

# Groffdale Mennonite Church



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

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***Welcome! We are glad you are here!***

**8:30 a.m. Pre-service Prayer Time** (conference room #201)

**9:00 a.m. Christmas Tea in All Purpose Room**

Prelude—Bob Mohler

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Welcome and Call to Worship—Pastor Austin Horning

Gathering Song—Henry Youndt

Children's Song

Collection of items for Puerto Rican families in Lancaster

Offering: Leadership Support

Offertory—Bob Mohler

*Children will be collecting coins for MDS in Puerto Rico*

Praise and Worship—Jim Evans & Joe Jaskolka

Special music/Lighting of Advent candle

Sermon—Pastor Tom Eshleman

*"Yes, let it be now!"*

*Scripture Text: John 1:1-18*

Sending Song

Benediction



*Special thanks to Dave Moore for drawing today's bulletin cover.*

### Serving Today:

Greeters—Mel and Norene Martin

Ushers—Clete and Diane Weaver

Projectionist—Tanner Eshleman

Sound Technician—Harold Musselman

Nursery: 10:00—The nursery will be open, but not staffed today.



### Bring these situations to God in prayer:



- ◆ Those from our congregation traveling over Christmas.
- ◆ God's blessing on all those who will receive donated items we are collecting during Advent for people displaced by the hurricane in Puerto Rico.
- ◆ The ongoing relief efforts of Mennonite Disaster Service in Puerto Rico.
- ◆ All those who are especially feeling the absence of loved ones during this Christmas season.
- ◆ The persons in our community who have received Christmas cards during our December neighborhood walks.
- ◆ Antonio Ulloa as he prepares to lead our winter renewal series on Wednesday evenings beginning January 31 at Groffdale.
- ◆ Derrick Lambert, Alex Murillo and Tanner Eshleman as they prepare for Bible quizzing season on the team with Carpenter's Community Church. (Quizzes begin Sunday evening January 14 and will be focusing on Genesis 1-30.)



### Events This Week

Wednesday: **Morning prayer group**, will not meet this week, but will resume next week.

Sunday: **8:30 a.m. prayer**—all are welcome

**Youth Group New Year's Eve Lock-in**, 7:00 p.m. at the church

## Next Sunday, December 31, 2017

Prelude/Offertory: Joe Jaskolka  
Worship Leader: Becki Day  
Praise Music: Assortment  
Hymns: Glenn Hershey  
Sermon: Pastor Austin Horning  
Theme: Fifth Sunday of Advent  
"Yes, let it be new"  
Scripture: Isaiah 61:10-62,  
Luke 2:22-40

Projectionist: Diane Weaver  
Sound technician: Dale Weaver  
Offering: Church Facilities  
Greeters: Leonard & Mim Martin  
Ushers: Roy & Ada Burkhart

Nursery:  
10:00—Glenda Evans



Pastor Tom and Jennifer and family will be traveling to Michigan December 25-30 to celebrate Christmas with Jennifer's family. Please pray they will have a meaningful time together and also pray for their safety as they travel.



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