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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (October 28) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Leadership Support \$3,842.00
- Brian Snader (PDA) \$75.00

Happy Birthday

Mag Nolt—Sunday, November 4
Joan Book—Wednesday, November 7
Becki Day—Friday, November 9



Happy Anniversary

Yamil and Rachel Gavilondo—Sunday, November 4
Ray and Doris Horst—Wednesday, November 7



Benefit Concert at Groffdale

Our congregation has a very special opportunity to host a benefit concert by the family of Toshi and Beth Imchen. Three of their daughters - Olivia, Grace and Abby have led worship here at Groffdale. The concert will be on **Sunday, November 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Toshi's family members live in India and the Imchen family regularly tries to send money to assist them with basic living needs. Everyone is welcome to attend the benefit concert here at Groffdale on Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m. We will provide more information about this concert as the date approaches.

Employment Opportunity at Groffdale

The position for a part time custodian at Groffdale will be open at the end of this year. If you are interested in the position, or know someone who might be interested in it, please contact Clete Weaver at 717-271-1102 for details.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

November 11—Message from Kenyan Guest Pastor, Nicholas Kachu

November 18—Message from Pastor Austin

November 25—Message from Sherri Martin, 2018 LMC STEP graduate from Weaverland

December 2—Message from Pastor Tom

December 9—Message from Pastor Tom

January 6, 2019—Communion



Christmas Project for Local Family

Groffdale is again sponsoring a Conestoga Valley family in need this Christmas season. The family we are sponsoring has seven children ranging in age from six months to 13 years old (5 boys and 2 girls).

There's a table in the lobby with Christmas ornaments listing the gift and suggested value.

Here's how you can help:

1. Choose an ornament...or two from the display.
2. Wrap your gift and **attach the ornament to the outside of the package - this is very important since it identifies the recipient of the gift.**
3. Bring your gift to church by Sunday, **December 2.**

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.

The Holiday Distribution Day and Pancake Breakfast is on **Saturday, December 15** at Zion Lutheran Church on Quarry Road in Leola.

Volunteers are needed to help that day and also earlier in the week to prepare for distribution day. Jen Eshleman and Joyce Shenk are planning to help with the Gift Distribution Day. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Joyce Shenk and she will be glad to give you details and sign you up to help.





Friendship Community needs your help! A fire occurred on October 25, 2018 at an apartment complex where five of the individuals they serve reside.

There's a paper in your mailbox listing items that are needed for these individuals. You are invited to bring these items to church and place them in the box provided.

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Annual German Christmas Market and Benefit Auction

Saturday, November 17
Weaverland Church
210 Weaverland Valley Road
East Earl



Proceeds directly help long term missionary couple Darrel and Miriam Weaver to further their pivotal work with immigrants and persecuted converts in Germany.

- ◆ **Market** 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
- ◆ **Germany style food stands** 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- ◆ **Live benefit auction** 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Please partner with the Weavers this year in some way. Support them through prayer, financially, an auction item, or with other talents you have. Please contact GermanyMST@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Help for those dealing with grief during the holidays

Sunday, November 11, 2018
2:00—4:00 p.m.

Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata
491 Peach Road, Ephrata
717-733-2526

Those persons who attend this seminar will receive a free book providing additional insights and ideas for holiday survival. Please see bulletin board outside coat room for more information.



CVCCS NEWS

Food Items Needed:

The food bank at Conestoga Valley Community Services (CVCCS) is in need of the following food items:

- Taco kits
- Pancake Mix
- Hamburger Helper



Please place your donations in the CVCCS box provided in the lobby. Thank you for your generosity!!!

Casserole Ministry:

CVCCS is calling all foodies, amateur (or professional) chefs, or people who love to cook, to make casseroles, soups, cookies, and more for our foodbank clients. Individuals and groups welcome! To volunteer or for more information, please contact Deb at 717-208-3711, ext. 103.

14th Annual HMS New York City Bus Trip Saturday, November 17, 2018

Leaving Hinkletown Mennonite School at 6:30 a.m. and returning by 10:00 p.m.

Early registration by October 19: \$50 per person

After October 19: \$60 per person

Call 717-354-1700 or email

office@hinkletownschool.org for reservations.

See poster on lower level bulletin board for details.

“Journey to Bethlehem” will be held at Woodcrest Retreat on **December 7, 8, 14, 15**. The Christmas story will come alive as guests walk along wooded trails in six outdoor scenes with Biblical characters and live animals. Visit www.woodcrestretreat.org for more information.

