

SUPPLEMENT

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

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

Program Fund	\$2728
Leadership Support	\$ 580
Church Facilities	\$ 200

*Today's offering: Groffdale Missionaries, EMM,
10% to Transition to Community
Next Sunday, March 13 offering:
Leadership Support*



Lent

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, a time set aside to remember the love of God poured out through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that brings eternal life.

Our Lenten theme this year comes from 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Let us encourage one another daily."

During Jesus' earthly ministry, He frequently spoke life and encouragement to people around him, even to those rejected and cast aside by society. Let us anticipate growing together as a community of love and encouragement through the love of Jesus as we journey toward Easter!

Maundy Thursday Communion and Foot Washing Service: April 14 at 6:30 pm

We hope you will plan to join us for this simple supper, communion around the tables and foot washing for those who choose to participate.

Our coin offering for the preschool in Catal, Guinea Bissau totaled \$2,169.38!

Thank you for your caring heart for Catal, and for your generosity. Every penny was significant, and will make a immense *change* in the lives of the children of Guinea Bissau. May Jesus Christ be praised!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Belated Birthday to Ruth Youndt:

Thursday, February 24

Alisha Horst: Monday, March 7

Karina Hipple: Monday, March 7

Happy 82nd Birthday to Clarence Martin:

Saturday, March 13

Ruthie Zimmerman: Monday, March 14

Sarah Myers: Monday, March 14

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jeff and Anne Martin: Monday, March 14

You're Invited!



Come and help **Delores Tennis** celebrate her 80th birthday! Drop in on Sunday, March 13 from 2:00-5:00pm at Groffdale Mennonite Church.

UPDATE ON ELDER DISCERNMENT PROCESS

Thank you for your continued prayers for our elder discernment process. Last Wednesday, February 23, our discernment team met for the first time and was able to see the list of people who were nominated for elder.

Our team rejoiced to see so many people affirmed and made the decision to inform each person that they were nominated. A letter was sent to each nominee inviting them to prayerfully consider meeting for a discernment conversation with our team.

We welcome your continued prayers as we seek God's leading and direction.

Pastor Tom traveling to Bulgaria April 26-May 4.

As part of his role as Global Delegate with LMC, Tom plans to travel with Keith Blank and three others to Bulgaria at the end of April, Lord willing.

This trip was previously planned for September until Bulgaria closed to international visitors due to Covid. As with any international travel these days, we submit these plans to the wisdom and guidance of God.



Invitation to encourage our college students!

Everyone is invited to write a card of encouragement to each of our college students. I will be adding goodies to make a care package to send to them.

Our college students are Rebecca Wenger, Kayley Eshleman and Sara Frey at Messiah College, and Tim Wenger at Cedarville College.

Please put your cards in the box on the back table and I'll collect them after church on Sunday, March 20.

Contact Krista Snader if you have questions. Thanks!



MDS DISASTER SERVICE ANNUAL MEETING

You're invited to the MDS Lancaster Unit Annual Meeting, March 14 at 7:00 pm at Manor Church, 530 Central Manor Rd, Lancaster, PA.

There will be inspiring stories of MDS volunteers' work on projects including Church flood cleanup in Downingtown, PA, MDS Storm Aid work in Louisiana, and remarks from Jerry Grosh, MDS Field Operations Manager. This event will be held in person with masks and social distancing.

For more information, please email John Bomberger at jllkbom@verizon.net.

A Litany for Ukraine

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All: Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Ukraine,

One: As they seek refuge from the terrible effects of war.

May they find shelter in God's arm,

As they try to calm their fears.

May they find comfort in God's arm,

As they worry about where to find food and shelter.

May they find comfort in God's arm,

As they witness the death that war brings.

May they find solace in God's arm,

As they leave their homes behind to find safety.

May they find strength in God's arm.

Deliver us all from the madness of believing good can come from violence.

God hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to resist the myths of violence.

God hear our prayer.

Forgive us our pride as a super military power.

God hear our prayer.

Give us the compassion that gives birth to generosity and hospitality.

God hear our prayer.

Let us show love and mercy for those fleeing war.

God hear our prayer.

Mold us as a people of peace.

God hear our prayer.

May God hear our prayers and the cry of the Ukrainian people.