

# Groffdale Mennonite Church

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*"And People will come from the east and the west, and north and south to recline at the table in the Kingdom of God."*

*Luke 13:29*

## OFFERING

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

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| Church Facilities | \$ 3,341 |
| Missions          | \$ 250   |

*Today's offering: Leadership Support*

*Next Sunday, June 26 offering: Program Fund*



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

**Robert & Anna Nolt:** Tuesday, June 21

**Henry & Ruthie Youndt:** Wednesday, June 22

**Daniel & Faith Decembrino:** Monday, June 27

**Ron & Louise Hock:** Monday, June 27



## SUMMER PICNIC TODAY!

**Sunday, June 19, at Groffdale**

Celebrate Fathers' Day with bacon and burgers provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

4:30pm: Cornhole Tournament outdoors

5:30pm: Dinner in All-Purpose Room

**Sunday, August 21, at Groffdale**

Enjoy a taco bar and ice cream sundae bar as we celebrate our children and wish them a good school year ahead!

**Sunday, September 11, at Ephrata Park**

We'll wrap up our summer picnics with a potluck at the park!

## BAPTISM

A baptism instruction class is being planned for this August. Lisa Zimmerman will be leading a class for children and youth that will begin with a day-long instructional retreat August 23. We will also be forming a class for adults. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tom.



The righteous man walks in his integrity;  
**His children are blessed after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7

### GROFFDALE TRIP TO THE PHILLIES: JULY 25

Jonathan Bauman is reviving our annual Groffdale trip to a Phillies baseball game. Join us on Monday evening, July 25, as they play the Atlanta Braves.

We will meet at Groffdale at 4:00pm and travel together to the game. We'll seek to purchase moderately priced tickets and will verify trip costs with all attendees before purchasing the tickets on July 9.



If you would like to attend, please email Jess Kiefer by Friday, July 8 at [churchoffice@groffdale.com](mailto:churchoffice@groffdale.com).

### Update from Leadership Team:

Leadership team met together on Tuesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 9. We are so grateful that Miriam Auker, Lisa Zimmerman, and Lee Zimmerman have joined Tom Eshleman, Krista Snader, Levi Hoover and Keith Stoltzfus. Highlights from our recent meetings include:

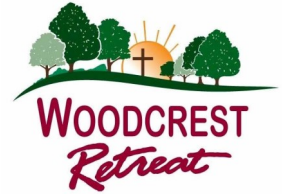
Discussion of upcoming baptism class being offered at Groffdale. We reflected on the meaning and significance of church membership and how it is connected to baptism.

We devoted time in conversation and prayer regarding a food and fellowship ministry at Groffdale, and rejoiced in the new expressions of creative hospitality evidenced by the summer picnics being planned and for the enthusiastic participation.

Leadership Team is identifying food and fellowship as an area of priority ministry in our congregation. **We invite the congregation to join us in praying for renewed clarity of organization, structure and leadership for this ministry.**

We also identified words that should shape our approach to this ministry: simplicity, creativity, accessibility, and joy! Acts 2:46 *"They ate together with glad and sincere hearts."*

### OUR ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT



#### Saturday, July 9

4:30pm: Softball game

6:00pm: Campfire cookout

#### Sunday, July 10

10:00am: Worship Service at Indian Rock Center  
Followed by a fellowship meal, corn hole, and waterslide



If you plan to camp, please let Jess know **today** so she can reserve a site! (The cost is \$42/night.) Email her at [churchoffice@groffdale.com](mailto:churchoffice@groffdale.com).

### Tom and Jennifer Eshleman to Morocco: June 15-24

Pastor Tom and Jennifer are visiting Andres and Angelica Prins in Marrakech, Morocco. Pray that this time can be a blessing and encouragement for Jen, Tom, Andres and Angelica!

### Snaders to Colorado: June 12-24

Brian, Krista, Brandon and Lucinda are driving to Colorado, camping and visiting relatives along the way.

### Pastoral coverage plan for June 15-24

Richard Buckwalter has agreed to serve as the point person for all pastoral concerns. He will work closely with the visitation team, leadership team and others in sharing the ongoing ministry in our congregation. Groffdale is truly blessed with many caring and gifted people!

### Opportunities to bless the community with our building

We are privileged to host two significant community events here at Groffdale this summer:

- The Spanish Council (Shalom) of LMC will hold their annual conference at Groffdale on Saturday, July 9. Spanish Council members are so grateful to be able to use our facility for the approximately 300 people who will be attending.
- Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster will hold their post-tour choir day at Groffdale on Thursday, July 28. The day will conclude with an evening concert open to the public here at the church.

Thank you to each of you in our congregation and to the Property Team for your generosity and hospitality!