

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (February 4) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Missions \$4,641.00
- Leadership Support \$225.00
- Church Facilities \$10.00

Happy Birthday

- Lois Buchen—Tuesday, February 13
- Bela Tennis Speller—Tuesday, February 13
- Dale Weaver—Wednesday, February 14
- Marie Hoover—Friday, February 16
- Jeff Martin—Friday, February 16
- Sharon Nolt—Friday, February 16
- Brenda Weaver—Friday, February 16



Happy 83rd Birthday

Lydia Martin—Monday, February 12

Note of Thanks!



I wish a very special "Thank You" to everyone that remembered me with a card for my birthday.

Alma Eberly

2018 CHILI COOK-OFF RESULTS

Thanks to everyone who participated in our second annual "Chili Cook-off". We had great participation with 11 entries which made voting challenging.

The winners were as follows:

- First place: Jean Wissler
 - Second place: Joy Witmer
 - Third place: Karina Prins
 - Honorable Mention: Kathy Stoltzfus and Diane Weaver
- Thank you to all who brought salads and desserts as well.



There is a whole year to perfect your favorite chili recipe! We look forward to another friendly competition next year.

A BIG THANK YOU to Glenda Evans and Kathy Frey for coordinating this great event!!!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February 18 - Pastor Tom Eshleman

First Sunday of Lent
Theme: "It's all about Jesus"
(A series on the life of Jesus)



February 25 - Pastor Tom Eshleman

March 4 - Pastor Austin Horning

Groffdale Winter Renewal Series—Wednesdays

January 31 through February 28

5:30-6:00 pm - Prayer for Renewal-Men's SS classroom

6:00 pm - Supper in the All-Purpose Room

7:00 pm—Teach by Antonio as we sit around tables

In case you missed the congregational meeting:

Recognition was given at the Congregational Meeting to the following persons for their many years of dedicated service:

- Mag Nolt - Groffdale Librarian
- Helen Hershey - Leadership Team Elder
- Harold and Jean Wissler - Property Team Leaders

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Leadership team is calling for a 2018 Groffdale congregational focus on "Church Revitalization." We recognize that revitalization is most importantly a work of renewal that God does in our hearts corporately and personally. Renewed vision and purpose rightfully flow from the work that God is doing among us.

One of the ways we anticipate pursuing congregational revitalization is through launching two teams to prayerfully do some dreaming and visioning. One team will focus on revitalization and vision in a broader sense while another team will focus specifically on possible building/décor updates that proceed from emerging vision.

We invite you to prayerfully nominate persons to serve on either team. Nomination forms are on the information table. Blue nomination forms are for the vision/revitalization team. Yellow nomination forms are for the building/décor team. Forms can be placed in the mailboxes of either Levi Hoover or Pastor Tom by Sunday, February 25.

Are you missing a set of car keys???

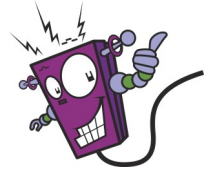
A set of Toyota car keys was found in the All Purpose Room closet. Please see Joyce Shenk to claim them.





2018 Bible Quizzing Schedule

Tanner Eshleman, Derrick Lambert, and Alex Murillo are on the quizzing team with Carpenter's Community Church. We encourage you to come out and support these youth.



Sunday, February 11

6:30 pm at BOWMANSVILLE
Genesis 19-22

Sunday, February 18

6:30 pm at PETRA
Genesis 23-25

Sunday, February 25

6:30 pm at CALVARY MONUMENT
Genesis 26-28

Sunday, March 4

6:30 pm at WEAVERLAND
Genesis 29-30

Sunday, March 11

1:00 pm at LMH
ACC Tournament

March 16-18

Invitational Northwest, OHIO
Tournament



Pastor Tom is traveling with Lancaster Mennonite Conference representatives to Belize in March!

As part of his role as Global Delegate with Lancaster Mennonite Conference, Pastor Tom will be traveling to visit churches in Belize with Steve Shank from EMM and Bill and Judy Houser. They will be leaving on Friday, March 2 and returning on Monday, March 12. Pray for this team as they prepare to strengthen connections between churches in Belize with churches here in Lancaster. Pastor Tom is working with leadership team preparing for pastoral care here at Groffdale while he is away.

STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and our local faith community, is coming to Lancaster on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Wouldn't it be nice to increase the joy and meaning you get from your charitable giving? In one of our workshops, Dave Warren, Vice President of Asset Management for Everence, will help you learn more about the emotionally powerful experience of giving.

Registration brochures are on the information tables. Please note there are discounts for early registration (**by February 12**) and also for groups of five or more.

Please give your registration forms to Joyce Shenk.



LMS Presents The Wizard of Oz

Lancaster Mennonite High School will be presenting the musical version of L. Frank Baum's classic story "THE WIZARD OF OZ" February 22-24, 7 p.m. all nights plus a 2 p.m. Saturday matinee. The stage version closely follows the classic 1939 MGM film starring Judy Garland. More information at www.lancastermennonite.org/events/lmh-musical-the-wizard-of-oz.

Chadman Martin is in this play.

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.



Congratulations to Chadman Martin on passing his driver's test!

