

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday morning, September 20, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Title: "Every good and perfect gift"



Scripture: James 1:13-18

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

- Leadership Support \$5,665.00
- Program Fund \$1,650.50
- Church Facilities \$910.50
- Missions \$250.00
- First Sunday Extra Offering \$125.00
- Sewing Circle \$50.00
- Capital Projects Fund \$100.00

(Last week's offering was entered into the Program Fund as indicated on the 2020 Offering Schedule.)

*Sunday, September 20 offering:
Church Facilities*

*Next Sunday, September 27 offering:
Leadership Support*

Happy Birthday

Tim Good—Sunday, September 20

Bob Book—Tuesday, September 22

Menno Riehl—Tuesday, September 22

Glenda Evans—Saturday, September 26

Donna Jaskolka—Monday, September 28

Happy 93rd Birthday

Nora Stauffer—Wednesday, September 23

Happy Anniversary

Bob and Joan Book—Saturday, September 26

Give thanks to God for:

- The meaningful times of outdoor worship we have experienced these summer months. Pray for Leadership team and Advisory team as they develop plans for cooler weather.
- The Youth group meeting with Carpenter Community Church.
- The nearly completed building renovations and the generosity of God's people making this possible.

Bring these situations to God in prayer:

- ♦ Curvin Buchen as he faces health challenges and uncertainties.
- ♦ Paul Reiff as he recovers from hip surgery.
- ♦ Elaine Zuck as she anticipates a heart catheterization on Thursday, Sept 24.
- ♦ Mrs. Thelma Eberly as she anticipates knee replacement surgery on September 29.
- ♦ God's peace and healing for Sharon Eberly.
- ♦ Trevor Lambert at Stevens Tech and Sara Frey and Kayley Eshleman at Messiah University.
- ♦ The "Way Thru Christ" church in Chester, PA.
- ♦ Gerry Keener, EMM president as he brings our message next Sunday, September 27.
- ♦ Our nation during this election season. Let us pray together "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Sunrise prayer gathering!

"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised!"

Psalm 113:3

You are invited to an outdoor prayer gathering at 7:00 AM on Tuesday morning September 22. (The first day of Fall). We will meet in a circle in the Groffdale parking lot. You may bring a lawn chair or chairs will be provided. We will meet for 20 to 30 minutes of prayer and praise to God as we enter this new season! Hope to see you there!

BIBLE STUDY
with Pastor Richard Buckwalter!

Friday afternoon September 25
2:00 PM

Gym car port: (if the weather is cold we will move into the all-purpose room with appropriate distancing)

Bible study from the book of James

All are welcome!



A Story of Kingdom partnership!

Back in April, LMC launched a COVID-19 assistance fund and invited people and congregations to contribute. LMC invited churches experiencing significant financial hardship to apply for assistance.

Groffdale leadership sensed God leading our church to contribute to this fund but we also desired to do more than simply give money. We wanted to enter into a church to church relationship where we could both give and receive. LMC matched us with "Way Thru Christ" church in Chester, PA led by Bishop Al Motley and his wife Maxine. Their church was needing to make some urgent repairs to their slate roof, and we had just completed replacement of our roof. We sensed God in that connection.

Over the past months, Groffdale leadership has enjoyed multiple opportunities to build friendships with "Way Thru Christ" leadership. We met for a Zoom conversation in May and followed up with a lunch gathering in August. In September several of us joined Bishop Al for a prayer walk with his church in their neighborhood. Groffdale has provided "Way Thru Christ" with financial resources and they have been teaching us what it means to prayerfully engage their community.

We thank God for this kingdom relationship with "Way Thru Christ." If you have interest in being part of future interactions with this church, please let us know. God is blessing our church through these cross-cultural interactions!

Museum of the Bible
Church-sponsored Visit on October 3

A Groffdale group-rate visit to the Museum of the Bible in Washington DC is being planned for Saturday, October 3. Reserving for a visit as a group of at least 10 people reduces the entrance fee to \$13 per person. Furthermore, the Church would be glad to assist any members who can not afford the entrance or transportation costs. Our plan would be to leave the church parking lot at 7:00am with those who would like to drive together. Contact Andres Prins (AndresP88@gmail.com / 717-572-7411) or Dave Moore (daveanddawn@frontier.com) to reserve a place or request further details.

Feel free to also invite friends from beyond the Groffdale community!



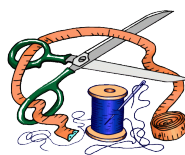
**museum
of the
Bible**

Welsh Mountain Annual Fall Benefit Banquet
Drive-thru Edition at Yoder's Restaurant
Tuesday, October 6
4:30—6:30 pm

Enjoy a delicious meal at Yoder's Country Restaurant via a drive-thru pick-up. Meal includes ham balls with pineapple sauce, mashed potatoes, green and yellow beans with carrots, and shoofly pie.

Let Yoder's do the cooking while you bless a resident with your donation!
(suggested donation \$25 per meal)

All meals must be ordered in advance. To reserve your meals, contact Melody Blochberger at 717-355-9522, ext 102 or mblochberger@welshmountainhome.org. You can make your donation when you reserve your meals or when you pick them up. Thank you for supporting the residents of Welsh Mountain Home.



Sewing Circle News

*Thank you for all the work
you're doing even while not
meeting as a gathered group.*