

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (December 9) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Leadership Support \$3,623.00

If you have not been using offering envelopes and would like to begin doing so in 2019, please contact Henry Youndt. Using offering envelopes is a good way to keep a record of your donations and receive a receipt for all your donations at the end of the year.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE COIN OFFERING

For the month of December, the children will be collecting coins during the worship service for Mennonite Disaster Service.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December 23—Message from Pastor Tom

Christmas Tea—9:00 am in All Purpose Room

December 24—Christmas Eve Service at 6:30pm

December 30—Message from Dave Moore

January 6, 2019—Message from Pastor Tom

“Welcome to the Lord's table” - Communion

ADVENT CAFÉ

Sunday, December 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.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24 ~ 6:30 PM



Join us as we sing Christmas carols, read Scripture and enjoy special music.

Cookies and hot chocolate will be served after the service.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Pick up invitations on the information table.

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!

Happy Birthday

Elsie Hanna—Sunday, December 16

Cody Kreiner—Monday, December 17

Amanda Finky—Tuesday, December 18

Cliff Day—Wednesday, December 19

Miriam L. Martin—Saturday, December 22

Henry Youndt—Saturday, December 22

Mindy Nolt—Tuesday, December 25



Happy 81st Birthday

Arlene Martin—Sunday, December 16



Happy Anniversary

Eldon and Joy Witmer—Sunday, December 16

Harold and Doris Mohler—Tuesday, December 18

SAVE THE DATE—January 26, 2019

Authentic Moroccan Meal

On **Saturday, January 26, 2019** an authentic Moroccan meal will be served banquet style in the Fellowship Hall of **Stumptown Mennonite Church**, 2813 Stumptown Road, Bird in Hand. Angelica and Andres, with the help of friends, will be the hosts and will be serving tajine (main dish of chicken), a fresh salad, French bread, fresh fruit and mint tea accompanied by scenes and music from Morocco! **The meal will be at 5:00 pm.**

The dinner will serve as a fund-raiser to support Andres as he seeks to extend by two years, through 2020, his term of service with Eastern Mennonite Missions. Andres is a member of the “Christian/Muslim Relations Team: Peacemakers Confessing Christ, led by Dr. David W. Shenk and with teammates Jonathan Bornman, Angie Brenneman and Grace Shenk, and serves as consultant to churches of many denominations in the US and worldwide, teaching and leading seminars on building bridges of dialogue, witness, peacemaking and hospitality toward Muslims. (see www.emm.org/peacemakers)

A freewill offering will be received. Reservations are required as places are limited. All are welcome!

Call, text or email Mag Nolt at 717-575-3119 or magnolt47@gmail.com by January 22, 2019 to reserve your place.

HOPE REBORN: A Self-Guided, Interactive, Contemplative Advent Experience Parish Resource Center

FREE to all attending

2160 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster

December 17-21 from 9:30 AM - 4:00PM (except Monday, the 17th will start at 10:00 AM)

As we celebrate Advent, we wait in expectation for the coming of Jesus. This is a season of hope, yet personally, and in the world around us, hope can feel absent or contrived. Through this interactive and contemplative experience, consider how hope is being reborn all around you.



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.



Intergenerational Christmas Hymn Sing

**Woodcrest Retreat
Indian Rock Center
Thursday, December 20
7:00 PM**

Come and enjoy singing favorite traditional Christmas songs. Enjoy hot drinks and bring a few cookies to share. An offering will be received to purchase Bible Curriculum for the 2019 Summer Camp season.



MESSIAH Sing-a-long
Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church
1121 Octorara Trail
Parkesburg, PA
Friday, December 28
7:00 PM

Clair Leaman, Conductor

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

See poster on bulletin board

or visit messiahsingalong.com for more details.

There's also fliers on the information table.

Freewill offering will be received.

Sewing Circle

Since the first Tuesday in January 2019 is New Year's Day, Sewing Circle will meet on the second Tuesday, **January 8 at 9:00 am** at the church.

