

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (November 19) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Church Facilities \$5,668.78
- Leadership Support \$1,387.50
- Missions \$1,243.75
- Program Fund \$70.00
- Sewing Circle \$50.00

Happy Birthday

Glenn Eberly—Monday, November 27
Bryan Auker—Thursday, November 30
Angela Hahn—Friday, December 1
Miriam Auker—Sunday, December 3
Daryl Groff—Tuesday, December 5



Happy 84th Birthday

John Zimmerman—Wednesday, November 29

Happy 91st Birthday

Harold Ressler—Friday, December 1



Happy Anniversary

Jonas and Emma Reiff—Tuesday, November 28
Dean and Stephanie Myers—Tuesday, December 5

Note of Thanks

Thank you all so much for your cards and kind words and the prayers.

Jessica is hanging in there, but it is extremely hard knowing what she is facing.

Love,

Doug and Lori Long



Adult Sunday School Materials for the Winter quarter are available.



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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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



During Advent this year we will be focusing our coin offerings on relief efforts that Mennonite Disaster Service is leading in Puerto Rico. Come prepared next Sunday, December 3 to share your coins and bills to support the work of

Mennonite Disaster Service to help the people of Puerto Rico rebuild after Hurricane Maria. Pastor Tom and Jennifer will be leading a children's time next Sunday to introduce this Advent giving focus. You will have the opportunity to share your coins and bills through Sunday, January 7.

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.



Copies of the minutes from the November 1 Administration Team meeting are on the information table. Please help yourself to a copy if you'd like one.

ADVENT CAFÉ

Starting next Sunday, December 3

Youth will be providing hot drinks and pastries before Sunday School starting at 8:30 a.m. Stop by for a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a pastry.



Donations appreciated.

JOB OPENING

Part Time Volunteer Coordinator

Ephrata Re-Uzit Stores is **hiring now and building soon!** Part time, flexible but anticipated 20 hours a week. Applications are being accepted until December 8 or until the position is filled.

See bulletin board outside coat room for more details.



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.



CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

Sunday, December 10, 6:30 pm

Maranatha Retreat Center Lobby

At Black Rock

Visit www.blackrockretreat.com/hymnsing for more details.



VOICES OF HOPE

2017 Holiday Festival

December 3, 2017

Refreshments 6 p.m.

Concert 7 p.m.



The Trust Performing Arts Center

37 N. Market Street, Lancaster

Join us for a musical celebration of holiday favorites and help support thousands of disadvantaged students worldwide. Concert proceeds benefit the children and young adults through MCC's Education Programs.

***To reserve tickets,
go to voicesofhopeopera.org***

"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!***