

# Groffdale Mennonite Church

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God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

**Sermon:** Pastor Tom Eshleman

**Sermon Title:** “Overcoming in the Wilderness”

**Scripture Text:** Matthew 4:1-11

**THANK YOU for this week’s Electronic Funds Transfer offerings and individuals’ offerings:**

- Leadership Support \$2,118.85
- Program Fund \$2,037.31
- Missions \$1,282.31
- Brotherhood Fund \$500.00
- Church Facilities \$321.53

*Thanks for your extra efforts to mail in your offerings!*

## Happy Birthday

Rebecca Wenger—Sunday, May 3  
Doris Horst—Monday, May 4  
Rachel Gavilondo—Tuesday, May 5  
Elaine Zuck—Tuesday, May 5  
Owen Nolt—Friday, May 8  
Roy Reiff—Saturday, May 9  
Jeremy Weaver—Saturday, May 9  
Doug Hoover—Monday, May 11



## Happy 87th Birthday

Paul Weber—Monday, April 27

## Happy Anniversary

Michael and Darla Berg—Tuesday, May 5  
Lester and Alice Reiff—Wednesday, May 6  
Lester and Verna Martin—Sunday, May 10

**Sewing Circle is CANCELLED  
for Tuesday, May 5.**



## Bring these situations to God in prayer:

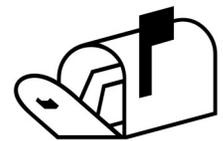
- ♦ Roy Engel who underwent a heart catheterization on Thursday. Pray for his wife, Jeanne as she supports him.
- ♦ Continue to pray for Elmer Nolt as he regains strength after heart surgery several weeks ago.
- ♦ Healing and restored health for Paul Weber.
- ♦ Bishop Lloyd and his wife, Elaine as they grieve the passing of Elaine’s sister, June Diffenderfer.
- ♦ Those in our congregation and community who are experiencing financial difficulties.
- ♦ Local, state, national and world leaders in the midst of these challenging times.
- ♦ Brian, Krista, Brandon and Lucinda in Nairobi, Kenya.
- ♦ Kayley Eshleman and her team in Honduras.
- ♦ Missionaries from our congregation in other parts of the world.

## If you would like to send get-well cards:

Roy Engel  
428 Myer Terrace  
Leola, PA 17540

Elmer Nolt  
PO Box 73  
329 South State Street  
Talmage, PA 17580

Paul Weber  
ManorCare Health Services  
100 Abbeyville Road  
Lancaster, PA 17603



## *Thank you note*

*Thanks for the many ways you have responded during our journey with COVID in our home. We are doing well and off quarantine. Your prayer and love have touched a warm spot in our hearts. May you be blessed with his peace and grace for overcoming these challenges through Christ.*

*Lloyd and Elaine Hoover*

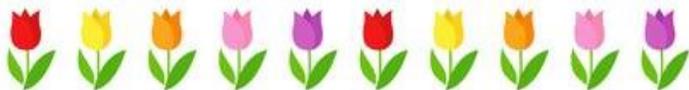
## May Scripture Reading Challenge:

During the month of May, Pastor Tom is inviting/challenging the congregation to read through the book of Matthew. This Gospel has 28 chapters so reading a chapter each day will take you through this powerful book. This Sunday Pastor Tom will be preaching from Matthew chapter 4, the story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness.



## Recommended for Viewing:

There is a phenomenal series currently available on YouTube called "The Chosen" which powerfully depicts the story of Jesus and his disciples. There are eight 45 minute episodes. Our family is being greatly blessed and inspired by this series and invite you to do the same. Watching these "The Chosen" episodes will enhance your appreciation as you read the Gospel of Matthew. At this time you can watch this series on YouTube free of charge.



## **Video and Audio Options for Groffdale's Worship Service**

Due to continued restrictions regarding the coronavirus we will not be meeting for gathered worship at Groffdale. We will be posting a recorded service on YouTube. You can access the service on our website at [www.groffdale.com](http://www.groffdale.com) or by searching on YouTube. We will also be playing the audio of the service on **Sunday morning at 8:00 AM**. We have chosen this time to hopefully avoid the busiest time on the phone line. The phone number for the **dial-in service is 717-690-0477**.

## **PayPal Option Available**

We are so thankful to God for the faithful mailings of your tithes and offerings. Remember to place the checks in your offering envelopes and marked for the Sunday offering you wish them directed to. Groffdale now has a PayPal account, if you wish to give electronically. You can send it to [finance@groffdale.com](mailto:finance@groffdale.com). If you wish to designate it to a specific account you can type it in the "add a note" box. If you have any questions, contact Levi Hoover (717) 947-5394.



## **Imchen Family Live on Facebook**

Sundays around 2:00 pm.  
You can access it by searching for Olivia Imchen on Facebook.

## **Roofing Project Scheduled**

On Thursday, April 16, a contract was signed with Narvon Construction to replace the roofing material on all the peaked roofs with standing seam metal. The tentative start date is early May and is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete. Roofing contractors can do replacement work during the shutdown. The schedule of the remodeling of the café area work is not exempt from the Governor's orders and is contingent on when the order is lifted.

## **Experiencing Financial Difficulty?**

During these very unusual days as the world deals with COVID-19, our church is actively seeking to know who is needing financial assistance. If you are experiencing financial difficulty for any reason, please be in touch with the church. You can contact either Pastor Tom (717) 669-4578 or Lloyd Weaver (717) 629-2859 (Chair of Caring Team).

**"It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4**