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“Zeal in the Wilderness”

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GROFFDALE MENNONITE CHURCH

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Groffdale Mennonite Church

Our Mission: To be a healing community of believers passionately committed to Jesus as Lord through worship, nurture, and outreach. Every member a minister!

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Welcome! We are glad you are here!

8:30 a.m. Pre-service Prayer Time in conference room #201

9:00 a.m. Sunday School. Nursery is provided.

Prelude – Sara Frey

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Opening hymn – Mark Wenger

Welcome– Brian Snader

Call to worship

Worship in giving –Program Fund

Offertory – Sara Frey

Worship in song – Worship Team c/o Sara Frey, Grace Moore & Youth

Scripture reading: Numbers 13-14

“Zeal in the Wilderness”

Sermon: Austin Horning

Hymn of response – Mark Wenger

Congregational sharing – Tom Eshleman

Benediction

Serving Today:

Greeters – Curvin and Lois Buchen

Ushers – Elmer and Minerva Nolt

Projectionist – Chris Martin

Sound technician – Dale Weaver

Nursery, 9:00 – Naomi Weaver

10:00 – Mindy and Brent Nolt

For Prayer

- Lois Buchen as she recovers from recent surgery;
- Austin Horning as he transitions to his role as youth pastor;
- The many people who have been displaced from their homes in Syria;
- Lancaster Mennonite Conference bishops meeting this Friday, October 23;
- Our junior and senior youth gathering this Wednesday evening and for those giving leadership;
- Healing for Doris Mohler as she deals with medical challenges and pain;
- Healing for Angelica Prins in her struggle with arm pain, and for Andres who returns from Paraguay on Monday;
- Regina Wenger, daughter of Mark and Kathy Wenger, as she candidates this weekend for a pastoral position;
- Gift discernment team and Leadership team have extended invitations to persons for the positions of: treasurer, ministry leader for Community Life and LCRC, pray for God's leading;
- Karina Prins who is in YWAM's DTS in South Africa.

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Events This Week

- Wednesday: **Morning prayer group**, 8:30 a.m. at the church
Junior and Senior youth meet, 7:00 p.m. at the church
- Thursday: **Youth Council meeting**, 7:30 at the church

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- Happy Birthday! Andres Prins & Colin Nolt , Friday, October 23
Jared Jaskolka, Saturday, October 24
Elaine Hoover & Timothy W., Sunday, October 25
M.W., Monday, October 26
Janet Martin, Tuesday, October 27

- Happy Anniversary to: Doug & Lisa Hoover, Wednesday, Oct. 21
Harold & Doris Musselman, Friday, October 23

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Car Cruise and Fun Fair Today: Hosted by Conestoga Church of the Brethren, from 12-4 pm. Cars, food, mimes, and carnival games: fun for the whole family! Entry fee to show a car is \$5; admission to the Fun Fair is free.

Next Sunday, October 25, 2015

Worship Leader: *Kathy Stoltzfus* Prelude/Offertory: *Chadman Martin*
Praise/Worship Music: *Ray Horst* Hymns: *Henry Youndt*
Offering: *Leadership Support*
Sermon: *Pastor Tom Eshleman*

Theme: *"Victory against all odds" - The Story – Joshua*

Greeters: *Charles and Fern Bauman* Ushers: *Clete and Diane Weaver*
Projectionist: *Trevor Lambert* Sound technician: *Harold Musselman*
Nursery: 9:00 – *Curvin and Lois Buchen* 10:00 – *Brian Snader*

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Thank You!

"We want to express our sincere thanks to you as a congregation and the Leadership Congregation Relations Committee for the very meaningful gifts you gave us for pastor appreciation. The quilts are a beautiful expression of your love and care for us. The gifts for the Eshleman children were so thoughtful and well received. We are blessed to serve at Groffdale."

-- *Pastor Tom and Jennifer; Pastor Kathy and Mark*

"A quilt is hanging in the narthex, one that Helen Ressler created the top for and the Sewing Circle quilted. And one that will now grace a prominent spot in my home! Thank you so much, Helen, the Sewing Circle and everyone in the church for this so generous and wonderful gift of love and caring. You have truly blessed me! Every time I use it, I will remember my church family at Groffdale and how they are walking the grief journey with me. Thank you!"

--*Ruthie Zimmerman*

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Youth Council Members

The persons serving are Pastor Tom Eshleman, Anne Martin, Stephanie Myers, Keith and Kathy Stoltzfus and Pastor Kathy Weaver Wenger.

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Thank You! For your October 11 and this week's EFT offerings:

- Leadership support, \$5,098.00
- EMM-Business as Transformation/ Groffdale supported missionaries / Leola Homes of Hope, \$1,187..50
- Projection unit, \$1,100.00 Program Fund, \$587.50
- MCC refugee relief, \$100.00 Facilities, \$100.00
- Missionary support, \$192.00

2015 per Sunday giving goal for operating is \$5,400.

Sunday Plans – October – November

- **November 1** - ‘The Story’ – Judges. Tom Eshleman preaching. (No fellowship meal on this date.)
- **November 8** - ‘The Story’ – Ruth. Kathy Weaver Wenger preaching. See the following note for a junior youth fund raiser meal.
- **November 15** – Installation service for Austin Horning. Guest Colin Wolgemuth, a friend of Austin’s, will be preaching.
- **November 22 – Community Thanksgiving Service**, 7:00 p.m., will be held at Breakout Ministries; Doug Winne will speak. Sponsored by Conestoga Valley Ministerium.

Junior Youth Fundraiser

Mark your calendar! On Sunday, November 8 the Junior Youth are hosting the noon meal as a fundraiser. Plan on supporting our youth to attend the winter retreat at Camp Hebron.

Upcoming Senior Youth Activities

- Youth hike at Governor Dick next Sunday right after church; bring a packed lunch.
- Barn party, Saturday, November 7, 7:00 p.m. at Austin Horning’s home, 849 Temperance Hill Rd, Lititz

Employment Opportunity at Groffdale

The position for a part time administrative at Groffdale is open. Time would be approximately 12 hours/week. Qualifications would be competent verbal and written communication skills, proficiency in Microsoft Office and church management software, and use of standard office equipment. Send resumé to Levi Hoover at hoov68@frontiernet.net

New Projection System

**Received through October 4 - \$7,100.00.
Additional amount needed to reach goal: \$213.50**

Umble Newsletter

Hoping you are experiencing the blessings of the Lord and are continuing to grow and be challenged in your walk with the Lord! We want to thank you for your continued support and prayers for the Umble family (Ryan, Bethany and children, former residents at 170 house) as they "live out their faith" in the land of Cambodia. Check out their recent newsletter on the bulletin board, lower level, including an excellent excerpt from Juliana (age 10). They include this prayer request: “October 18-21 are special days set aside to fast and pray for the interdenominational Cambodian body of Christ. Join us in praying for **unity in the church**, especially that the body will be unified in its purpose of making disciples.”

Open Door Youth Center Fundraisers

Annual Auction – November 5 at Forest Hills Mennonite Church. Food stand opens at 5:30 and auction starts at 6. This is your chance to enjoy a meal with other community members, invest in ODYC and bring home some nice things!

We can’t pull it off without your help, though. We are asking our supporters from Groffdale to donate **4 lbs of beef barbecue for sandwiches** and **4 dozen sodas**. Sign up sheet is on the information table in the narthex. Pies and other homemade items are also welcome—what isn’t eaten will be auctioned! Please see Ruthie Umble, ODYC board member, with any questions.

Halloween Alternative

FOREST HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH, 15th annual Halloween Alternative, Friday, October 30, from 6-8 p.m. This free event is geared for families with children up through sixth grade. A parent or adult must accompany all participating children. Features: wagon rides, a bounce house, cardboard box maze, lots of carnival-style games, and crafts. Each child will be given a bag of treats to take home. This is not a costume event. For more information, call [717-656-6227](tel:717-656-6227) or visit their website at foresthillschurch.org.

Next Sunday – Open House at Conestoga Valley Christian

Community Services (CVCCS), 12-4 pm at 2420 Gehman Lane, Lancaster. Tours and refreshments will be available.

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New Holland Spanish Mennonite Church

Spanish International Food Festival

Saturday, November 14 – Lunch will be served 11:30am - 2:00pm and Dinner 4:00 - 6:00pm. The meals will be served buffet style. The price is \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children between 5 - 11 years; meals are eat in or take out.

This year we want folks to join us in an International Festival of Tastes, which will feature food from Colombia, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Peru, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Bolivia.

In order to make the Spanish International Food Festival a success we need your help. Call or email to reserve your spot. For more information and reservations contact: Carmen Lopez at 717-569-5771 or email Wanda Coleman (717-201-7061) at wandycol@yahoo.com

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GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays

No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again.

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 to be 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."

This seminar will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2015 from 2-4 p.m. at the Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata, 491 Peach Road, Ephrata. Those who attend will receive a free book with over 30 daily readings providing additional insights and ideas on holiday survival. There's no charge for this event.

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Events

- **Gospel Echoes Team Annual Concert**, is scheduled for Sunday, November 1, 7:00 p.m. at Hinkletown Mennonite Church in Ephrata. You are invited to join for an evening of music and inspiration provided by the Gospel Echoes Harvest & Mercy Road Teams as well as a ministry report and prison testimonies.
- **The Promise Players Fall Play** benefits Love INC. Of Lancaster. The Promise Players present the comedy "If the Good Lord's Willing and the Creek Don't Rise." November 6-8 and 12-15. . Times are 7:30 p.m. for Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. for Saturdays and Sundays. This comedy centers on Doc, a retired judge and his daughter who thinks he has lost his marbles. Doors will open approximately one hour prior to show time. Event is held at Lampeter Church of the Brethren, 1900 Lampeter Road, Lampeter. A suggested donation of \$7 is payable at the door with children 12 years and under with the donation of a canned good or \$2 to go to a local food bank. Free baby-sitting for preschoolers is available at all performances.
- **Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties** announces its annual evening of family fun, often referred to as our Kaleidoscope event. This year we are celebrating the 25th and final year of the event! The evening will feature a family-style community dinner, favorite storytellers and past entertainers, and 25 years of memorabilia and photos. Join us in this community celebration and support Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties' life changing ministry to homeless single mothers and their children on Saturday, November 7, from 5:00 to 7:30pm at Ridgeview Mennonite Church, 3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA. Call 717-394-7406 x 106 or 610-380-1360 X 106 to register! Find more details at www.BridgeofHopeLCC.org.

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Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) - Food bank:

Needs this month are instant mashed potatoes, Jello, cereal and jelly.

Clothing bank: Needs are boys socks, boys underwear (sizes 6-14) ladies socks and ladies underwear size 5 & 6, only. Place items in boxes in the narthex.

Please remember Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) during the Extraordinary Give on November 20. You may designate where your gifts are to go when calling or registering online.

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services is beginning to plan their "Operation Christmas," where they distribute food and gifts to our neighbors in need. CVCCS is coordinating their efforts with the CV school district and are looking for small groups or families who are willing to adopt a family. You may register your interest with development@cvccs.org or katharine_reiff@conestogavalley.org.

Leadership Team at Groffdale Mennonite Church

Pastor Tom Eshleman; **Associate Pastor** of Christian Education and Worship: **Kathy Weaver Wenger**;
Elder of Administration: **Levi Hoover**; Ministry Leader for Mission and Outreach: **Andres Prins**; Ministry
Leader for Worship: **Keith Stoltzfus**; Member-at-large: **Helen Hershey**

Pastor: Tom Eshleman 669-4578 (cell); 656-6388 (office); 859-1763 (home)

Administrative Assistant: Ruth Zimmerman **Church Office:** 717-656-3761

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Office hours for Administrative Asst.: Monday afternoon, Wed. and Thurs. all day

Office Hours for Associate Pastor - Kathy Weaver Wenger: Tues.-Thurs., 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.