

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

THANK YOU for this week's Electronic Funds

Transfer offerings and individuals' offerings:

- Program Fund \$2,986.14
- Leadership Support \$461.52
- Missions \$396.20
- Church Facilities \$346.14

*Sunday, May 2 offering:
Groffdale Missionaries, EMM,
Landis Homes Benevolent Fund*

*Next Sunday, May 9 offering:
Leadership Support*

Happy Birthday

Rebecca Wenger—Monday, May 3
Doris Horst—Tuesday, May 4
Rachel Gavilondo—Wednesday, May 5
Elaine Zuck—Wednesday, May 5
Owen Nolt—Saturday, May 8
Deborah Buckwalter—Sunday, May 9
Roy Reiff—Sunday, May 9
Jeremy Weaver—Sunday, May 9
Doug Hoover—Tuesday, May 11



Happy Anniversary

Michael and Darla Berg—Wednesday, May 5
Lester and Alice Reiff—Thursday, May 6

Thank you note!

*Thank you for praying for me!
I am doing pretty good after
having two stents put in.
Thanks again for your prayers!
Miriam Snader*



New outdoor Sunday school class!

We are introducing a new Sunday School class that will focus on building and strengthening friendships as we begin each gathering with scripture that launches us into a time of sharing and prayer. The class will have a leader and will also provide ample time for sharing about our lives and how God is moving. Occasionally the class will involve the children. The class will meet at **9:00am** outdoors at the fire pit beside the Groffdale parking lot. (The class met for the first time on Sunday, April 18). Feel free to contact Pastor Tom or Krista Snader with any questions you may have.



Arrangements for pastoral leadership

during Pastor Tom's sabbatical

Dates: May 17-August 25

Groffdale leadership anticipates this time of pastoral sabbatical as a time of renewal for both pastor and congregation. We are so grateful for the interim pastoral leadership team that is in place. We invite your prayers for both Pastor Tom, his family, our congregation and for our interim pastoral team. We anticipate a celebration and commissioning on Sunday May 16 with an outdoor worship service and chicken BBQ picnic.

Interim Lead Pastor: Richard Buckwalter

Interim pastoral team: Krista and Brian Snader,
and Dave Moore

Ministry assistant: Sara Frey

Café Volunteer Opportunity!



We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to run the café on a Sunday morning. It involves making coffee, and hot water for tea, as well as cleaning up before leaving church that day. It's not difficult and you get to chat with lots of people! There's a sign up sheet in the café. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Stoltzfus.

Seeking people committed to pray for our congregation

This summer as Pastor Tom and his family take a sabbatical from pastoral responsibilities, we envision a time of renewal for both congregation and pastor. Renewal happens in response to the prayers of God's people. If you would like to be part of a group committed to pray for renewal in our congregation, please be in touch with Pastor Tom at 717 669-4578 or tome@groffdale.com. We will send a prayer guide to all who express interest.

Volunteers are welcome to help with weeding, trimming, and mulching at the church.

Saturday, May 15
We will start at 8:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Clete Weaver.



Save the Date!

Church Retreat at Woodcrest

July 9-11, 2021

Please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend! We plan to have a potluck lunch on Sunday after the worship service. More details will be coming.

We have 10 campsites reserved. Cost is \$40 per night and includes water and electric. Invite your family and friends to go camping with you. **Please email Joyce at churchoffice@groffdale.com in you'd like to reserve a campsite....or two.**

Sewing Circle News

Sewing circle will once again meet on **May 4**. Many of us have had our vaccines so each attendee may use their own discretion as to whether you wear a mask. It will be a blessing to meet once again after a long year! We will not have our usual May luncheon.



You're invited...
to the Potter's House Banquet
Celebrating the journey from the darkness of addiction to the light of Jesus

May 19 and 20, at 6:30 PM
Shady Maple Conference Center

Free reservations by May 6th.

Email your reservation to:
tph.communications@gmail.com
or call Troy at 717-615-0296.