

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

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

- Program Fund \$3,696.00
- Leadership Support \$400.00
- Mennonite Disaster Service \$699.38

Happy Birthday

Brayden Robertson—Sunday, November 5
Joan Book—Tuesday, November 7
Becki Day—Thursday, November 9



Happy Anniversary

Ray and Doris Horst—Tuesday, November 7

Update from Berg Family

In their newsletter, Mike and Darla shared about a memorial and funeral service they attended of a dear friend, Craig Samples. He fought ALS for approximately 30 years, but honored the Lord even in suffering.

They reported their largest Discipleship Training School in Orlando ever! The students were all eager to learn all that the Lord has for them.

In preparation for this school, they faced the setback of damage done by Hurricane Irma, but their amazing staff team worked tirelessly to clean up the debris and prepare for the record-size schools before the students arrived. In addition to their own clean-up and repair, they began gathering relief materials for the Caribbean. The first container with generators, water, and other supplies was sent to a needy island in the Caribbean. What a job to participate with the Lord in showing a tangible expression of His love!

Stop by the missionary bulletin board to read their newsletter complete with stories and pictures.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

November 12

Pastor Tom will be preaching

November 19—COMMUNION

Pastor Tom will be preaching

November 26

Pastor Austin will be preaching



Looking ahead....

December 24—Christmas Eve

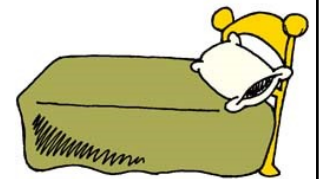
9:00 a.m. Christmas Tea

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve service

Needed for 170 House:

One double bed (headboard and frame only)

Contact Harold Wissler



MCC Annual Report

A copy of the report is available on the information table in the lobby. You'll learn how your gifts support hurricane recovery in Haiti and bring trauma healing tools to Syrians working in Aleppo. You'll see how MCC-supported agriculture projects change the lives of farmers in Burkina Faso and how the MCC U.S. Summer Service program empowers young leaders....plus lots more interesting bits of information.

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.

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.



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.



EVENTS AT FAIRMOUNT HOMES

(See posters on the bulletin board for event details.)

November 10 at 6:30 p.m. and November 13 at 7:00 p.m.

- Work of MCC Shared in Songs and Stories

Ken Sensenig and Les Gustafson-Zook will be presenting a program, *Songs and Stories of the Church at Work Around the World*, sharing their MCC experiences in story and song.

November 13 at 1:30 p.m.

- Tax Update Seminar

The speakers will be Joyce Martin and Steve Musser. Topics of discussion include tax brackets, capital gains, retirement planning, tax credits, gifting, itemized deductions, and changes in PA tax filing.

These events are free and open to the public.