

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

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

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

- Leadership Support \$4,616.00
- Missions \$820.00
- Program Fund \$125.00
- Church Facilities \$125.00

*Sunday, November 15 offering:
Church Facilities*

*Next Sunday, November 22 offering:
Leadership Support*

Happy Birthday

Anne Martin—Monday, November 16
Doris Mohler—Wednesday, November 18
Mel Martin—Wednesday, November 18
Steve Nolt—Friday, November 20
Fern Bauman—Monday, November 23



Happy 80th Birthday

Miriam Weaver—Saturday, November 21

Happy Anniversary

Mel and Norene Martin—Wednesday, November 18

Thank you note from our pastors

We as pastors want to express our deepest gratitude to you as a congregation for the many expressions of appreciation over the past month. It is a privilege and blessing to serve this congregation!

*With love and appreciation,
Pastor Tom and Jennifer
Pastor Richard and Deborah*



Conestoga Valley Holiday Program

In light of COVID-19, the CV Holiday program has been modified. Instead of shopping for individual students, we welcome your donation(s) in the following ways:

- ♥ Each student who has been identified will be receiving a \$50 gift card. These cards will be provided to parents to purchase gifts for their child(ren). We are asking for \$50 gift cards to Walmart or Target.
- ♥ We would like to provide each family with the essentials to wrap their own presents. Your donation of new rolls of wrapping paper, tape and labels are appreciated!

If you'd like to sponsor a CV child, we have provided a basket in the narthex for your donation of \$50 gift cards from Walmart or Target. You are also welcome to donate gift wrapping supplies as listed above. We will be accepting donations for the CV Holiday Program through Sunday, November 22. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Shenk.



We invite you to send cards of encouragement to Fred Reeser. His new address is:

**Fred Reeser
c/o Genesis Brandywine Hall
800 West Miner Street
West Chester, PA, 19382**



*I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*

Health guidelines for worship at Groffdale Mennonite Church Sunday, November 15, 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.



Listen to Groffdale's Worship Service "LIVE"

If you are unable to attend the Sunday morning worship service, you now can "dial in" to listen to the service LIVE. This is only available during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on a Sunday morning.

To access the worship service from your phone, **dial 717-690-0477**. No pin number is needed. You should hear everything that's sent out from our Groffdale sound system.

If you have any questions, please contact Levi Hoover or Jim Evans.



Sunday morning worship services are also recorded and posted on our website. Go to our website - www.groffdale.com and click on the messages tab. Then choose the sermon you'd like to listen to.

Worship services are also recorded onto CD's which can be signed out in the church library.

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.

Sewing Circle News



Thank you for all the work you're doing even while not meeting as a gathered group.