

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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"Do you love Me more than these?" -John 21:15

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

Program Fund	\$ 5273
Leadership Support	\$ 1916
EMM & Groffdale Missionaries	\$ 2316

Today's offering: Groffdale Missionaries and EMM, 10% to Landis Homes Benevolent Fund

Next Sunday, May 8 offering: Leadership Support

A Note From the Treasurer

For the past several months we have had negative balances in the Program Fund and the Leadership Support Fund. As of mid-April, the Program Fund is at -\$4,511 and the Leadership Support Fund is at -\$4,772. The Mission Fund also has a deficit of -\$1,412. We still have positive balances in other funds, which keeps our bank account in the positive. However, the balance in that account is also dwindling.

Please pray for these needs as you plan your giving. If you can give extra to these funds, that will be very much appreciated. Please indicate on your offering envelope which fund you would like your offering to go to. Or just write, "Use where needed," on the envelope.

Also, we are changing the allocation of our mission offerings so that 60% will go toward our commitments to Groffdale supported missionaries. Previously that was 50%.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Henry Youndt, Treas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Rebecca Wenger: Tuesday, May 3

Doris Horst: Wednesday, May 4

Elyse Zimmerman: Wednesday, May 4

Elaine Zuck: Thursday, May 5

Rachel Gavilondo: Thursday, May 5

Deborah Buckwalter: Tuesday, May 9

Roy Reiff: Tuesday, May 9

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Michael & Darla Berg: Thursday, May 5

Lester & Alice Reiff: Friday, May 6



thank you

Thank you for financially supporting Ukraine. Our offering of \$2,374.51 was given to MCC for their work there. MCC's partners are at work on the ground, providing relief where they can with food, medications, fuel and other supplies. Let's continue to pray for peace to return to Ukraine.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Thursday, May 5, 2022 | 6:30-8:00pm

Lancaster Bible College | Good Shepherd Chapel |
901 Eden Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601

While Pastor Tom is in Bulgaria, **Krista Snader will be the point person for pastoral care needs.**

You can reach her at 717-466-8930 or
kbmoyer@yahoo.com.



Church Photo Directory

Groffdale will be getting a new directory in 2022! And we'd love for you to be a part of it! Please:

- **Fill out a questionnaire** (found in your church mailbox and on the back table) and return it to the Church Office mailbox by May 15.
- **Sign up for your family's photo to be taken** on Sunday morning, May 15, 22, or 29; or on Wednesday evening, May 25. The sign up sheets are on the back table.

The Directory Team consists of Jess Kiefer, Mag Nolt, Henrietta Shertzer, Kathy Stoltzfus, and Diane Weaver, with Levi Hoover as the photographer. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Mennonite Life and Garden Spot Village are coming together for a series on the role of the Amish and Mennonite in the community. These events will be held in the Chapel at Garden Spot Village (located at 433 S Kinzer Avenue in New Holland). Each evening will be free to attend without registration.

Plain Living Series: Interplay of Language, Culture, and Faith

Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00pm

Listen in as an Old Order Mennonite historian and Ken Sensenig, church relations staff with Mennonite Central Committee East Coast, discuss the Pennsylvania German language's important roles in the life of certain plain groups.

Plain Living Series: Amish and Mennonite Stories of Mifflin County, PA

Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00pm

A storytelling evening with Tom Spicher, president of Mifflin County Mennonite Historical Society, and Dr. Conrad Kanagy, sociology professor at Elizabethtown College and Mifflin County native. Chet Yoder, Garden Spot Village chaplain, will share from his Mifflin County childhood as well!



MCCL invites you to "Gather Together: singing praise to God", our spring 2022 concert series.

You will enjoy choral music that praises God, celebrates community, and highlights music from around the world and across time. This spring's program includes excerpts from John Rutter's Mass of the Children, *Ich freue mich in dem Herrn* by Lititz native Johannes Herbst, selections from Andrew Carter's *Bless the Lord suite*, and *Hakuna Akaita* a praise song from southern Africa sung in three different languages.

Come experience the beautiful voices of children and youth joined together in song:

May 1 at Strasburg Mennonite Church, 4 p.m
May 7 at Neffsville Mennonite Church, 3pm, 6:30pm

Caeley Zimmerman and Lucinda Snader from our congregation sing in MCCL and would be glad to see you there.

Groffdale's Annual Retreat

at Woodcrest Retreat in Ephrata, PA
will be held **July 8-10, 2022.**

And we're looking for volunteers to assist with planning! If you're interested in helping out (even something like gathering baseball bats for the big softball game) or would like to learn more, please email Jess Kiefer at churchoffice@groffdale.com



If you'd like to reserve a campsite (for tents or RVs), please let Jess know which day(s) you'd like to camp!

We're looking forward to another wonderful retreat weekend!