

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

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

- Leadership Support \$4,243.00
- Church Facilities \$800.00
- Missions \$540.00
- Program Fund \$300.00
- Mennonite Disaster Service \$38.00



Happy Birthday

JW—Monday, October 30
Louise Hock—Wednesday, November 1
Emma Reiff—Thursday, November 2
Derrick Lambert—Friday, November 3
Marilyn Wolf—Friday, November 3
Mag Nolt—Saturday, November 4
Brayden Robertson—Sunday, November 5
Joan Book—Tuesday, November 7



Happy 88th Birthday

Mae Shreiner—Thursday, November 2

Happy Anniversary

Cliff and Anna Day—Friday, November 3
Yamil and Rachel Gavilondo—Saturday, November 4
Ray and Doris Horst—Tuesday, November 7



E-MAIL UPDATE

Congratulations! to John Shertzer on his retirement as Executive Director at Black Rock Retreat.



John no longer has access to the email execdir@blackrockretreat.com.

Please delete that email address from your contact list and use johnhenri@comcast.net to contact John and Henrietta.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

November 5

Pastor Tom—"Preparing for Communion"

November 12

Pastor Tom will be preaching

November 19—COMMUNION

Pastor Tom will be preaching

November 26

Pastor Austin will be preaching



Homecoming

Groffdale Mennonite Church
Celebrating 300 years of God's Faithfulness!

A DVD of our Homecoming worship celebration is available for sign out in the library.

RESERVE THE DATE—NOVEMBER 5

As part of our 300th anniversary celebration, you are invited to join Pastor Austin and Andres Prins in visiting the Groffdale Conference congregation (which meets at the "Frame Church" on Groffdale Church Road) for their Sunday service (held mainly in German) on **November 5 from 9 to 11am**. We will leave together from GMC parking lot at 8:45.



WOMEN'S REGIONAL GATHERING

Saturday, November 4

8:00 am—12:15 pm

Stumptown Mennonite Church

18 different workshops

Time for Christian inspiration

Many opportunities for new friendships and helpful resources

Open to anyone. No pre-registration fee; however, a free-will offering will be received. Please stop by the information table in the lobby and pick up a sheet listing the schedule and workshops that will be offered.

CVCCS News

CVCCS would welcome donations of the following food items:

- ♥ Stuffing mix
- ♥ Turkey gravy
- ♥ Dessert mixes (cakes & icing, bars)
- ♥ Canned fruit



Please place your food donations in the box provided in the lobby.

Thanksgiving is Coming!

CVCCS will be giving out food boxes again this year on November 21. They will be receiving 125 turkeys through Lancaster County Project for the Needy (LCPN). If persons would like to donate, please call ahead so CVCCS staff can meet you to receive your donations. (717) 208-3711, ext. 104.



Please put the **Extraordinary Give** on your calendar and remember to select CVCCS as you donate during this generous day of giving on November 17. The day will conclude with a free concert, "Extraordinary Joy", at Faith EC Church on Route 340 that evening at 7:00 p.m. Local talent will be presenting a program of "extraordinary talent."

GOSPEL ECHOES TEAM CONCERT



Sharing Christ in Prison

Sunday, November 5

7:00 PM



Hinkletown Mennonite Church

- Gospel Music
- Prison Testimonies
- Multi-media

A freewill offering will be received for the ministry.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT LANCASTER MENNONITE

Lancaster Mennonite School is seeking an Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. This is an 80% position (4 days per week). They are looking for a person with organizational and computer skills who is able to work well with details and deadlines. Good people skills and a willingness to work collaboratively for the benefit of the school are a must, along with understanding and practicing Anabaptist Christian values. Persons of underrepresented racial/ethnic groups are encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact Lorri Hengst at (717) 740-2434 or hengstlk@lancastermennonite.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Woodcrest Retreat is looking for volunteers to assist two or more nights with the "Journey to Bethlehem", an outdoor portrayal of the Christmas story. Dates are December 8, 9, 15 and 16.

Contact will@woodcrestretreat.org with your interest or questions.



MAKING DISCIPLES: EVERY CHURCH NEEDS A PLAN FOR ADULT DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Monday, October 30 (7:00—8:30 p.m.)

Parish Resource Center

Led by Heather Brickner PRC Staff, Edie Cameron, Pastor of Discipleship & Administration at First United Methodist Church, Lancaster and Josef Berthold, Pastor at West End Mennonite Fellowship.



NEIGHBORING WELL: LIVING LIKE JESUS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Monday, November 6

7:00—8:30 pm

Parish Resource Center

Jesus taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but how should we do this in our current culture? Join us for a panel discussion with leaders who are helping churches think about loving their neighbors, but even more, are committed to doing it themselves on a daily basis. Each person attending will leave with practical examples and reflective questions to help them, and people at their church, think honestly about who their neighbors are and how they can practically extend love.

SILENT SANCTUARY RETREATS

offered at Black Rock Retreat

Various dates November through May

See poster on bulletin board or visit their website at www.blackrockretreat.com/silent to sign up for one of these powerful self-guided prayer retreats. This retreat makes an excellent gift for the person longing for a bit of quiet in the midst of a hectic and demanding life.