

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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SUPPLEMENT

In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

THANK YOU for this week's Electronic Funds

Transfer offerings and individuals' offerings:

- Church Facilities \$4,903.00
- Missions \$1,017.50
- Leadership Support \$961.50
- Program Fund \$813.00
- Capital Projects Fund \$100.00
- Sewing Circle \$50.00

*Sunday, April 25 offering:
Program Fund*

*Next Sunday, May 2 offering:
Groffdale Missionaries, EMM,
Landis Homes Benevolent Fund*

The Groffdale congregation has received a donation from the Alma Eberly estate. \$5000 was designated for the Cemetery Fund and \$50,000 for the church. This \$50,000 has been placed in the Capital Projects Fund and will be invested with EMM until we need it for a project of our own. We very much appreciate Alma's generosity in remembering our church in her will.

Henry Youndt, treasurer

Thank you note!

Deborah and I are grateful for your prayers, your words of sympathy and encouragement as we said goodbye to my mother, Sara. The hope that is ours as followers of Jesus was communicated by your words and prayers. Thank you!



Richard and Deborah Buckwalter

New outdoor Sunday school class!

We are introducing a new Sunday School class that will focus on building and strengthening friendships as we begin each gathering with scripture that launches us into a time of sharing and prayer. The class will have a leader and will also provide ample time for sharing about our lives and how God is moving. Occasionally the class will involve the children. The class will meet at **9:00am** outdoors at the fire pit beside the Groffdale parking lot. (The class met for the first time on Sunday, April 18). Feel free to contact Pastor Tom or Krista Snader with any questions you may have.



Happy Birthday

Tim Herr—Sunday, April 25
Norma Rutt—Wednesday, April 28
Ron Hock—Thursday, April 29
Louise Martin—Thursday, April 29
Tom Eshleman—Friday, April 30
Doris Musselman—Friday, April 30
Clete Weaver—Friday, April 30
Harold Wissler—Friday, April 30
Rebecca Wenger—Monday, May 3
Doris Horst—Tuesday, May 4



Happy Anniversary

Dale and Brenda Weaver—Sunday, April 25
Austin and Janelle Horning—Thursday, April 29

Café Volunteer Opportunity!



We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to run the café on a Sunday morning. It involves making coffee, and hot water for tea, as well as cleaning up before leaving church that day. It's not difficult and you get to chat with lots of people! There's a sign up sheet in the café. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Stoltzfus.

Seeking people committed to pray for our congregation

This summer as Pastor Tom and his family take a sabbatical from pastoral responsibilities, we envision a time of renewal for both congregation and pastor. Renewal happens in response to the prayers of God's people. If you would like to be part of a group committed to pray for renewal in our congregation, please be in touch with Pastor Tom at 717 669-4578 or tome@groffdale.com. We will send a prayer guide to all who express interest.

Welcome Krista Snader as Worship Coordinator

We welcome Krista Snader to Groffdale's church ministry team as she begins serving as "Worship Coordinator." Krista has agreed to begin serving in this role prior to Pastor Tom's sabbatical to ensure a smooth transition. During Pastor Tom's sabbatical Krista will be serving as part of the interim pastoral team including Pastor Richard, and Dave Moore. We are so thankful and blessed by Krista's gifts. Krista began serving at the beginning of April and we look forward to Brian and Dave joining the team at the start of Pastor Tom's sabbatical on May 16.

Save the Date!

Church Retreat at Woodcrest

July 9-11, 2021

Please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend! We plan to have a potluck lunch on Sunday after the worship service. More details will be coming.

We have 10 campsites reserved. Cost is \$40 per night and includes water and electric. Invite your family and friends to go camping with you. Please email Joyce at churchoffice@groffdale.com if you'd like to reserve a campsite...or two.



Sewing Circle News

Sewing circle will once again meet on **May 4**. Many of us have had our vaccines so each attendee may use their own discretion as to whether you wear a mask. It will be a blessing to meet once again after a long year! We will not have our usual May luncheon.

