions \$835.00
- Church Facilities \$435.00
- Groffdale Youth Group \$50.00
- Sewing Circle \$50.00

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 24—Christmas Eve Service at 6:30pm

December 30—Message from Dave Moore

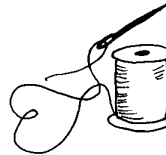
January 6, 2019—Message from Pastor Tom

“Welcome to the Lord’s table” - Communion

January 13, 2019—Message from Pastor Tom

Sewing Circle

Since the first Tuesday in January 2019 is New Year's Day, Sewing Circle will meet on the second Tuesday, **January 8 at 9:00 am** at the church.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24 - 6:30 PM



Join us as we sing Christmas carols, read Scripture and enjoy special music.

Cookies and hot chocolate will be served after the service.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Pick up invitations on the information table.



Happy Birthday

Mindy Nolt—Tuesday, December 25

Janessa Eshleman—Thursday, December 27

Audrey Myers—Saturday, December 29



Happy Anniversary

Mark and Kathy Wenger—Saturday, December 29

Leon and Lydia Martin—Monday, December 31



The Wednesday morning prayer group will not be meeting on December 26.

CLEAN OUT YOUR SEWING ROOM FOR MCC!

Quilter's Attic at the PA Relief Sale is collecting quilt-related items—the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your sewing room. For a detailed list of items, please see the flier posted on the bulletin board outside the coat room. These items can be dropped off at the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop in New Holland. Please clearly mark items: “Quilter’s Attic”.

Donations accepted during business hours,

All Year Long!

SAVE THE DATE—January 26, 2019

Authentic Moroccan Meal

On **Saturday, January 26, 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) 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 by January 22, 2019 to reserve your place.



CVCCS Donations



Thank you to all who donate to CVCCS (Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services). Just a reminder, **no used socks please**, only new are accepted.

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.



MESSIAH *Sing-a-long*

Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church

1121 Octorara Trail

Parquesburg, PA

Friday, December 28

7:00 PM

Clair Leaman, Conductor

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

See poster on bulletin board or visit messiahssingalong.com for more details. There's also fliers on the information table. Freewill offering will be received.



Save the Date!

Church Retreat at Woodcrest

July 12-14, 2019

Please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend. We have 10 campsites reserved. Invite your family and friends to go camping with you.

