

# 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	\$ 240
Leadership Support	\$ 517
EMM, Groffdale Missionaries, Landis Homes Benevolent Fund	\$ 3127

*Today's offering: Leadership Support*

*Next Sunday, May 15 offering: Church Facilities*

## *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.

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Deborah Buckwalter:** Tuesday, May 9

**Roy Reiff:** Tuesday, May 9

**Doug Hoover:** Wednesday, May 11

**Norene Martin:** Sunday, May 15



## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**James & Melani Wenger:** Saturday, May 14

Elder affirmation: Lisa Zimmerman, Miriam Auker and Lee Zimmerman have been recommended by the discernment team to the congregation to serve as elders on the Leadership team. On May 15th the congregation will have opportunity to affirm each of these persons to serve. More information can be found on the back table.

*To all the mothers,  
grandmothers, aunts, sisters,  
and other women in our lives  
that care for us and love us  
unconditionally:  
Happy Mother's Day!*



Anna Day has a new email address:  
aldaygrammy@gmail.com.

(But phone or text is still the best way  
to reach her.)



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

Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00pm  
Chapel at Garden Spot Village

*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!*

### **What does "operating the camera" involve?**

Come find out! A very brief (less than 10 minute) informal training will occur right after the service on May 15 and May 22. Attend one to learn about this very important aspect of our live streaming for those who aren't able to join us for worship in person.

(Attendance does not mean you are committing to serve as a camera operator.) Contact Krista with any questions at 717-466-8930.



We will be having monthly church picnics all summer long, and the first one, on May 29, will also feature a Cornhole Tournament! This is open to all ages. Find a teammate and sign up on the back table to be added to the bracket!

### **May 29—at Groffdale**

4:30pm: Cornhole Tournament

5:30pm: Hot dogs and s'mores around a bonfire

### **We need cornhole boards and bags!**

If you have some that we could borrow on May 29, please email Jess at [churchoffice@groffdale.com](mailto:churchoffice@groffdale.com)

### **Save these dates for more picnics:**

June 19: Father's Day Picnic Dinner at Groffdale

July 10: Church Retreat at Woodcrest Retreat, Ephrata

...and more to come!

## **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](mailto:churchoffice@groffdale.com)

We're looking forward to another wonderful retreat weekend!