

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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

INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday morning, October 18, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

“But He gives us more grace”

Scripture Text: James 4: 1-17

Everyone welcome!

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

- Leadership Support \$4,107.00
- MCC Relief \$2,200.00
- Missions \$1,125.00
- Program Fund \$125.00
- Church Facilities \$125.00

*Sunday, October 18 offering:
Program Fund*

*Next Sunday, October 25 offering:
Leadership Support*

Happy Birthday

Colin Nolt—Friday, October 23
Andres Prins—Friday, October 23
Jared Jaskolka—Saturday, October 24
Elaine Hoover—Sunday, October 25
Timothy W—Sunday, October 25
MW—Monday, October 26

Happy 86th Birthday

Janet Martin—Tuesday, October 27

Happy Anniversary

Leonard & Miriam Martin—Monday, October 19
Steve & Sharon Nolt—Tuesday, October 20
Doug & Lisa Hoover—Wednesday, October 21
Harold & Doris Musselman—Friday, October 23



Give thanks to God for:

- ◆ The gift of life in Tim and Kris Good’s newborn grandson born to Cassie and Lucas Haldeman. Welcome Reed Elliot!

Bring these situations to God in prayer:

- ◆ Continued healing for Cliff Day who was in the hospital several days last week.
- ◆ Thelma Eberly as she anticipates knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ Continue to pray health and healing for Curvin Buchen.
- ◆ Healing and restoration for Sharon Eberly.
- ◆ Our congregation as we continue to adjust to gathering indoors for worship. Pray God’s wisdom, safety and protection as we strive to worship together in healthy ways.
- ◆ Our nation during this election season.



Celebrating the completion of renovations!

We give thanks to God and to each of you who gave financially and contributed your time and creativity toward the building revitalization project. The project is now complete and looks amazing! Thank you to Levi Hoover and Lloyd Weaver who led the way working with the building contractor and consultant Lynn Godshall. Thanks to the team who developed the idea for the project; Audrey Groff, Glenda Evans, Rachel Gavilondo, Levi Hoover, Chris Martin, Dave Moore, Kathy Stoltzfus and Lloyd Weaver. We are making plans for a dedication service and Open House in the month of November! Details to come.

Thanks be to God!!!!

Health guidelines for worship at Groffdale Mennonite Church Sunday, October 18, 2020

We are so grateful for the spirit of cooperation and teamwork we are experiencing as we gather for worship! Thank you for the inconveniences and sacrifices everyone is making so that we can be together. Let's continue to seek God's wisdom and protection.

- Please wear masks whenever you aren't seated in the auditorium and while singing.
- If you prefer to take your mask off while seated for worship, we request that you sit on the sewing room side of the church.
- If you are willing to wear a mask while seated in the auditorium, please sit on the piano side of the church.
- We request that you sit in every other bench to allow for appropriate distancing and to allow at least six feet between household units when seated. (Benches are taped accordingly.) Ushers will be available to assist you.
- We are live streaming the worship service to the all-purpose room for those who prefer the safest environment. (Masks required by everyone at all times in the all-purpose room.)
- After church, let's try as much as possible to not congregate in crowded areas and to maintain distancing of six feet or more. Be attentive to moving conversations outside if you're able or to more open areas.

Preaching Schedule

Pastor Richard will be preaching next Sunday, October 25 as we conclude our series from the book of James. Pastor Tom will be preaching at Blainsport Mennonite Church Sunday morning, evening and Monday evening, October 26 as part of their Fall renewal meetings. Pastor Tom appreciates your prayers as he prepares for these meetings at Blainsport.

We invite you to send cards to Sharon Eberly.
Her address is:

**Haven Behavioral Hospital
Heritage Unit
145 North Sixth Street
Reading, PA 19601**



We Are One Celebration!

Our church has been invited by Lancaster Mennonite Conference Bishop Al Motley of "Way Thru Christ" Church in Chester, PA to a community celebration this Sunday, October 18 at 3:00 pm. This is an annual event sponsored by "Way Thru Christ" to celebrate racial diversity in the body of Christ and this year is taking place on Zoom. The theme is one Lord, one faith, one baptism. (Ephesians 4:5) Pastor Tom will be one of the many local leaders speaking for five minutes. If you would like to join, you can connect via Zoom.

**Zoom ID# 148693589
Password: 031224**

CVCCS News

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) works to meet the various needs of our homeless, at-risk, and socially isolated neighbors by providing food and clothing, mentoring/tutoring, and financial counseling. Volunteers are needed as well as food and clothing items as follows:

- ♥ Volunteers to shop with clients on Thursdays (contact Kim Sensenig at volunteers@cvccs.org)
- ♥ Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- ♥ Condiments
- ♥ Men's XL Underwear (3X and larger)
- ♥ Warm, functional coats

Please place your donated items in the CVCCS box in the narthex. **Thanks for your generosity!**