

# Groffdale Mennonite Church

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## **SUPPLEMENT**

**THANK YOU** for last Sunday's (February 5) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) offerings:

- Missions \$4,294.00
- Sewing Circle \$416.00
- Leadership Support \$110.00
- Program Fund \$125.00

### **Happy Birthday**

Bela Tennis Speller—Monday, February 13  
Lois Buchen—Monday, February 13  
Dale Weaver—Tuesday, February 14  
Brenda Weaver—Thursday, February 16  
Jeff Martin—Thursday, February 16  
Marie Hoover—Thursday, February 16  
Sharon Nolt—Thursday, February 16



### **Happy 82nd Birthday**

Lydia Martin—Sunday, February 12

### **Happy 60th Anniversary**

Jeremiah and Naomi Martin—Friday, February 17



## **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

### **Wednesday evenings—February 15 and 22**

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

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

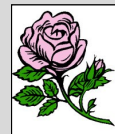
### **Wednesday evening—March 1—7:00 p.m.**

Volleyball, table games and snacks in the All Purpose Room—Everyone is invited!

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT—SAVE THE DATE**

**May 5 and 6 (Friday and Saturday)**

*More details and registration information coming soon!*



### **Looking for an opportunity to get to know our youth better?**

Teacher is needed for our Youth Sunday School class on:

- March 19
- March 26
- April 2

Please let Kathy Weaver Wenger know if you'd like to explore this opportunity.



### **Thank you note from Doris Mohler**

*I would like to sincerely thank the many folks who prayed for me during my two hand surgeries and also for the severity of my shingles before the hand surgeries. I treasure the cards which arrived at our home and looked at each one many times. The visits by Pastor Tom as well as the Visitation Committee truly cheered my days.*

*I have an appointment with my hand surgeon on Friday, February 10 when I am hoping to be sufficiently healed to have the stitches from my hand removed, although my hand is very black and blue.*

*I very graciously received a prayer shawl from the very meticulous workers in the crochet and knitting class. Thank you for each of the Groffdale Church family whom I love dearly. I pray for many blessings on our congregation.*

Doris Mohler

### **Observe Bible Quizzing Tonight at Hinkletown Mennonite Church!**

Tanner Eshleman is part of the Carpenter Church Bible quizzing team and they will be participating in a quizzing event tonight at Hinkletown Mennonite Church. Worship begins at 6:00; 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.***



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.

## 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!*

**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. (Photographer, Levi Hoover will be going to Florida in March. Additional photo sessions will be scheduled for April.)**



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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.**

### **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

*Information is posted on the narthex bulletin board.*

### **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



### **LANCASTER MEDA CHAPTER TOUR**

Join us for breakfast and a tour of M.H. Eby on Saturday, February 25 at 8:00 a.m. at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, East Earl. Tour follows at M.H. Eby, New Holland.

Visit [www.meda.org/lancaster](http://www.meda.org/lancaster) for more information. RSVP to [717-560-6546](tel:717-560-6546) or [chapters@meda.org](mailto:chapters@meda.org).

### **Learn how to serve refugees locally.**



**Monday, February 13**

**6:30—8:30 p.m.**

**Alive Church**

**510 Stevens Road, Ephrata**



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.

### **Active Bystander Nonviolence Training Workshop**

**Tuesday, February 14**

**7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.**

**Parish Resource Center**

Led by Jon Rudy, Global Peacemaking Scholar-in-Residence at Elizabethtown College.

Celebrate God's love for each of us by participating in this timely workshop.

As a participant, you will learn how to de-escalate and better understand what it means to (safely) stick up for your neighbors with compassion and resolve.

For more information or to reserve your tickets, visit: <http://parishresourcecenter.org/events/active-bystander-nonviolence-training/>.

### **2017 MCC QUILT PREVIEW**

**March 2-4**

**Thursday & Friday: 9 a.m.—8 p.m.**

**Saturday: 9 a.m.—3 p.m.**

**MCC Material Resource Center  
517 W Trout Run Road, Ephrata**

- Preview over 100 quilts that will be sold at the PA Relief Sale
- Shop Quilter's Corner
- Shop upcycled items



For more information, call (717) 733-2847.