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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (January 22) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) offerings:

- MCC Relief \$40.00
- Leadership Support \$4,143.00
- Church Facilities \$440.00
- EMM \$100.00

Year-End Notice

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2016 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Reports will be distributed by January 31, 2017.

As of January 1, please direct all financial questions or issues, in regards to Groffdale, to Henry Youndt. Thank you!

Levi Hoover, Administration Team Chair

Happy Birthday

Sharon Eberly—Tuesday, January 31
Madison Myers—Saturday, February 4
Naomi Weaver—Monday, February 6
Austin Horning—Tuesday, February 7
Henrietta Shertzer—Tuesday, February 7



Happy 81st Birthday

Jeremiah Martin—Wednesday, February 1



E-mail Address Updates

Joan Book: Jobook67@gmail.com

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Tom and Jen Lambert: tj lamb5@ptd.net

Please make note of these changes.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday evenings in February 1, 8, 15 and 22

Groffdale Family Night; meal at 6:00, classes at 7:00, Café at 8:00. Everyone welcome!

Sunday, February 12—Krista Snader preaching

Sunday, February 19—Wes Furlong, Director of Church Development for EVANA, will be preaching

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Register for Groffdale Family Night



Please complete your registration form and return to Kathy Weaver Wenger **by TODAY**. Extra forms are on the information table.

Please invite family and friends!

We are planning to do a new Groffdale pictorial directory.

Photo sessions will begin in February. Sign-up sheets are on the information table in the narthex.

Please stop by and sign up!

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Look for a blue colored information sheet in your mailbox. Please fill it out with the information you would like to have included with your picture for the directory. Bring the completed blue paper along with you when you get your picture taken.



Invitation to check out Bible Quizzing!

Some of you may know that Tanner Eshleman is part of the Carpenter Church Bible quizzing team. They have a quiz tonight at Weaverland Mennonite Church. Worship starts at 6:00 and quizzing starts at 6:30 and goes until about 8:30. People drop in and out throughout the evening. There is a high level of enthusiasm at these quizzes which is very inspiring. ***Come see what it's like.***

Congratulations to Janelle Geib, fiancée of Austin Horning, who recently passed her examination to become a licensed Physical Therapy Assistant. ***We rejoice with you!!!***

Learn how to serve refugees locally.

Monday, February 13, 2017

6:30—8:30 p.m.

Alive Church

510 Stevens Road, Ephrata, PA

Discover an international ministry in your hometown, and learn how to welcome refugees by volunteering through Church World Service. Christine Baer, Congregational Resource Developer at Church World Service, will spend an evening sharing about refugee needs and explaining specific opportunities to serve. Hear stories about meaningful relationships that have been built, be inspired, and explore possibilities.

This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone - - congregations, Sunday School classes, small groups, youth groups, families, and YOU! - - to become involved in serving refugees in Lancaster, PA.

This event is open to the public; registration not required. Questions? Email Jessica Fellenger at jessicaf@emm.org or call 717 898-2251 ext. 235.

Winter Bookfest

at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society

Discover quality used books from the most popular categories of the summer Bookworm Frolic such as children's books, fiction, and history. This sale runs from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 16; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 17; and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 18.



You are Invited to a Book Release Party



EMM Meetinghouse
53 W. Brandt Blvd, Salunga, PA
Friday, February 17, 6:30 p.m.



Come celebrate the release of "A Vietnam Presence: Mennonite in Vietnam During the American War!" This 600-page book is a significant accomplishment by Luke S Martin, a former missionary in Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

- ♦ Hear from the author and others
- ♦ Participate in a question and answer time
- ♦ Enjoy light Vietnamese refreshments
- ♦ Get your book signed

Questions? E-mail Jessica Fellenger at jessicaf@emm.org or call 717-898-2251, ext 235.

DISCUSSION WITH THOUGHT LEADERS ON RACE AND FAITH

Thursday, February 16

7:00-10:00 p.m.

Elizabethtown Mennonite Church
300 S Spruce Street, Elizabethtown

You're invited to a discussion with thought leaders on Race and Faith, called "Under Our Skin: A Forum on Race and Faith". This discussion encourages positive response instead of fear or panic tactics. Lancaster Conference leaders are encouraged to attend.

For more information go to
<http://www.underourskinforum.com>

The Pennsylvania Relief Sale Fundraising Banquet Saturday, March 11

Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland

Doors open at 4:30 pm with the dinner starting at 5:30 pm. A free will offering will be received to help cover the costs of the PA Relief Sale and to benefit Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). After dinner, the program will feature a singing group from Virginia, *The Churchmen*.

Reservations are required! To reserve a seat, contact Jane at [717-656-8530](tel:717-656-8530) or Amos at [717-626-4332](tel:717-626-4332) by March 4. We look forward to hearing from you.

Save the Date! Celebration of Church Life

Friday, March 17, 7 p.m. and
Saturday, March 18, 9-3:30 p.m.

Weaverland Mennonite Church,
210 Weaverland Valley Rd., East Earl, PA 17519

*Information is posted on the bulletin board
in the narthex and also please
look for the postcard in your mailbox.*

Special Invitation from Bishop Lloyd Hoover Heroin Epidemic Workshop by The Potter's House

How can the church be a part of the solution of this vicious atrocity in our community? Learn how to be there as parents and caring supporters for those whom are caught in the trap or vulnerable to the trap of addiction.

When: Tues. Jan. 31 from 6:30 – 9:00 P.M.
Refreshments provided

Where: Conestoga Church of the Brethren, [Leola](#)
Main Speakers:

- Dr Joe Trancale—Medical Director for Retreat of Lancaster County
- Joel Jakuboski- Director of Teen Challenge

For more information contact Lanny at 656-3222.