

*Groffdale Mennonite  
Church*



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# ***Groffdale Mennonite Church***

**Our Mission:** To be a healing community of believers passionately committed to Jesus as Lord through worship, nurture, and outreach.  
Every member a minister!

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***Welcome! We are glad you are here!***

**9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Zoom fellowship**

Prelude by Joe Jaskolka

Welcome and Call to Worship

Gathering Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Sharing our tithes and offerings: Leadership Support

Offertory: Joe Jaskolka

Lighting of the Christ Candle

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Scripture Reading from Luke 2: 1-20

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Great Joy for all People"

"Joy to the World"

Prayer and Benediction

Zoom Fellowship



***"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."***



### Serving Today:

Ushers - Glenn and Helen Hershey  
Projectionist - Trevor Lambert  
Sound Technician - Harold Musselman

### Give thanks to God:

- ◆ For the outdoor Nativity event this past Wednesday night, all who worked hard to make this happen and for the experience of community and joy that many experienced in worshipping Jesus.

### Bring these situations to God in prayer:

- ◆ Norene Martin and her children Kevin, Karen and Kenton and their spouses and grandchildren as they grieve the passing of Mel and remember how much he meant to them.
- ◆ Doris Mohler as she recovers from a fall last week in which she broke her collarbone. Pray for Harold as he cares for her.
- ◆ Cliff Day's brother, Bernie Day who is a patient at LGH. Pray healing and restored health for Bernie.
- ◆ Give thanks for the healing experienced by Roy Reiff as he was able to return home from the hospital.
- ◆ The many families missing loved ones who are no longer with us.
- ◆ Our church and community as we experience Christmas in different ways this year. Ask God to bless each home with joy that comes from the presence of Christ.
- ◆ Pray for our nation and all our leaders at the local, state and national levels of government. Pray for wisdom, compassion and a spirit of sacrifice and service.

*Prayer Requests*

### Events This Week

Wednesday: **Morning prayer group, 8:30 a.m. at the church**

## *Special note of thanks!*

Pastor Tom and Jennifer want to give a **special word of thanks** to God and to each of you in the congregation for the outdoor nativity that took place Wednesday evening. Thanks to Brian Snader, Yamil Gavilondo, Henry Youndt and Will Baumiller for constructing the stable and Leon Eshleman for delivering the lumber. Thanks to Glenn Hershey for all your networking in lining up the lambs and preparing the stable for them. Thanks to the planning team, Rachel Gavilondo, Krista Snader, Keith and Kathy Stoltzfus, Sara Frey, Dave Moore, Sandy Lindsey, (cookie prep and weather watcher) Glenn Hershey, Joyce Shenk and Mag Nolt (costume manager) for the great team effort. Thanks to all who helped with various stations, Andres Prins, Dave Moore, Lloyd Weaver and Steve Lindsey as speakers and music coordinator Sara Frey. Thanks to our singers Dawn Moore, Rick and Ruthie Umble and Andres, our fire managers Harold Wissler, Will and Veronica Baumiller. Electricity/generator coordinator Clete Weaver, luminaire workers Cliff and Anna Day, Rachel Gavilondo, Faye Woods, Glen and Joyce Shenk, and Jean Wissler, hot chocolate and cookie servers Faye Woods, Naomi Weaver, Joyce Shenk, Pat Mast and Sandy Lindsey, mail deliverers Henry and Ruthie Youndt, car parkers Levi Hoover, Clair Mast and Harold Wissler. Thanks to Pastor Richard and Deborah for leading our candle lighting station with such care. And a huge thanks to our children Lucinda and Brandon Snader, Jose, Jeshua, Adriel, Elijah and Ezekiel Gavilondo, and youth Kayley and Janessa Eshleman, and guest wisemen Sammy and Freddy Eshleman. So many people helped and I sure hope I didn't miss anyone. *We thank God for this joyous event!*



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