

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:**

- Missions \$4,013.00
- Program Fund \$495.00

*Sunday, May 9 offering:
Leadership Support*

*Next Sunday, May 16 offering:
Church Facilities*

Happy Birthday

Deborah Buckwalter—Sunday, May 9
Roy Reiff—Sunday, May 9
Jeremy Weaver—Sunday, May 9
Doug Hoover—Tuesday, May 11
Norene Martin—Saturday, May 15
Carsen Frey—Sunday, May 16
Darla Berg—Tuesday, May 18



Happy 80th Birthday

Thelma Eberly (Mrs.)—Tuesday, May 18

Happy Anniversary

J & M—Friday, May 14

***Volunteers are welcome to help with weeding,
trimming, and mulching at the church.***

Saturday, May 15

We will start at 8:00 a.m.

If you have any questions,
please contact Clete Weaver.



Outdoor Sunday School Class!

We have introduced a new Sunday School class that is focusing on building and strengthening friendships as we begin each gathering with scripture that launches us into a time of sharing and prayer. Each week the class has a leader and provides ample time for sharing about our lives and how God is moving. Occasionally the class involves the children. The class meets at **9:00am** outdoors at the fire pit beside the Groffdale parking lot. Feel free to contact Brian Snader with any questions you may have.



Arrangements for pastoral leadership during Pastor Tom's sabbatical

Dates: May 17-August 25

Groffdale leadership anticipates this time of pastoral sabbatical as a time of renewal for both pastor and congregation. We are so grateful for the interim pastoral leadership team that is in place. We invite your prayers for both Pastor Tom, his family, our congregation and for our interim pastoral team. We anticipate a celebration and commissioning on Sunday May 16 with an outdoor worship service and chicken BBQ picnic.

Interim Lead Pastor: Richard Buckwalter

Interim pastoral team: Krista and Brian Snader,
and Dave Moore

Ministry assistant: Sara Frey

Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster Concert Series

You are invited to join The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster at their outdoor spring concert series on May 15, May 16, and June 6 as they share music from around the world and across time. Lucinda Snader from our congregation is part of MCCL and would be delighted to see you at a concert! For more information visit their website at www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org.

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.



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 in you'd like to reserve a campsite...or two.**



Financial Coaching Training

Faith In Action

Two-day Financial Training (also Refresher)

Thursday, May 20, 2021 6-8p.m.

Thursday, May 27, 2021 6-8p.m.

There are options for both Webinar and In-Person trainings.

Cost: \$15 for in person

\$10 for electronic binder edition

Included in Cost: packed meal (in person) or meal delivery coupon for virtual participants.

To register: Contact Tyriq at 717-735-7540, ext. 105 or tclark@loveinclanaster.org by May 17.

Cooperative training presented by:
Tabor/LHOP, Everence, Homes of Hope

Flyers are on the information table. Please help yourself to a copy if you're interested in this training.