

# Groffdale Mennonite Church

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

**Sermon:** Pastor Austin Horning

**Sermon Title:** "The Power of the Testimony"

**Scripture Text:** Matthew 11:1-6

## Bring these situations to God in prayer:

- ◆ Mag Nolt as she anticipates surgery on Tuesday, May 19.
- ◆ Paul Weber and give thanks to God for the improved health he is experiencing after testing positive for COVID-19.
- ◆ Our high school graduates, Hana and Dana Witmer, Chadman Martin, and Stephen Myers as they graduate from high school in the coming weeks.
- ◆ Our young adults and college students as they navigate these unusual times.
- ◆ Pastor Austin and Janelle Horning as they prepare for the beginning of their Discipleship Training School in Orlando in June.
- ◆ Kayley Eshleman and her Vida 220 team in Honduras.
- ◆ Brian, Krista, Brandon and Lucinda Snader as they lead the MCC team in Kenya.
- ◆ Groffdale missionaries in sensitive locations whose names we can't list publicly.
- ◆ Pray God's wisdom, courage and discretion for church leaders in Lancaster County as they consider ways to re-open churches in the coming months.
- ◆ Our local, state, national and world leaders as they make important decisions everyday in response to COVID-19.
- ◆ Those experiencing depression, anxiety and loneliness.
- ◆ All those in our community who are struggling financially these days.



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

- Leadership Support \$960.00
- Program Fund \$430.00
- Missions \$325.00
- Church Facilities \$270.00

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

## Happy Birthday

Darla Berg—Monday, May 18  
Thelma Eberly (Mrs.)—Monday, May 18  
Tate Myers—Tuesday, May 19  
Keith Stoltzfus—Tuesday, May 19  
Adriel Gavilondo—Wednesday, May 20



## Happy 84th Birthday

Elma Diem—Monday, May 25

## Happy Anniversary

Lloyd and Elaine Hoover—Thursday, May 21



## May Scripture Reading Challenge:

We continue the invitation and encouragement for you to read the Gospel of Matthew during the month of May. If you read a chapter each day, you can experience this amazing book. We also invite you to watch the highly recommended series called "The Chosen." There are eight episodes depicting the life of Jesus and his disciples. The series is available to watch on YouTube. If you have any questions about how to access this, be in touch with Pastor Tom at 717-669-4578.

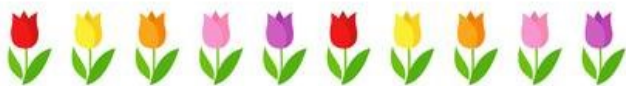


## Contact Information Update



John and Kathy Frey are no longer using their landline. Their cell phone numbers are:  
John 717-682-7067  
Kathy Frey 717-945-9963  
Please make a note of this change.

*Special thanks to Jim Evans and Colin Nolt for their excellent work to format the sermon and make it available to the congregation in both video and audio formats.*



## 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.

## Prayer from Mennonite World Conference

*"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12). May the Spirit show us how to continue to be one body despite our physical separation at this time. May we continue to put our trust in Jesus Christ our hope.*

## Experiencing Financial Difficulty?

We continue to encourage anyone in our congregation who is experiencing financial need to contact the church. The Brotherhood Fund is a way our congregation actively shares with people at their time of need. If you know of someone who may have a need, please be in touch with Lloyd Weaver at 717-629-2859.

## 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**.

## 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.



## Imchen Family Live on Facebook

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

**"Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me. "**

**Matthew 11:6**