

# Groffdale Mennonite Church

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## **SUPPLEMENT**

**Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10**

**THANK YOU for the November 14 Electronic Funds Transfer offerings and individuals' offerings:**

- Leadership Support \$3,638.00
- Missions \$500.00
- Program Fund \$50.00

**THANK YOU for the November 21 Electronic Funds Transfer offerings and individuals' offerings:**

- Program Fund \$4,367.50
- Leadership Support \$1,341.00
- Missions \$1,029.00
- Church Facilities \$396.50
- Capital Projects Fund \$100.00
- Sewing Circle \$50.00

**THANK YOU for this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings and individuals' offerings:**

- Leadership Support \$3,910.00
- Program Fund \$500.00
- Missions \$375.00
- Church Facilities \$275.00

*Sunday, December 5 offering:  
Groffdale Missionaries, EMM,  
Groffdale Sewing Circle*

*Next Sunday, December 12 offering:  
Leadership Support*



### *Thank You Note!*

*We would like to thank each of you for the many ways you have encouraged, supported and blessed us these past months as we have each had surgery. We are so fortunate to have a caring church family and everything meant so much to us.*

*Harold and Doris Musselman*

### Happy 82nd Birthday

Minerva Nolt—Friday, December 10

### Happy Birthday

Daryl Groff—Sunday, December 5

Cassidy Martin—Monday, December 6

Lexi Kreiner—Wednesday, December 8

Joyce Shenk—Wednesday, December 8

Joy Witmer—Thursday, December 9

Kathy Heft—Monday, December 13

### Happy Anniversary

Dean and Stephanie Myers—Sunday, December 5



**SAVE THE DATES!!!**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Coffee and pastries in the all purpose room

No Sunday School

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Christmas eve service

**More details coming soon!**

### **SEWING CIRCLE NEWS**

On Tuesday, December 7, the Sewing Circle will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the church. You are invited to bring a friend. For lunch bring a finger food to share; sandwiches will be provided. Also, bring cookies for the cookie plates we will be packing.



## **We are praising God for Krista Snader and Jessica Kiefer.**

The congregation has strongly affirmed Krista Snader to serve two days a week on the pastoral and leadership teams and working with staff meetings each week. She will be using her gifts for organization and pastoral care to coordinate Sunday morning services. She will also provide pastoral care to enhance and nurture the spiritual gifts God has given to our congregation.

After months of being aware that Joyce Shenk wants to retire at the end of 2021, prayer and discussion, Jessica Kiefer has been hired to be the Administrative Assistant for Groffdale serving 12-15 hours a week. Jessica will be starting orientation the week of Dec 5 which will provide some overlap with Joyce before she leaves the position at the end of the year.

Please support Krista and Jessica in the respective ministries. Blessings to Joyce for her commitment and the quality work she provided in her ministry as Administrative Assistant at Groffdale.



## **CV Christmas Holiday Project Thank you!!!**

Thanks to each of you who contributed gift cards, wrapping paper, tape and labels for the CV Christmas Holiday Project to help support families in need this Christmas season.

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## **Mennonite Children's Choir Concert**

**Sunday, December 5 at 4 p.m.  
Forest Hills Mennonite Church, Leola  
(Livestream available)**

Accompanied by harp, classical guitar, marimba, and double second steel drums, singers in grades 2 through 12 will transport you around the world as they perform selections from Conrad Susa's *Carols and Lullabies*, "Et Exultavit" from Bach's *Magnificat*, the Swahili song, "Yesu Ni Wangu" arranged by Ruth Morris Gray, and more! Celebrate the light of Christ this Christmas season as you begin and end the concert experience in candle-light and surrounded by beautiful harmonies. **Lucinda and Caeley from our congregation sing in MCCL and would be delighted to have you there.**

A freewill offering will be received.

Masks are required.

## **Advent worship theme: "Visitations"**



During Advent, our sermon themes will focus on scriptural accounts of God's loving intervention in the lives of ordinary people. Imagine how it felt to be elderly Elizabeth and Zechariah, to be teenage Mary hearing Gabriel's announcement, or to be bewildered Joseph trying to make sense of his fiancée's pregnancy. Each of these people experienced angelic visitations that brought reassurance of God's presence, God's love and God's purposes.



During this Advent season, we invite you to consider the ways God intervenes in our lives and circumstances. The message of the incarnation is "God with us." Jesus came into our world of pain, disappointment and grief and showed us a love the world had never known. May each of us experience anew the love of Jesus, God with us, this Advent season.

December 5: Krista Snader: The angelic visitation to Zechariah and Elizabeth  
December 12: Richard Buckwalter: The angelic visitation to Mary  
December 19: Dave Moore: The angelic visitation to Joseph  
December 26: Tom Eshleman: The ultimate visitation: the birth of Jesus!  
January 2: Tom Eshleman: The visitation to the Magi

