

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (November 18) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Program Fund \$9,823.00
- Leadership Support \$1,812.00
- Missions \$1,243.75
- Sewing Circle \$50.00

**THANK
YOU!**

I want to thank everyone for the generous offering last week. It's very encouraging to see your tremendous response. I sometimes get a little discouraged when looking at our church's future financial needs, but your faithful giving reminds me that there is no need to worry. May God bless you for your dependable support.

*Thank you,
Henry Youndt, Treasurer*



Happy Birthday

Glenn Eberly—Tuesday, November 27
Bryan Auker—Friday, November 30
Angela Hahn—Saturday, December 1
Miriam Auker—Monday, December 3



Happy 85th Birthday

John Zimmerman—Thursday, November 29

Happy 92nd Birthday

Harold Ressler—Saturday, December 1

Happy Anniversary

Jonas and Emma Reiff—Wednesday, November 28

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December 2—Message from Pastor Tom

December 9—Message from Pastor Tom

December 16—Message from Pastor Austin

December 23—Message from Pastor Tom

Christmas Tea—9:00 am in All Purpose Room

December 24—Christmas Eve Service

January 6, 2019—Communion



Christmas Project UPDATE

THANKS to everyone who picked an ornament from the Christmas tree to purchase a gift for the Conestoga Valley family we're sponsoring.



Please remember to attach the ornament to the outside of the package—this is very important since it identifies the recipient of the gift.

Please bring your gift to church by next **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.



MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE COIN OFFERING

Starting Sunday, December 2, the children will be collecting coins during the worship service for Mennonite Disaster Service.



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.



Note from Prins MST – invitation to sign up

Last month you should have received a newsletter from Andres Prins, along with a response form, in your mailbox. Andres has committed to another two-year term with the Christian-Muslim Relations Team of Eastern Mennonite Missions. Along with Andres, the MST is inviting partners in prayer and finances for this ministry. On Sunday, November 25, the MST will have a table in the narthex where you can learn how you can become a partner. Stop by to chat, pick up November's newsletter and complete the response form. Thank you for your partnership!

Prins MST (Leon Eshleman, Glenn Hershey, Mag Nolt, Grace Shenk, Irene Weaver, Ruthie Zimmerman)

The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster (MCCL) invites you to ring in Christmas with them and guest artist Philadelphia Bronze handbell ensemble. (Kayley Eshleman sings in the choir.)

Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 pm

Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster

Saturday, December 1 at 3:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster



Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 pm

Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

The mission of MCCL is "training children to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing." This program of Lancaster Mennonite School is open to the community. For more information, visit www.mennonitechorenschoir.org.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE CONCERT

Friday, December 7

6:30-7:30 PM

**Forest Hills Mennonite Church
100 Quarry Road, Leola**

You are invited to a FREE piano and vocal concert featuring **Laura Hershey** and **Joe Jaskolka**. Cookie jars, plates of cookies and cookie dough logs will be available for sale. Proceeds benefit MOMS program.

CVCCS NEWS

Food Items Needed:

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

- Canned vegetables
- Canned soup
- Pancake mix



Clothing Items Needed:

- ♦ Winter Coats for men, women & children
- ♦ Ladies underwear (size medium & large)
- ♦ Men's underwear (size large and XL)

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



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.

ADVENT CAFÉ

Sunday, December 2, 9 and 16

Youth will be providing hot drinks and pastries

starting at 8:30 a.m. in the café area downstairs.

Stop by for a cup of tea, coffee, or hot chocolate, and a pastry.

Donations appreciated.

