



Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017

Homecoming

Groffdale Mennonite Church

Celebrating 300 years of God's Faithfulness!



Welcome!

Homecoming Celebration

Prelude and songs of worship: Groffdale Worship Team

Welcome and Call to Worship: Associate Pastor Austin Horning

Congregational Singing led by Jim Keefer:

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”: Red hymnal #1

Accompanied by Janet Eberly

Recognition of former pastors of Groffdale Mennonite Church

Scripture reading: Romans 12:1-21 Former Pastor Jim Leaman

Dramatic vignette #1: *“Coming Home”* by Roger Weaver

Congregational singing led by Singer’s Table:

“Higher Ground” Red hymnal #399

Dramatic vignette #2: *“Home Fires”* by Roger Weaver

Congregational singing led by Singer’s Table:

“Take My Life and Let It Be” Red hymnal #379

Dramatic vignette #3: *“Home Going”* by Roger Weaver

Congregational singing led by Singer’s Table:

“To God be the Glory” Blue hymnal #102

Offering: Eastern Mennonite Missions/Groffdale supported missionaries/Leola Homes of Hope Offertory—Joe Jaskolka

Special music by Octet: Brenda Berthold, Rachel Gavilondo, Glenn Hershey, Ranita and Brian Hurst, Chris Martin, Mindy Nolt, Rick Umble

Testimony: Sara Frey

“Transformed to Bless” Pastor Tom Eshleman

Songs of Celebration: The Horst Brothers

Prayer of benediction: Former Pastor and Bishop Charlie Wert and Pastor Tom Eshleman

Everyone is welcome to stay for the meal being served in the tent immediately following the service.

Thanks be to God for 300 years of faithfulness and grace to our congregation! We are thankful you have been part of our journey. Today, we are so grateful for all who helped make this day possible!

Planning committee:

Daryl Groff, Mag Nolt, Tom Eshleman, Stephanie Myers

Food preparation:

Eldon and Joy Witmer, Stephanie Myers, Doris Musselman

Special word of appreciation to all former pastors of Groffdale Mennonite Church

Pastor Kathy Weaver Wenger

Pastor Jim Leaman

Pastor Craig Sensenig

Pastor Tim Herr

Pastor Curvin Buchen

Pastor Charlie Wert

Youth Pastor Ray Martin

Youth Pastor Tim Horst

Youth Pastor Keith Blank

Singers' Table:

Dwight Groff, Harold Musselman, Keith Stoltzfus, Henry Youndt, John Shertzer

Worship team:

Jim Evans, Ray Horst, Joe Jaskolka, Carmello, Derrill Burkholder

Facility logistics:

Harold and Jean Wissler, Daryl Groff

Historical display committee:

Marie Hoover, Ada Burkhart, Henrietta Shertzer

Photographers for the day:

Levi Hoover and Doug Hoover

(Bulletin cover photo by Levi Hoover)

Thanks to the team of Groffdale historians led by Charles Bauman, Glenn Hershey and Andres Prins who worked with members of the old order Groffdale and Weaverland conferences in planning our July historical event to remember our shared history.

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

We want to thank you for worshiping and celebrating with us on this special occasion. If you do not have a church home, we welcome and encourage you to worship with us. We have Sunday School classes for both children and adults at 9:00 a.m. Our worship service begins at 10:00 a.m. with nursery care provided. Junior and senior youth groups meet first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m.. Keep in touch with us through our website at www.groffdale.com and also on Facebook.



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