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SUPPLEMENT

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." -Revelation 21:5

Listed below are the totals for last week's offering and monthly online contributions. Thank you for giving so generously!

Program Fund	\$	748
Leadership Support	\$1	L621
Church Facilities	\$3	3607
Missions	\$	50
Sewing Circle	\$	50
Capital Funds Project	\$	100

Today's offering: Leadership Support Next Sunday, February 27 offering: Program Fund

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Earl Myers: Thursday, February 24 Happy 84th Birthday to Ruth Zimmerman: Friday, February 25

Margaret Wyble: Sunday, February 27



Hinkletown Mennonite Middle School will present *Pollyanna* next weekend, Feb 25 and 26. Our very own Lily Zimmerman will perform as Pollyanna in two of the performances: Friday at 10am and Saturday at 7pm.



This classic tale of optimism and hope is about an orphan

formidable circumstances in a town full of pessimists. She looks for the good in everything by playing her "Glad Game" and brings joy to the dreary townspeople.

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door.

Congregational Meeting and Potluck Lunch

- TODAY: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 -

Everyone is invited to stay for a fellowship meal immediately following today's worship service.

It will be followed by the Congregational Meeting.

SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL

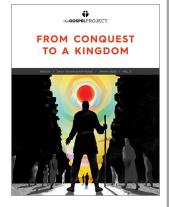
New adult Sunday School books have arrived! Feel free to pick up a copy on the back table.

The 13-session study is titled *From Conquest to a Kingdom*. This spring, we will see that God providentially guides and cares for His people.

Israel's victory over Jericho and other cities proved that God can and will perform miracles. And when the Israelites kept sinning and responding to God

with disobedience, God showed that He takes sin seriously but also offers redemptive grace.

Through this chapter of the Bible's story, we will be reminded of the One in whom all our hope lies: Jesus Christ.



Meeting summaries

Worship Team met on Tuesday, February 8. Highlights include planning for Lent, Maundy Thursday and Easter. A children's band is being planned for Easter.

Minutes are available on the back table at church or can be emailed to you upon request.

Leadership Team met on Tuesday, February 15. We spent time in prayer and planning for our congregational meeting this Sunday February 20. We also discussed our understandings of discernment and hopes for seeking God's leading in the calling of elders.

We also discussed the re-building of our food/hospitality team and our intention to bring that to congregational meeting on Sunday.

Participants included Levi Hoover, Tom Eshleman, Krista Snader, Keith Stoltzfus and Jennifer Eshleman as recording secretary.

Guest speaker February 27:

Next Sunday, we welcome Olivia Imchin who will be sharing about her experiences serving at a local pregnancy center. Olivia is passionate about caring for mothers in crisis pregnancies and providing options that encourage women to choose life.

We look forward to including several prayers and scriptures in our worship next week that uphold God's love for people at all stages of life: the unborn, the poor and marginalized, our enemies, the elderly, refugees...For God so loved the world!

Elder nomination forms are due today!



Please return the forms to Richard Buckwalter's church mailbox or email him at rlbuck@frontiernet.net.

Elders serve on the Leadership Team and share in the spiritual leadership of the congregation. The current members of Leadership team are: Lead Pastor Tom Eshleman Pastoral Team Member Krista Snader Elder of Administration Levi Hoover Elder of Worship Keith Stoltzfus

We are grateful that each of these members will continue on the team. We also recognize there are gifts and abilities not yet represented on our team. We encourage you to keep that in mind as you prayerfully consider people that God may be calling to strengthen our Groffdale leadership.

Leadership Team is thankful that Lloyd Weaver, Ruthie Umble, Richard Buckwalter and Mag Nolt have agreed to join them as a Discernment Team in the calling of elders.

Stewardship University

Saturday, March 5 | Calvary Church, Lancaster

Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and our local faith community that celebrates 20 years of stewardship this year, is coming to Lancaster on Saturday, March 5.

One of the workshops will explore how we can respond to the rising foster care crisis facing our region. Ryan Keith of West Shore Free Church will lead a panel that represents various innovative approaches.

For information or to register, visit StewardshipUniversity.com or contact Lynette Morales at 717-394-0769 or lynette.morales@everence.com Please note: you can receive a \$5 discount when registering online.