

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 this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings and individuals' offerings:

- Missions \$4,023.00
- Leadership Support \$670.00
- Church Facilities \$50.00

*Sunday, December 12 offering:
Leadership Support*

*Next Sunday, December 19 offering:
Church Facilities*

Happy 84th Birthday

Arlene Martin—Thursday, December 16

Happy Birthday

Kathy Heft—Monday, December 13

Elsie Hanna—Thursday, December 16

Cody Kreiner—Friday, December 17

Amanda Finky—Saturday, December 18

Cliff Day—Sunday, December 19

Happy Anniversary

Menno & Lydia Riehl—Wednesday, December 15

Eldon & Joy Witmer—Thursday, December 16

Harold & Doris Mohler—Saturday, December 18



Congratulations to Jeshua Day!!!

Jeshua was a finalist in the Penny Saver Essay Contest. His essay titled "What Christmas Spirit Means to Me" appears on page 6 of this week's Penny Saver. He writes about the three things that bring him joy:

- ♥ Celebrating Jesus' birthday
- ♥ The trees and the presents
- ♥ Family

*It is a very well written essay!
Congratulations Jeshua!*



SAVE THE DATE!

Come to the Table

LMC Celebration of Church Life 2022

June 10-12, 2022

Location: Camp Hebron, 957 Camp Hebron Road,
Halifax, PA

Time: Friday evening through Sunday noon

Who: The entire family

What: Activities for children, youth and adults

Cost: There will be a fee to attend but costs will be minimal

*More information coming soon!
Check the LMC website for updates.*

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

A service of singing and candlelight

Everyone welcome!

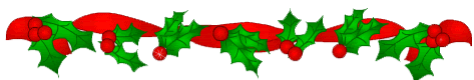


We are praising God for Krista Snader and Jessica Kiefer.

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.



Journey to Bethlehem

Glorifying Christ the Newborn King

Friday, December 17 6:00—8:30 pm

Saturday, December 18 5:00—8:30 pm

Woodcrest Retreat, Ephrata

Please pre-register by going to
www.Woodcrestretreat.org/Journey
Or by calling Woodcrest @ 717-738-2233



Norma Rutt is in Georgia with her sister and family until at least Christmas. Her address is:

Norma Rutt
c/o Gerald and Laretta Eshleman
2576 Georgia Highway 88
Hephzibah, GA 30815

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 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

