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"...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes..." Isaiah 61:3

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

Leadership Support	\$ 3553
Program Fund	\$ 100
Church Facilities	\$ 100
Caring Fund	\$ 75
Missions	\$ 1050

Today's offering: Church Facilities

Next Sunday, May 15 offering: Program Fund

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Norene Martin: Sunday, May 15

Darla Berg: Wednesday, May 18

Happy 81st Birthday to Thelma Eberly:

Wednesday, May 18

Keith Stoltzfus: Thursday, May 19

Adriel Gavilondo: Friday, May 20

Heavenly Decembrino: Saturday, May 21

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Lloyd & Elaine Hoover: Saturday, May 21



Update on Elder affirmation:

This Sunday, May 15, we invite you to affirm Lisa Zimmerman, Miriam Auker, and Lee Zimmerman to serve as elders on Groffdale's Leadership Team.

During our worship service we will distribute the affirmation forms immediately after the offering, followed by 3-5 minutes of recorded music when we invite you to prayerfully complete your written form. The affirmation form gives you opportunity to "affirm" or to "not affirm" each of the three people who our discernment team is recommending for elder.

Ushers will then collect the forms and Levi Hoover and Richard Buckwalter will review the feedback from the congregation. Levi Hoover will make an announcement at the close of the service.

If you are not able to be present on Sunday, you are invited to email Levi Hoover at lhoov@frontier.com and let him know whether you can Lisa Zimmerman, Miriam Auker, and Lee Zimmerman as elders, along with any comments. We encourage you to send this email to Levi prior to Sunday morning.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we call leadership for our congregation.

Update on Pastor Tom's Bulgaria trip:

Thank you for your prayers for our team that traveled to Bulgaria April 26-May 4. I'll be sharing stories as part of my sermon, but a highlight was spending significant time with Hari and Penka Antisonov, pastors, church planters and water color artists in the city of Kardzhali in southern Bulgaria. Hari and Penka's lives model an amazing simplicity and deep love for Jesus. Their paintings subtly and boldly proclaim the beauty of transformation that we can experience through Jesus. Hari and Penka carry a passion to make Christ known among the 500+ Roma villages where many Muslims live. They are raising up and equipping a team of men and women to courageously live and share Jesus in these villages. Hari and Penka's lives reflect the beauty of Jesus and inspired me to live more fully for Christ. They have chosen to live in relative obscurity for the sake of Christ, rather than aggressively pursuing fame as artists which they could well have achieved. Thank you, Groffdale, for releasing me for this time of growth and learning among God's beloved people of Eastern Europe.



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.

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

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!

