

# Groffdale Mennonite Church

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## SUPPLEMENT

**THANK YOU** for last Sunday's (January 29) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) offerings:

- Program Fund \$3,680.00
- Leadership Support \$655.00
- Church Facilities \$250.00
- Missions \$60.00

### Happy Birthday

Naomi Weaver—Monday, February 6  
Austin Horning—Tuesday, February 7  
Henrietta Shertzer—Tuesday, February 7  
Robert Hahn—Wednesday, February 8  
Elmer Nolt—Thursday, February 9  
Bela Tennis Speller—Monday, February 13  
Lois Buchen—Monday, February 13  
Dale Weaver—Tuesday, February 14



### Happy 82nd Birthday

Lydia Martin—Sunday, February 12

## *Thank you!*

*I would like to thank all our church friends for your support in prayers, cards, and calls during my hospital stay in Sarasota, Florida for five days for gall bladder surgery. I miss my family and friends in PA but I have a lot of support here with friends stopping by to visit... and I am "on the mend". Thanks again! Love you all from sunny Florida.*

*Minerva Nolt*



Ruthie Zimmerman is now retired from her position as church accountant. We want to thank her again for her years of service and for finishing all the year end reports for 2016. Please contact Henry Youndt on any financial matters. You can still send email to [finance@groffdale.com](mailto:finance@groffdale.com). Those emails will go to Henry's attention.

## **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

### Wednesday evenings in February 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

## **SAVE THE DATES**

### Friday and Saturday, July 7 and 8

300th Anniversary Historical Event  
more details coming later

*(There will be a variety of activities throughout the year to celebrate the anniversary.)*



### Sunday, July 9

Worship will be at Woodcrest Retreat

## **CHILI COOK-OFF RESULTS**

**Thanks** to all who participated in our first "Chili Cook-off". We had great participation with 12 entries. The top five winners were:

First place: Janet Martin  
Second place: Jean Wissler  
Third place: Mindy Nolt  
Fourth place: Daryl Groff  
Fifth place: Kathy Stoltzfus



**A BIG THANK YOU to Glenda Evans and Kathy Frey for coordinating this great event!!!**



**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.**



## CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

We'd really like response from everyone if possible. If you haven't filled one out, please complete the questionnaire and put it in Pastor Tom's mailbox. Please look for the questionnaire in your mailbox. There are extra copies on the information table.

*Thanks to those who have already handed in their questionnaire!*

## Leadership Team Minutes

Copies of minutes from the January 26th Leadership Team meeting are on the information table. Please help yourself to a copy if you'd like one.



## SAFETY AWARENESS TRAINING SESSION PLANNED AT FAIRMOUNT HOMES

**Tuesday, February 7—2:00p.m. & 3:00 p.m.**

They will be introducing a safety concept called *"N3L3-the next 3 seconds protects your Life, your Loved ones, your Livelihood."* It is an approach designed to teach people how to avoid fatal or life-changing injuries by learning to pause and "think safety" before engaging in various situations. To reserve a seat for one of the sessions, call 354-1893.

## Learn how to serve refugees locally.



**CWS**

**Monday, February 13**

**6:30—8:30 p.m.**

**Alive Church**

**510 Stevens Road, Ephrata**



**CWS**

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](mailto: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.



## DISCUSSION WITH THOUGHT LEADERS ON RACE AND FAITH

**Thursday, February 16 from 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>



## Mennonite Children's Choir Registration

The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster is still accepting registration for Prelude Music (grades 1-2) and Choristers (grades 3-7). These non-auditioned programs meet on Tuesday evenings February through April.

Contact [mccl@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:mccl@lancastermennonite.org) for registration forms.



## 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.