

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (December 24) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Leadership Support \$5,630.00
- Mennonite Disaster Service \$1,829.00
- Program Fund \$450.00
- Groffdale Youth Group \$125.00
- Leadership Development Ed Fund \$1,200.00

Note from the Treasurer

*Thanks again for another generous offering!
It puts us in great shape to start the new year.*

Henry Youndt, Treasurer

Reminder about End of Year Giving

To have your contributions applied to the year 2017, they must be received by or postmarked December 31, 2017.

Gifts received after that date will be applied to 2018, unless the postmark is December 31 or before.



Happy Birthday

Ella Mae Martin—Friday, January 5
Kayley Eshleman—Saturday, January 6
Faye Woods—Monday, January 8
Michael Berg—Tuesday, January 9
Jeshua Gavilondo—Tuesday, January 9



Happy 92nd Birthday

Willard Stauffer—Saturday, January 6

Happy Anniversary

Leon and Lydia Martin—Sunday, December 31
Dave and Dawn Moore—Thursday, January 4



Copies of the 2018 Birthday & Anniversary calendar are available on the information table in the lobby. Please help yourself to a copy if you'd like one.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Looking Ahead to 2018

January 7—Anthony Ulloa from EMM is preaching

January 5-7—Junior High Retreat at Camp Hebron

January 12-14—Senior High Retreat at Camp Hebron

January 28—Fellowship Meal and Congregational Meeting

Groffdale Winter Renewal Series—Wednesdays

January 31 through February 28

COMING SOON!! Groffdale Winter Renewal Series. Beginning Wednesday evening January 31, Antonio Ulloa will be speaking at 7:00 p.m. in the all-purpose room on "Discovering and Enjoying the Presence of God". Each Wednesday evening begins with a supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by teaching by Antonio as we sit around the tables. Childcare and children's activities will also be provided. More information coming soon. (January 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28)

Thank you note from CV Family

We want to say thank you for caring and helping provide for our family! We appreciate it and we hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from our family to yours!

*Sincerely,
The Long/Bitner "Brady Bunch"*



A tip from your Everence Advocate, Marie Hoover

Apply now for a scholarship. Everence wants to help people nurture their talents. If you or your parents are Everence members and you will attend an undergraduate or trade program next fall, apply for an Everence scholarship. Deadline is February 28. Visit everence.com/college-scholarships.

Christmas Giving Project for the people of Puerto Rico

We invite you to share the love of Jesus this Christmas season by participating in our giving project for the people of Puerto Rico. We will have the exciting opportunity to share both globally and locally!

Global Giving—During Advent this year we will be focusing our coin offerings on relief efforts that Mennonite Disaster Service is leading in Puerto Rico. You will have the opportunity to share your coins and bills through Sunday, January 7.

Local Giving—Many Puerto Rican families are choosing to leave Puerto Rico due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria. There are many Puerto Ricans joining family members who currently are living in Lancaster City. This influx of families creates a large need for the School District of Lancaster to be providing for many new students entering the school system.

We will be collecting items for these families. Please drop off your items at the table in the back of the church.

December 10—hats, gloves and scarves—any size

December 17—coats—any size

December 24—blankets

December 31—toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, hairbrushes

January 7—Food items: rice, canned or dried beans (kidney, black, red, pinto), canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, healthy cereals, canola oil, fresh fruits...oranges and apples, salt, sugar.

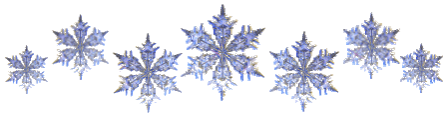


Merry Christmas from Costa Rica!

**With grateful hearts we celebrate Jesus' birthday
and thank Him for the gift of YOU!**

Words can't begin to express our gratitude for your gift of prayer! We feel completely covered and nestled under HIS wings knowing you all are communing with Father on our behalf. In those moments when we question "What are we doing?" your words of encouragement and affirmation resonate within our soul. Thank you for spurring us on with Father's life giving Word, notes, emails, texts and Christmas cards. Faithfully, God continues to supply all our needs because of your generous financial partnership on this journey, thank you!

With much love and gratitude,
Daryl, Jen, Micah, Joseph, Jedidiah and Adam Hoover



Update from the Bergs—December 2017

As we approach Christmas, we are grateful for so many things. We are grateful, first and foremost, for the compassion of God expressed in the arrival of a baby over 2,000 years ago, and we are also grateful for our loving family, for our highly-committed YWAM Orlando family, and for your friendship and partnership.

Stop by the missionary bulletin board to read and see the pictures in the Berg Family Newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE!

Celebration of Church Life

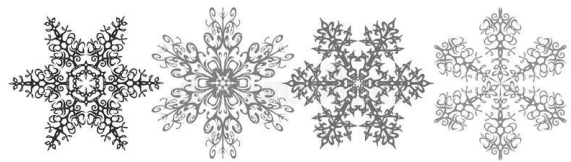
Friday, March 23, 7 p.m. and

Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Weaverland, 210 Weaverland Valley Rd.,

East Earl, Pa. 17519

More information to come....



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!***