# Groffdale Mennonite Church



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**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

Welcome and Call to Worship: Pastor Tom Eshleman

**Gathering Song** 

Worship by sharing our tithes and offerings: Groffdale Missionaries,

EMM, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society

Offertory: "O Holy Night" via YouTube (Willie and Rodi Longenecker)

Song of Worship

Children's Time: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon and sharing by Austin and Janelle Horning

Song of response

Prayer and Benediction: Pastor Richard Buckwalter

Zoom Fellowship





### Serving Today:

Ushers - Glen and Joyce Shenk Projectionist - Diane Weaver Sound Technician - Clair Mast

#### Bring these situations to God in prayer:

- Norene Martin and her family as they grieve the passing of Mel and as they remember his life.
- The Eberly family as they remember Alma Eberly who passed away this past Tuesday evening.
- The many in our congregation including Norene Martin and Minerva Nolt who are missing loved ones who recently passed away.
- Angelica Prins's father in Paraguay who is having lung difficulties.
- Pray God's blessing on all those from our community who came to the outdoor nativity.
- ♦ All those working in the medical field during this challenging time. Pray for our local nursing home facilities and those who lead and work there.
- Austin and Janelle Horning and their anticipated child as they serve and minister together at YWAM Lancaster.
- Our nation during this time of polarization and transition.



#### **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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