

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (September 17) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Mennonite Disaster Service \$975.00
- Program Fund \$4,611.00

So far, the total amount designated for the Homecoming celebration is \$2,350.00 which has been included in the Program Fund.

Happy Birthday

Glenda Evans—Tuesday, September 26

Donna Jaskolka—Thursday, September 28

Chase Riehl—Sunday, October 1



Happy Anniversary

Bob and Joan Book—Tuesday, September 26



In Honor of Nora Stauffer's 90th Birthday

The Horst Brothers

present

A Night of Gospel Bluegrass Music

Date: Friday, September 29

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Ridgeview Mennonite Church
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville

Cost: \$15 at the door ~ 12 and under FREE

Come out and help celebrate Nora's 90th birthday.

Everyone welcome.

Additional information: 717-355-9473 (Ray)



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October 1—*Homecoming!*

October 8

Pastor Tom Eshleman

Theme: "Coming home through renewal"

October 15

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Next Sunday is *Homecoming!!!*

There are postcards on the information tables for you to invite family and friends who have been influenced by Groffdale.



Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017

Homecoming

Groffdale Mennonite Church

Celebrating 300 years of God's Faithfulness!

Memorabilia for Homecoming

We are looking for memorabilia about Groffdale Mennonite Church to be used for display at our Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, October 1. It can be anything of interest to the history of our church, such as books, artifacts, pictures, etc.

If you have anything that you would be willing to loan to us for that purpose, please contact Ada Burkhardt, Marie Hoover or Henrietta Shertzer.

Schedule for next Sunday, October 1

- 9:00 a.m.** Light breakfast in all-purpose room
Sunday School classes will not be meeting
- 10:00 a.m.** Worship celebration in auditorium featuring varieties of music used through the years and dramatic vignettes by Roger Weaver
- 12:00 noon** Catered lunch in tent

Everyone is invited!

Come and celebrate God's faithfulness!



Please inform Andres Prins (717-572-7411) if you know of anyone who might be willing to drive him to the Dulles (DC) Airport leaving Lancaster around noon on Monday, October 9.

Children's Ministry Update and Opportunities

We are excited to be starting our new Sunday school year at Groffdale and are so thankful to the individuals that have volunteered to teach our children! Our theme for this fall is "Being God's People."



Our current needs include:

Pre-K Sunday School teacher – once or twice a month

Nursery – Primary caregivers – once a quarter

Nursery – Assistant caregivers – once a quarter

***Please contact Jennifer Eshleman
(eshlemantj@gmail.com, or 717-808-2573)
if you feel called to volunteer with this ministry!***

As a **response to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma**, we will be taking special offerings during the months of September and October. We invite everyone to participate by bringing your coins and spare change!



The children will collect the coins each Sunday during the offering time. The money will be donated to Mennonite Disaster Service to purchase tools that are needed by work teams who will be going to help repair and rebuild homes.

CHICKEN BBQ BENEFIT FOR JESSICA LONG

Saturday, October 14

12:00–6:00 pm at Bareville Fire Hall



Tickets are \$15.00. Please see John & Kathy Frey to purchase tickets.

Donations of Baked Goods are requested for the Chicken BBQ meal. A sign-up sheet is on the information table in the lobby. Please sign up to donate baked goods. **Bring them to the church kitchen on Friday, October 13 by 4:00 PM.**



If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Shenk.

All proceeds from this event will aid in Jessica's medical costs as she is battling serious kidney disease.

HEALING COMMUNITIES TRAINING

Saturday, September 30

8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

**Sponsored by Lancaster Mennonite Conference,
New Person Ministries, The Potter's House**

Healing Communities is a proven, national model, developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation with faith leaders from across the theological spectrum to engage congregations in the restoration and healing of their own members who have been impacted by crime and the criminal justice system.

Cost is \$40 per person or \$100 for three (3) attendees from the same congregation (lunch will be provided).

To register, go to LancasterConference.org and click on "Events" or call their office at 717-293-5246.

Woodcrest Retreat Benefit Auction and Kids Camp Bonanza



Saturday, October 7

9:00 am—3:00 pm



Auction begins at 9 am. A wide variety of items to bid on. Children's activities include WJTL Cookies Break and a Bounce House. Proceeds benefit the Summer Camp Ministry. Camping is available (one night free with reservation for the weekend.)

**For details, see poster on bulletin board
or visit www.WoodcrestRetreat.org**

Friday, October 6, at 7 p.m., **Lancaster Mennonite School's 75th anniversary celebration** will conclude with "An Evening of Stories and Songs" in the Fine Arts Center on the Lancaster Campus. The evening will feature personal stories of alumni on themes such as "In the world but not of it" and "Making a difference." Hess's famous Pork & Chicken Barbecue is available before the event (take out 2:30-7 p.m. and under the tent 4:30-7 p.m.).

Saturday, October 7, the school will hold the **Iron Bridge Trail Run/Walk** at 9 a.m., the FFA Pancake Breakfast 7:30-10 a.m. and a benefit auction at 7 p.m. More information can be found at www.lancastermennonite.org.

CVCCS News

URGENT NEED: There are several students that still need to be paired with a mentor/tutor from 3:30-5:30 on Tuesdays starting in October. Training starts on September 26. This is a wonderful way to "put skin on God" and share His love and compassion. If interested, or would like more information please call Jacqueline at (717) 208-3711 or email her at program@cvccs.org