

# 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:**

- Missions \$1,960.00
- Leadership Support \$1,062.70
- Program Fund \$395.00
- Church Facilities \$310.00
- Capital Projects Fund \$2,500.00
- Caring Fund in memory of Elmer Nolt \$1,050.00

***Sunday, December 13 offering:  
Leadership Support***

***Next Sunday, December 20 offering:  
Church Facilities***

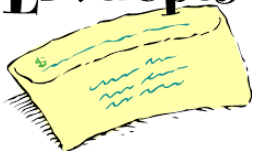
### **OFFERING OPTION**

With church attendance lowered at the present time and the postal delays surrounding the holidays, the other option that is available for offering giving is the monthly ACH through bank transfer.

This is a monthly transaction on the 15th of each month from which you can designate your offerings be divided to the month's offering schedule or as you wish to have them designated. This is an option that could be started and/or discontinued when you choose. There is no charge or fee to use this service. If you have any questions or would like to have the form to begin this process, please call Henry or Pat or email to [Finance@groffdale.com](mailto:Finance@groffdale.com).

### **Offering Envelopes**

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If anyone is not using the offering envelopes and would like to start using them in the new year, please contact Henry Youndt.

### **Message on Website**

Pastor Tom's message at Elmer Nolt's Memorial Service is on the Groffdale web site. You can access it at [www.groffdale.com](http://www.groffdale.com).



### **Administration Team Minutes**

Copies of the November 18, 2020 Administration Team minutes are available on the information table in the Narthex. Please help yourself to a copy if you'd like one. If you'd like to receive an electronic copy of the minutes, please contact Joyce Shenk in the church office.



### **Happy Birthday**

- Kathy Heft—Sunday, December 13
- Elsie Hanna—Wednesday, December 16
- Cody Kreiner—Thursday, December 17
- Amanda Finky—Friday, December 18
- Cliff Day—Saturday, December 19
- Miriam L Martin—Tuesday, December 22
- Henry Youndt—Tuesday, December 22



### **Happy 83rd Birthday**

- Arlene Martin—Wednesday, December 16

### **Happy Anniversary**

- Menno and Lydia Riehl—Tuesday, December 15
- Eldon and Joy Witmer—Wednesday, December 16
- Harold and Doris Mohler—Friday, December 18
- Kenneth and Vera Mast—Sunday, December 20

## Opportunity to Contribute to Costs of Replacing Air Handlers

The air handlers on the roof of the all-purpose room need to be replaced. The current ones are 26 years old and have exceeded their life expectancy. Updating the system will provide much more efficient use of energy compared to the existing units. After getting recommendations from contractors, and receiving proposals, the Administration Team has approved a proposal from Haller Enterprises in the amount of \$35,465.00. The proposal includes relocating the air-handlers with "AtmosAir Bipolar Ionization Systems". Relocation of the units will minimize the noise level in the all-purpose room and in laboratory testing, AtmosAir systems have shown significant contaminant reduction capabilities. This is a cost that is in addition to the yearly facilities expenses. Prayerfully consider donating generously to the Facilities Fund during your end of year giving to help cover these additional expenses. Thank you, and God bless you for your continued and ongoing generous financial support of Groffdale. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact any of the following individuals.

**Levi Hoover, Elder of Administration**  
**Henry Youndt, Treasurer**  
**Clete Weaver, Property Team**

## Anabaptist World Group Discount

*Anabaptist World* is a new independent and non-profit journalistic ministry serving the global Anabaptist movement. Through timely news reporting and insightful commentary, *Anabaptist World* seeks to inform and inspire Mennonites and anyone interested in Anabaptism.

The regular rate for a one year subscription (16 issues) is \$54. A **group rate of \$39** is available to groups of five or more subscriptions. If you are interested in the group subscription rate, please contact Joyce Sherk in the church office at 717-656-6388 or by email: churchoffice@groffdale.com.

## Many Thanks!!!

Thank you to Clete Weaver and Harold Wissler for removing the magnolia tree at the front corner of the church and replacing it with a beautiful blue spruce. You guys did a great job!!!



## 2020 LMC Giving for Growth

Please consider making a year-end, tax-deductible gift to support LMC leadership training, discipleship ministries, congregational resourcing, credentialing services, identity development, missional counsel, pastoral transition, conflict resourcing, global relationship, and a host of other services provided to your congregation and others. To give, go to LMCchurches.org. Look for the pamphlet in your church mailbox.



## Journey to Bethlehem

Experience the Power of Christmas

Friday and Saturday, December 18 & 19  
Friday 6:00-8:30pm Saturday 5:00-8:30pm  
Woodcrest Retreat, Ephrata

**Please PRE-REGISTER by going to**  
**[www.Woodcrestretreat.org/Journey](http://www.Woodcrestretreat.org/Journey)**  
**or by calling Woodcrest at 717-738-2233**

