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SUPPLEMENT

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

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

- Program Fund \$1,765.00
- Leadership Support \$450.00

*Sunday, December 6 offering:
Groffdale Missionaries, EMM,
Groffdale Sewing Circle*

*Next Sunday, December 13 offering:
Leadership Support*

OFFERING OPTION

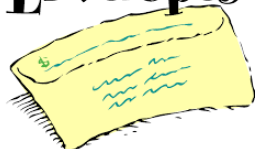
With church attendance lowered at the present time and the postal delays surrounding the holidays, the other option that is available for offering giving is the monthly ACH through bank transfer.

This is a monthly transaction on the 15th of each month from which you can designate your offerings be divided to the month's offering schedule or as you wish to have them designated. This is an option that could be started and/or discontinued when you choose. There is no charge or fee to use this service. If you have any questions or would like to have the form to begin this process, please call Henry or Pat or email to Finance@groffdale.com.



Offering Envelopes

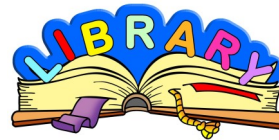
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If anyone is not using the offering envelopes and would like to start using them in the new year, please contact Henry Youndt.

BOOK ALERT

The recently acquired book "Chosen and Adopted" by Irvin Martin has gone missing from our library. A number of people would like to read this book but it has not returned. If you have seen this book or may have accidentally carried it along home, please let Cliff know so we can account for it.



Many thanks!
Cliff

We invite you to send cards of encouragement to **Fred Reeser**. His new address is:

Fred Reeser
c/o Genesis Brandywine Hall
800 West Miner Street
West Chester, PA, 19382



*I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*

Happy Birthday

Cassidy Martin—Sunday, December 6
Lexi Kreiner—Tuesday, December 8
Joyce Shenk—Tuesday, December 8
Joy Witmer—Wednesday, December 9
Kathy Heft—Sunday, December 13



Happy 81st Birthday

Minerva Nolt—Thursday, December 10

Happy Anniversary

Menno and Lydia Riehl—Tuesday, December 15

Opportunity to Contribute to Costs of Replacing Air Handlers

The air handlers on the roof of the all-purpose room need to be replaced. The current ones are 26 years old and have exceeded their life expectancy. Updating the system will provide much more efficient use of energy compared to the existing units. After getting recommendations from contractors, and receiving proposals, the Administration Team has approved a proposal from Haller Enterprises in the amount of \$35,465.00. The proposal includes relocating the air-handlers with "AtmosAir Bipolar s Ionization Systems". Relocation of the units will minimize the noise level in the all-purpose room and in laboratory testing, AtmosAir systems have shown significant contaminant reduction capabilities. This is a cost that is in addition to the yearly facilities expenses. Prayerfully consider donating generously to the Facilities Fund during your end of year giving to help cover these additional expenses. Thank you, and God bless you for your continued and ongoing generous financial support of Groffdale. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact any of the following individuals.

Levi Hoover, Elder of Administration
Henry Youndt, Treasurer
Clete Weaver, Property Team

Anabaptist World Group Discount

Anabaptist World is a new independent and non-profit journalistic ministry serving the global Anabaptist movement. Through timely news reporting and insightful commentary, *Anabaptist World* seeks to inform and inspire Mennonites and anyone interested in Anabaptism.

The regular rate for a one year subscription (16 issues) is \$54. A **group rate of \$39** is available to groups of five or more subscriptions. If you are interested in the group subscription rate, please contact Joyce Sherk in the church office at 717-656-6388 or by email: churchoffice@groffdale.com.

Online Concert: Celebrating 100 years of hope, community and healing with MCC

Join the Pennsylvania Relief Sale on Sunday, December 6 at 8:00 p.m. (EST) for an online concert to support Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)'s work, featuring an opening performance by A Girl Named Tom followed by an hourlong concert from musical group The Steel Wheels. Songs and stories will highlight MCC's work around the world.

A link to access the FREE livestreamed concert will be posted to pareliefsale.org/events on December 6. The program will include an opportunity to bid on a single, original painting online, as well as an intermission with opportunities to financially support the programs and mission of MCC. Online donations to MCC can be made during the event at the same link.

2020 LMC Giving for Growth

Please consider making a year-end, tax-deductible gift to support LMC leadership training, discipleship ministries, congregational resourcing, credentialing services, identity development, missional counsel, pastoral transition, conflict resourcing, global relationship, and a host of other services provided to your congregation and others. To give go to LMCchurches.org. Look for the pamphlet in your church mailbox.

Journey to Bethlehem

Experience the Power of Christmas

Friday and Saturday, December 11, 12 & 18, 19
Fridays 6:00-8:30pm Saturdays 5:00-8:30pm
Woodcrest Retreat, Ephrata

Please PRE-REGISTER by going to www.Woodcrestretreat.org/Journey or by calling Woodcrest at 717-738-2233

