

# Groffdale Mennonite Church

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*I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts. —Psalm 119:45*

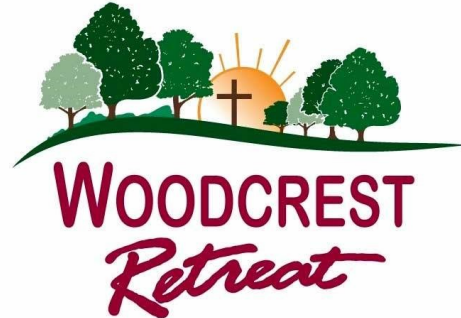
## OFFERING

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

Capital Projects Fund	\$ 1000
Church Facilities	\$ 1000
Education Fund	\$ 500
Leadership Support	\$ 1000
Missions	\$ 1950
Program Fund	\$ 4370

*Today's offering: Groffdale Missionaries, EMM,  
20% to Welsh Mountain Homes*

*Next Sunday, July 10 offering:  
Leadership Support*



We look forward to our annual Church Retreat at Woodcrest **NEXT WEEKEND**:

### Saturday, July 9

4:30pm: Softball game

Everyone is invited to play or watch!

6:00pm: Campfire cookout

A friend of the Wengers from Central Asia will be preparing osh—a special dish!—over the fire. There will be plenty of osh for everyone! (Hot dogs and smores will also be available.)

### Sunday, July 10

10:00am: Worship Service at Indian Rock Center

Followed by a fellowship meal

Please bring a dish to share and your own place setting.

After lunch: corn hole, swimming and waterslide, and enjoying the camp

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Glenn Hershey:** Sunday, July 3

**Kathy Weaver Wenger:** Monday, July 4

**Ray Horst:** Monday, July 4

**HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY TO JIM HANNA!**

Wednesday, July 6

**Sara Catherine Frey:** Saturday, July 9

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

**John & Ruth Zimmerman:** Tuesday, July 5

**Keith & Kathy Stoltzfus:** Tuesday, July 12



### Sunday School Sabbath in August


In an effort to provide a late summer sabbath rest for our Sunday School teachers, Sunday school classes will be taking a break during the month of August.

Throughout August, the cafe will open each Sunday at 9:00. Sunday School classes are welcome to gather informally in the cafe or in their Sunday school classrooms for fellowship.

Sunday School will resume on September 11.



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.



We are in need of more people to learn how to work

Projection for our morning services at Groffdale. If you are interested in learning what is involved in Projection, you are welcome to come to a training on July 24 or 31 immediately after the morning worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Weaver.

**Leadership Team update:**

Leadership Team met this past Tuesday morning at 9:30 for prayer. We experienced a meaningful time together (partially on Zoom due to Pastor Tom’s Covid quarantine). Our team is finding that it is valuable to have occasional meetings without an agenda other than fellowship and prayer.

Leadership Team members include Levi Hoover, Keith Stoltzfus, Lisa Zimmerman, Lee Zimmerman, Krista Snader, Miriam Auker and Tom Eshleman.

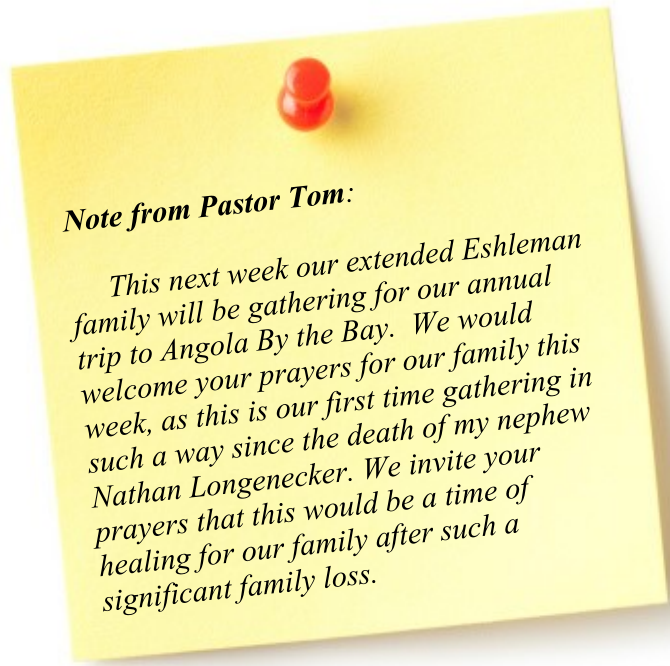
**GROFFDALE TRIP TO THE PHILLIES: JULY 25**

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 at [churchoffice@groffdale.com](mailto:churchoffice@groffdale.com) by Friday, July 8.



**Note from Pastor Tom:**

*This next week our extended Eshleman family will be gathering for our annual trip to Angola By the Bay. We would welcome your prayers for our family this week, as this is our first time gathering in such a way since the death of my nephew Nathan Longenecker. We invite your prayers that this would be a time of healing for our family after such a significant family loss.*

**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!