

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (November 12) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Leadership Support \$4,151.00

Happy Birthday

Steve Nolt—Monday, November 20
Miriam Weaver—Tuesday, November 21
Fern Bauman—Thursday, November 23
Glenn Eberly—Monday, November 27



Happy Anniversary

Tim and Kris Greenawalt—Wednesday, November 22
Jonas and Emma Reiff—Tuesday, November 28

Adult Sunday School Materials for the Winter quarter are available.



Student books are in the classrooms.
Teacher's guides are on the information tables in the lobby.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

November 26

Pastor Austin will be preaching

December 3—1st Sunday of Advent

Pastor Tom will be preaching

December 10—2nd Sunday of Advent

Michael Berg of YWAM Orlando will be preaching

December 17—3rd Sunday of Advent

Pastor Tom will be preaching

December 24—Christmas Eve

9:00 a.m. Christmas Tea
10:00 a.m. Pastor Tom will be preaching
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve service



December 31

Pastor Austin will be preaching

OPERATION CHRISTMAS



Groffdale is again partnering with CVCCS to help support a Conestoga Valley family in need this Christmas season. The family we're sponsoring has six children.

There's a table in the lobby with Christmas ornaments listing the gift and suggested value. Stop by and choose an ornament....or two. Please wrap your gift and attach the ornament to the outside of the package. **Bring your gift(s) to church by Sunday, December 3.**

Thank you for your generosity and help with providing support to a Conestoga Valley family in need. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Shenk.



Brian, Krista, Brandon and Lucinda Snader visited Pamela's church in Kenya. Pamela's husband, Patrick gave the sermon. Pamela is pictured beside her husband and son. Pamela shared and worshiped with us at Groffdale on September 24. The other man in the photo is Joe, worship leader. They send their greetings!

Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster Christmas Concert Series 2017

Thursday, November 30 at 7:00pm
Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster

Saturday, December 2 at 4:00pm
First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 pm
Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster



...training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing.

HOPE REBORN: AN ADVENT EXPERIENCE

Monday, December 4—Friday, December 8 and
Monday, December 11—Friday, December 15

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Parish Resource Center

2160 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster

As we celebrate Advent, we wait in expectation for the coming of Jesus. This is a season of hope, yet personally, and in the world around us, hope can feel absent or contrived. Through this interactive and contemplative experience, consider how hope is being reborn all around you. Visit us after you've dropped the kids off at school, during your lunch break, on your trip home from shopping, or after work. The experience is suitable for children if they are accompanied by an adult who can assist them in the experience.



CVCCS News

CVCCS would welcome donations of the following food items:

- ♥ Canned fruit
- ♥ Canned soup
- ♥ Canned beans of all varieties



Current clothing needs: Gently used coats of all sizes.

Please place your 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.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!

CVCCS is looking for Cookie Bakers for two upcoming events. If you are able to donate homemade cookies, please call Deb at (717) 208-3711 or email her at volunteer@cvccs.org.

Bird-in-Hand Bakery will be partnering with CVCCS on **December 9, 9:00-11:00 a.m.** There will be events for all ages such as decorating a cookie, carolers, and holiday shopping with some local crafters. Watch the CVCCS Facebook and webpage for further announcements.

"Journey to Bethlehem" will be held at Woodcrest Retreat weekend nights of **December 8, 9, 15 and 16**. The Christmas story comes alive, in six unique scenes, as you walk by candlelight along quiet wooded trails with the Biblical characters. Dramatic actors, live nativity and real animals. Visit www.WoodcrestRetreat.org for more details. Groups may call the office for guaranteed admission details at 717-738-2233. See poster on bulletin board for times and prices.



CLEAN OUT YOUR SEWING ROOM FOR MCC!

Quilter's Attic at the PA Relief Sale is collecting quilt-related items—the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your sewing room. For a detailed list of items, please see the flier posted on the bulletin board outside the coat room. These items can be dropped off at the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop in New Holland. Please clearly mark items: **"Quilter's Attic"**.

***Donations accepted during business hours,
All Year Long!***



JOB OPENING

Director of MOOS Program

Morning on Orange Street, a before school childcare program sponsored by Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster and Covenant United Methodist Church, serves Fulton Elementary School students K-5 in Lancaster city. MOOS is seeking a part-time (12 hr/week) director.

***See bulletin board outside coat room
for more details.***