

*Groffdale Mennonite
Church*



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Groffdale Mennonite Church

Our Mission: To be a healing community of believers passionately committed to Jesus as Lord through worship, nurture, and outreach.
Every member a minister!

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Welcome! We are glad you are here!

8:30 a.m. Pre-service Prayer Time (conference room #201)

9:00 a.m. CHRISTMAS TEA
(Sunday School classes will not be meeting.)

Prelude - Bob Mohler

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Welcome and Call to Worship - Pastor Austin Horning

"To us a Child of hope is born" Blue Hymnal #189

"Hark! The herald angels sing" Blue Hymnal #201

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Offering - Leadership Support

Offertory: *"Joy to the World"*

Children will be collecting coins for Mennonite Disaster Service

"The Christmas Song" - led by Keith Stoltzfus

Scripture Reading

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Red Hymnal #131

Meditation: Pastor Tom Eshleman

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Red Hymnal #145

Prayer and Benediction



Serving Today:

Greeters - Leonard and Miriam Martin

Ushers - Glenn and Helen Hershey

Projectionist - Tanner Eshleman

Sound Technician - Harold Musselman

Nursery - The nursery will be open, but not staffed today.



Bring these situations to God in prayer:

- ◆ Curvin and Lois Buchen as they remember the life of Lois's sister, Norma Garber who passed away this week.
- ◆ Harold and Helen Ressler as they remember the life of Harold's brother, Elvin who passed away this week.
- ◆ Tim Greenawalt and his family as they grieve the passing of his grandmother.
- ◆ Roy Burkhart as he undergoes a heart catherization on December 24.
- ◆ Maddie Horton, 10-year old daughter of Josh Horton and Claudette Beasley, as she experiences health challenges and receives treatment in Sacramento.
- ◆ Doug and Lisa Hoover as Doug seeks employment. Pray that God leads Doug into a new and meaningful season where he can use his gifts to serve God.
- ◆ Pastor Tom and Jennifer and family as they travel to Michigan December 26-31 to celebrate Christmas with Jennifer's family.
- ◆ God's blessing on Luca (former exchange student from Italy) as he visits the Lambert family over Christmas.
- ◆ Our Christmas Eve service being held tomorrow evening, December 24 at 6:30. Pray especially for those from our community who have been invited.
- ◆ Andres and Angelica as they prepare to move into the 170 House on December 31.
- ◆ Our congregation as we anticipate Communion on January 6.

Events This Week

Monday: **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:30 pm**

Sunday: **8:30 a.m. prayer**—all are welcome

Next Sunday, December 30, 2018

Prelude/Offertory: Rick Umble
Worship Leader: Audrey Groff
Praise Music: Worship Variety Team
Hymns: Andres Prins
Sermon: Dave Moore
Theme: Fifth Sunday of Advent
Projectionist: Diane Weaver

! Sound technician: Dale Weaver
! Offering: Church Facilities
! Coin collection for MDS
! Greeters: Elmer and Minerva Nolt
! Ushers: Roy and Ada Burkhart
! Nursery: 10:00 - Mag Nolt

Focusing on The Hospitality of Jesus

Leadership team senses God leading our congregation to a year-long focus on "The Hospitality of Jesus" for 2019. We are proposing that one aspect of this focus will be the commissioning of a team to explore possible updates to our facility. Leadership



team is suggesting the following people for this team: Audrey Groff, Dave Moore, Glenda Evans, Chris Martin, Kathy Stoltzfus, Lloyd Weaver, Levi Hoover, Rachel Gavilondo and Tom Eshleman.

Copies of the letter shared last week are available on the back table. We welcome your feedback and questions directed to either Pastor Tom or Admin elder Levi Hoover.

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