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

INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday morning, October 25, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Sermon: Pastor Richard Buckwalter
"The Farmer, the Prophet, and Job"

Scripture Text: James 5: 7-11

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

- Program Fund \$4,762.54
- Missions \$1,184.81
- Leadership Support \$1,953.61
- Church Facilities \$617.04
- Sewing Circle \$50.00
- Capital Projects Fund \$100.00



*Sunday, October 25 offering:
Leadership Support*

*Next Sunday, November 1 offering:
Groffdale Missionaries, EMM, Love INC*

Bring these situations to God in prayer:

- ♦ Pray for Pastor Tom as he preaches this morning at Blainsport Mennonite Church. (Meetings continue tonight and tomorrow evening at Blainsport).
- ♦ Marvin Lorenzana and his wife, Mariana as Marvin prepares to begin his new assignment as EMM president. Praise God for His leading in the calling of Marvin.
- ♦ "Way Thru Christ" Church in Chester, PA and their pastor, Bishop Al Motley and his wife Maxine. Give thanks to God for our growing congregational connection to this LMC congregation.
- ♦ All of our local schools, teachers, staff and administrators during these days of many decisions.
- ♦ Welsh Mountain Home in the midst of COVID outbreak and extreme lockdown. Pray also for them as they experience significant financial needs. Pray for executive director Mona Frey during this very challenging time.
- ♦ Local retirement/nursing facilities, staff and administrators.
- ♦ Local, state, national and world leaders as they make difficult decisions regarding COVID-19.
- ♦ Our nation as we prepare for the election on November 3. Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray...."thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Happy Birthday

- Elaine Hoover—Sunday, October 25
- Timothy W—Sunday, October 25
- MW—Monday, October 26
- Audrey Groff—Wednesday, October 28
- Lucas Heft—Wednesday, October 28
- JW—Friday, October 30
- Louise Hock—Sunday, November 1
- Derrick Lambert—Tuesday, November 3
- Marilyn Wolf—Tuesday, November 3

Happy 86th Birthday

- Janet Martin—Tuesday, October 27

Happy 80th Birthday

- Emma Reiff—Monday, November 2

Happy 91st Birthday

- Mae Shreiner—Monday, November 2

Happy Anniversary

- John and Kathy Frey—Wednesday, October 28
- Glenn and Helen Hershey—Wednesday, October 28
- Cliff and Anna Day—Tuesday, November 3



Copies of the October 14, 2020 Administration Team minutes are available on the information table in the Narthex. Please help yourself to a copy if you'd like one.

Health guidelines for worship at Groffdale Mennonite Church Sunday, October 25, 2020

We are so grateful for the spirit of cooperation and teamwork we are experiencing as we gather for worship! Thank you for the inconveniences and sacrifices everyone is making so that we can be together. Let's continue to seek God's wisdom and protection.

- Please wear masks whenever you aren't seated in the auditorium and while singing.
- If you prefer to take your mask off while seated for worship, we request that you sit on the sewing room side of the church.
- If you are willing to wear a mask while seated in the auditorium, please sit on the piano side of the church.
- We request that you sit in every other bench to allow for appropriate distancing and to allow at least six feet between household units when seated. (Benches are taped accordingly.) Ushers will be available to assist you.
- We are live streaming the worship service to the all-purpose room for those who prefer the safest environment. (Masks required by everyone at all times in the all-purpose room.)
- After church, let's try as much as possible to not congregate in crowded areas and to maintain distancing of six feet or more. Be attentive to moving conversations outside if you're able or to more open areas.

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays', a two-hour seminar providing help in dealing with the hurt of grief and loss. This event will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2020 from 2-4:00 p.m. at Ephrata Bible Fellowship Church, 491 Peach Road, Ephrata. Those who attend will receive a free book providing insights and ideas on holiday survival. There is no charge for this event.

The seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death. Topics discussed include "Why the Holidays Are Tough," "What to Expect," "How to Prepare," "How to Manage Relationships and Holiday Socials" and "Using the Holidays to Help You Heal."

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Ruthie Zimmerman at 717-733-3654.

CVCCS News

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) works to meet the various needs of our homeless, at-risk, and socially isolated neighbors by providing food and clothing, mentoring/tutoring, and financial counseling. Volunteers are needed as well as food and clothing items as follows:

- ♥ Volunteers to shop with clients on Thursdays (contact Kim Sensenig at volunteers@cvccs.org)
- ♥ Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- ♥ Condiments
- ♥ Men's XL Underwear (3X and larger)
- ♥ Warm, functional coats

Please place your donated items in the CVCCS box in the narthex. **Thanks for your generosity!**



Everyone is invited to a **BIBLE STUDY** on **Friday, October 30 at 2:00 pm**. We will be using the International Sunday School lesson for November 1 titled "The Love of Your Life." (Scripture text: Deuteronomy 5:1-10, 6:1-9) Sunday School books are available on the information table. We're planning to meet either in the all-purpose room or under the carport depending on the weather.