

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Sunday morning, July 26, 2020

Worship gathering via ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.

I Peter 2:2

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

(This Sunday we are taking a break from outdoor worship.)

THANK YOU for this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings and individuals' offerings:

- Church Facilities \$3,267.30
- Leadership Support \$1,899.62
- Missions \$321.54
- Program Fund \$221.54
- CV Christian Community Services \$120.00

*Sunday, July 26, offering:
Leadership Support*

*Next Sunday, August 2, offering:
Groffdale Missionaries/EMM
CV Christian Community Services*

Bring these situations to God in prayer:

- ♦ The family of Glenn Weaver who passed away this Tuesday. Pray for Dale and Brenda and Clete and Diane, as well as Glenda Evans who is a first cousin to Glenn.
- ♦ Continue to pray for the family of VidaNet executive director DeLynn Hoover who passed away last week in Honduras. Pray for his wife Gloria and daughter Carmelinda and her husband Vinny.
- ♦ Richard and Deborah Buckwalter as our congregation discerns calling Richard as associate pastor.
- ♦ Andres and Angelica Prins as they discern future missionary service.
- ♦ Austin and Janelle Horning serving with YWAM Orlando. Pray for their training center right now in the midst of the COVID outbreaks.
- ♦ Peter and Christy Sensenig and family who are currently living in the 170 house. Pray for them as they discern future travel plans.
- ♦ Give thanks to God for the beginning of our basement renovation project and God's provision for funds.
- ♦ Schools and universities making very difficult decisions about the upcoming school year.

Happy Birthday

Steve Lindsey—Monday, July 27
Levi Hoover—Saturday, August 1

Happy 81st Birthday

Jeanne Engel—Friday, July 31

Happy 84th Birthday

Curvin Buchen—Tuesday, August 4

Happy Anniversary

Clair and Pat Mast—Friday, August 31
Daryl and Audrey Groff—Saturday, August 1
Clete and Diane Weaver—Saturday, August 1
John and Henrietta Shertzer—Monday, August 3



ESHLEMAN FAMILY CAMPING TRIP



Pastor Tom and his family will be on a camping trip to New Hampshire (Mount Washington) August 3-10. Leadership team and visitation team members will be available to assist with pastoral needs while Tom is away.

Upcoming preaching schedule

Sunday, July 26: Worship gathering via Zoom at 10:00
I Peter 2:2

Sunday, August 2: Pastor Tom Eshleman
(I Peter 4:7-19) "Above all, love each other deeply"

Sunday, August 9: Pastor Richard Buckwalter

Sunday, August 16: Pastor Tom Eshleman

We are so thankful for the opportunities we have had recently to worship outside. Thank you to the many people working hard to make this possible. We are also so glad to see neighbors and visitors among us! God has given us a unique opportunity to bless and encourage our community. This Sunday we are taking a break from outdoor worship and meeting via Zoom. We will be sending the Zoom link to everyone on Saturday morning. If you do not have internet, you can still join our Zoom worship via phone. Please call Andres Prins at 717 572-7411 if you would like to connect to Zoom by phone.

**Scripture theme verse for this Sunday worship:
I Peter 2: 2**

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As preparation for our worship this Sunday, you are invited to choose an object that symbolizes growth for you. It might be flowers from your garden, fruit from your trees, a project you are working on, a book that you are reading etc. You are invited to send a picture to Pastor Tom that will be included in a PowerPoint for our Sunday Zoom gathering. You can email (tome@groffdale.com) or text message (717) 669-4578 these pictures to Tom.

Change of Address

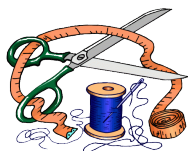
Charles and Fern Bauman have moved to Fairmount Homes Retirement Community. Their new address is:
Charles and Fern Bauman
1415 Farm Crest Drive
Ephrata, PA 17522



Please make a note of this change.

Sewing Circle News

Sewing Circle will not be meeting until further notice.



In-person outdoor gathering for becoming acquainted with Richard and Deborah Buckwalter

Wednesday evening, July 29 at 6:30 under the trees at church. We are discerning calling Richard to serve as interim associate pastor at Groffdale.

Everyone is invited!

We ask that you RSVP to Joyce Shenk at churchoffice@groffdale.com or by calling/texting her at 717 824-5692. Your RSVP helps us to plan and arrange a gathering that considers the health of everyone.



Congregational affirmation process for Associate Pastor Richard Buckwalter

On Thursday July 30, we will be sending an affirmation form to all members and active participants of our congregation through email and postal mail. You will have opportunity to offer your feedback/affirmation for Richard Buckwalter serving as interim Associate Pastor. Those forms will be returned to Levi Hoover via email and by postal mail. We will send more information about this next week.

THANK YOU!!!

- ♥ Thanks to those of you who donated items and money to the CVCCS Stuff the Truck School Supply Drive! These donations will be given to children in need who attend the Conestoga Valley School District. *Thank you for your generosity!*
- ♥ Thank you to the ladies who signed up to help serve lunch to the Woodcrest Retreat campers the week of August 3-7. *Your help is greatly appreciated!!!*