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SUPPLEMENT

"Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant."

Isaiah 55:3

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

Missions	\$1900
MCC/Ukraine	\$ 200
Program Fund	\$3786
Leadership Support	\$1415

Today's offering: Leadership Support

Next Sunday, April 3 offering:

*Groffdale Missionaries, EMM,
20% to Sewing Circle*



*The family of Ruth Groff invites you to participate in a card shower in honor of Ruth's **100th birthday** on April 7.*

*Ruth's address is:
Landis Homes,
1001 E Oregon Road,
Lititz, PA 17543.*

Let's celebrate Ruth's long life of faithfulness by encouraging her with cards!

We are so thankful for the faithful and competent work in the area of finance by Treasurer Henry Youndt and bookkeeper Pat Mast.

Thank you for all you do!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jonas Reiff: Saturday, April 2



Parent ♥ Child
DEDICATION

We are excited to announce a Parent+Child Dedication planned for Sunday, April 10 for the Decembrino family: Daniel and Faith and their children Anthony, Heavenly, Reign, Ever & Paradise.

thank you

I would like to thank everyone who helped me celebrate my 80th birthday. Also for the cards and gifts. I appreciate your kindness.

Thank you, Delores Tennis

Thank you from Tanner and Janessa Eshleman

Thanks to everyone for supporting our chili cookoff fundraiser for our mission trip with Carpenters youth group to Costa Rica.



In Loving Memory

A memorial service for
Menno & Lydia Riehl
is being planned for Saturday, April 2
at 1:00 pm here at Groffdale.
All are welcome!



Today is the fourth 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 comes from 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up."

Upcoming sermon:

April 3: James Wenger
"Mentoring like Barnabas"
Acts 9:19b-31 and Acts 11:19-30

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.

Elder discernment update.

We appreciate your prayers as the discernment team continues our work. Last week we met for three discernment conversations which were deeply meaningful times of hearing people's stories and noticing God's leading in their lives. This past week our team met on Thursday (March 24) for a pause in our interviews to reflect, pray and discern how we sense God leading so far. We are scheduling more times of conversation and prayer for next week.

Our discernment team appreciates and depends on the prayers of each of you in the congregation. Discernment team members include: Mag Nolt, Richard Buckwalter, Krista Snader, Levi Hoover, Lloyd Weaver, Ruthie Umble, Keith Stoltzfus and Tom Eshleman.

help wanted

Camera operators needed! The live streaming for our worship services is greatly appreciated by people who aren't able to join us in person at church. Camera operators are a vital part of this.

We are currently in need of more people who would be willing to learn how to do this. It is not difficult to learn, and mostly involves focusing the camera on the activity in the front of church.

If you are interested in learning and serving in this way, please contact Krista Snader at 717-466-8930.

Pastor Tom's trip to Bulgaria: April 26-May 4

I am privileged to be part of a team preparing for a "Learning journey" to Bulgaria and Greece, led by Keith Blank. The purpose of the trip is to *"grow as a team in our understanding and practice of what it means to follow God's spirit in everyday life and to develop new rhythms of deeply listening to God, obeying what we hear, and sacrificing our personal agendas and expressing compassionate love for others."*

My participation in this trip is related to both my work as global delegate with LMC and also as a friend of Keith Blank who regularly connects with mission leaders in Bulgaria.

Part of our discipleship journey will be prayerfully discerning the world situation and travel risks at the time of our trip. Our group, which includes myself, Keith Blank, Michael Hershey, Rich Sauder, and Phil Shertzer, has been meeting for fellowship and prayer in preparation for this journey.

Thanks for joining us in prayer!