

# 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:**

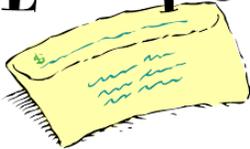
- Leadership Support \$570.00
- Christian Education \$3,000.00
- Missions \$1,575.00
- Caring Fund in memory of Mel Martin and Elmer Nolt \$125.00
- Church Facilities \$3,700.00  
(\$2,850.00 was designated for air handler replacement project.)

*Sunday, January 10 offering:  
Leadership Support*

*Next Sunday, January 17 offering:  
Church Facilities*

### **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.

### **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).

### **Message on Website**

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



### **Contact Information Update**



Minerva Nolt has a new cell #

**717-381-0704**

Please make a note of this change.

### **Happy Birthday**

- Brian Snader—Monday, January 11
- Jen Lambert—Tuesday, January 12
- Miriam Snader—Wednesday, January 13
- Marv Smoker—Saturday, January 16
- Lucinda Snader—Saturday, January 16



### **Happy Anniversary**

- Andres and Angelica Prins—Sunday, January 10
- Roy and Jeanne Engle Engel—Tuesday, January 19

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. ... For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.*

*Isaiah 41:10*

## Sermon Series for January

During the winter months we experience diminished sunlight and find ourselves longing for light and warmth. The Bible so often uses light as a metaphor for the presence of God that shines into our life. Over the next weeks, we plan to focus sermons and worship themes around scriptures describing the light of Christ. We begin this Sunday with *Ephesians 5: 8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light!* Let us journey through this winter experiencing the transformative light of Christ!

## Continued Invitation to "One Neighbor"

These are times when many in our communities are facing financial difficulties. In May of 2020, Groffdale set up an opportunity for you to bless people in your neighborhood (or beyond) that have financial needs. We invite you to give small gifts of \$100 or less to individuals on behalf of our congregation. Disbursements can be made through gift cards, purchase of needed goods, payment of an outstanding invoice or some other method when appropriate.

Here's how it works:

1. Identify a person/situation you sense God is calling you to bless.
2. Contact Henry Youndt with a short description of the need.
3. With affirmation of the request, Henry Youndt will arrange payment options.
4. You are welcome to include a card from Groffdale with your gift if you sense that is appropriate. (We have a pre-made card that you may include.)

Thanks Sara Frey for recently designing this logo for the One Neighbor program!

**May Christ be glorified!!!**



## 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](http://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.

## 2021 Birthday/Anniversary Calendar



Copies of the 2021 Birthday/Anniversary calendar are available on the information table in the lobby. Please help yourself to a copy if you'd like one. If you'd like one mailed to you, please contact Joyce Shenk.

## Thank You Sewing Circle!!!



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

Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5: 18-20