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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:**

- Leadership Support \$3,900.00
- Fairmount Home Benevolent Fund \$100.00
(In memory of Betty Jean Martin)

*Sunday, May 16 offering:
Church Facilities*

*Next Sunday, May 23 offering:
Program Fund*

Happy Birthday

Carsen Frey—Sunday, May 16
Darla Berg—Tuesday, May 18
Tate Myers—Wednesday, May 19
Keith Stoltzfus—Wednesday, May 19
Adriel Gavilondo—Thursday, May 20



Happy 80th Birthday

Thelma Eberly (Mrs.)—Tuesday, May 18

Happy 85th Birthday

Elma Diem—Tuesday, May 25

Happy Anniversary

Lloyd and Elaine Hoover—Friday, May 21

Contact Information Update!

Ron and Louise Hock have a new
email address.

rnlhock@ptd.net

Please make a note of this change.



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



Thank you note!

Thanks so much for all you folks who covered us with prayer the past several weeks. We are blessed to have so many good friends and family. We appreciated the words of encouragement, cards, and calls. Blessings to you all.

Eugene and Thelma Eberly

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.



With Gratitude to Joyce Shenk

As Glen Shenk anticipates retiring at the end of this year, Glen and Joyce look forward together to a more flexible schedule as a couple. For this reason, Joyce Shenk has discerned that she will retire from her role as administrative assistant at the end of 2021. Our congregation has been incredibly blessed by Joyce's outstanding work over the past five years in this role. Joyce is eager to continue ministering and serving at Groffdale in areas in which God has given her passion; particularly helping people who are experiencing difficult times.

Our Groffdale administrative team is so grateful for Joyce's service and also her interest in facilitating a smooth transition to the next person in her role. At this time we are announcing this job opening for administrative assistant at Groffdale and we will receive applications until the position is filled. We are open to applications from either inside or outside our congregation. If interested, contact Levi Hoover.

Thank you again Joyce for your outstanding service, care and commitment as Groffdale Administrative Assistant and for the continued months we will enjoy having you in this role.

Pastor Tom Eshleman and Levi Hoover

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.