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SUPPLEMENT

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests. Luke 2:14

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

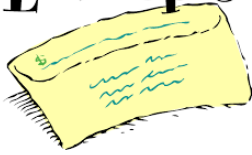
- Leadership Support \$4,380.00
- Missions \$100.00

*Sunday, December 19 offering:
Church Facilities*

*Next Sunday, December 26 offering:
Leadership Support*

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If anyone is not using the offering envelopes and would like to start using them in the new year, please contact Henry Youndt.

Happy Birthday

Cliff Day—Sunday, December 19
Miriam L Martin—Wednesday, December 22
Henry Youndt—Wednesday, December 22
Janessa Eshleman—Monday, December 27
Lily Zimmerman—Tuesday, December 28



Thank You Note

Thank you for the many expressions of caring in my recent experience of severe back pain that lasted much too long! The phone calls, cards, assurances of prayers and meals were a wonderful support to me and Levi! It is a blessing to be a part of this Groffdale Church family.

Marie Hoover

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!

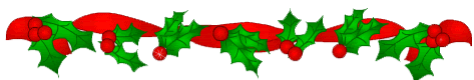


We are praising God for Krista Snader and Jessica Kiefer.

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.



Employment Opportunities at Camp Hebron

Camp Hebron is seeking a full-time Director of Operations and a Volunteer Ministry Coordinator to join their team. Job descriptions for these two positions are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you think of anyone who might be interested in helping to grow the Kingdom of God, please share this information with them. These are full-time positions with salary, housing, and benefits. Applicants of all ages are welcome to apply.



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 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

