

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (Sept. 8) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Leadership Support \$4,430.73
- Missions \$850.00
- First Sunday Extra Offering \$100.00

Happy Birthday

Fern Stone—Sunday, September 15
Donald Beck—Tuesday, September 17
Mark Wenger—Thursday, September 19
Tim Good—Friday, September 20
Bob Book—Sunday, September 22
Menno Riehl—Sunday, September 22



Happy 97th Birthday

John Jacob Oberholtzer—Monday, September 23

Happy 92nd Birthday

Nora Stauffer—Monday, September 23

Happy Anniversary

Tim and Linda Herr—Sunday, September 15
Glen and Joyce Shenk—Tuesday, September 17



Dear Groffdale Family,
Greetings from Nairobi Kenya!

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement to our family. We are doing well. Brandon has started 3rd grade and Lucinda is in 1st grade. Brian and I have stepped in as Interim Representatives for MCC Kenya and are still in the steep learning curve of shouldering these responsibilities. We thank God for a competent and wise staff and for God's faithfulness and strength.

Our family is so pleased to receive Pastor Tom here in Nairobi!

Blessings to you and your families!

Brian, Krista, Brandon & Lucinda Snader

Stop by the bulletin board in the lobby to see Brandon and Lucinda's artwork.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 22, 2019 - Message from Pastor Tom

Sept 29, 2019 - Message from Pastor Austin

Oct 6, 2019 - Message from Pastor Tom

Oct 13, 2019 - Message from Pastor Austin

TODAY—Sunday, September 15

Fellowship Meal and Congregational Meeting

Everyone is invited to a congregational meeting after a fellowship meal on September 15. The congregational meeting is to present plans that have been developed by the Property Revitalization Team, working with Lynn Godshall of GCI Designs, to revitalize portions of the basement and window treatments in the sanctuary. Lynn will be attending our meeting to share the details of the design. Proposals from three contractors for the work will be shared along with discussions in regards to financial responsibilities.

The Property Team has shared concerns about the roof and is in the process of acquiring budget proposals from roofing contractors, which will also be discussed.

The Administration Team, the Leadership Team, the Property Team, and the Building Revitalization Team invite all to attend to gather information and ask questions.

The Art of Neighboring Follow-up

Following our congregational study of the *Art of Neighboring* this summer we want to be actively applying what God has been teaching us. As a way of practicing this corporately while connecting with our individual neighborhoods, we encourage you to prayerfully initiate a neighborhood connection on September 7th, 14th, or 21st. As you plan for your neighborhood event/activity, there will be opportunity in our morning worship service to share how the congregation can be praying for you and your neighborhood.

Sympathy to Nancy Travis

Some of you may remember Dave and Nancy Travis who attended Groffale and were house parents for the Leola Friendship Community group home. We received word that Dave passed away on August 31. If you'd like to send a card to Nancy, her address is:



**Nancy Travis
19 Kiowa Drive
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931**

Nancy sent Joyce a link to Dave's celebration of life service. Please e-mail Joyce if you'd like access to the link.

Born Amish: Life Before the Excommunication

An author talk and book signing featuring Dr. Ann Stoltzfus is planned for **Thursday, September 19** at Fairmount in Ephrata. The event will be held in the Crest View Gathering Room at 1100 Farm Crest Drive on the east side of campus. The presentation will begin at 1:30 p.m., with the book signing to follow from 2:00—3:30 p.m. Admission is free, but please call 717-354-1893 to reserve a seat.



Woodcrest Retreat Benefit Auction And Kids Camp Bonanza

**Saturday, October 5
9:00 am—3:00 pm**

8am—10am Pancake & Sausage breakfast available
9:00 am Auction begins
11am—2pm Lunch (BBQ Chicken, baked potatoes, French fries, drinks, cheeseburgers, ice cream, and more)
Children's activities include: Bounce house, barrel train, camp stations (sling shot/archery, nature shack animals wood burning, rocket launching and more), carnival games.
Visit www.WoodcrestRetreat.org for complete schedule of activities for the day.

*Your support of Camp and Retreat Ministry
is a Blessing!*

Welsh Mountain Fall Benefit Banquet

**Wednesday, September 18—6:15 pm
Yoder's Restaurant**

Musical entertainment by the Daryl Weaver Family. A free will offering will be received to provide for residents whose income falls short of what is needed for care.

For reservations, call Melody Jacobs at 717-355-9522, ext. 102.



Running, Recovery and Mindfulness

**Thursday, September 19
7:00—8:30 pm**

**Highland Presbyterian Church
500 E Roseville Road, Lancaster
Tickets \$20 - \$25**

**Tickets can be purchased online at
www.parishresourcecenter.org**

Penn Ketchum, local author and owner of Penn Cinema, is launching his second book, *Psalm 23 (in other words)*. He will speak on Psalm 23, how to find mindfulness in daily life, and his journey in recovery. All attendees will receive a free copy of *Psalm 23 (in other words)*.

A Worship Night to Celebrate What Unites Us

**Tuesday, September 24
6:30 pm—9:00 pm
Spooky Nook Sports**

Water Street Mission is joining with WJTL and Willow Valley Associates to host *Reverberate*, a fantastic night of worshipping God and celebrating how He is working through each other to love and serve our neighbors. It's a rally for the faith community, particularly encouraging people who don't work in Christian ministry and may feel like an island.

**There is no cost to attend, but registration is required at ReverberateLancaster.com/share.
Donations for Water Street will be accepted during the event.**