

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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OFFERING

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

Leadership

Support \$ 4102

Missions \$ 710

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you*

A note of thanks to the folks of Groffdale for your prayers and notes of encouragement and get well soon. I, Richard, am grateful to be on the road to recovery from hip replacement surgery and rejoice with you in God's gracious gift of healing through medical wisdom and His presence.

Blessings to each of you,

Richard and Deborah Buckwalter

Dear Groffdale church,

We are overwhelmed by God's kindness to us through all of you! The house, meals, cards, and all the prayers and concern for our family are just amazing. Elisabeth continues to heal, praise God!

With Love, the Saragih family

Thanks for your feedback regarding the tri-fold bulletin design. We will move to this format starting next week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Steve Nolt: TODAY! Sunday, November 20

Happy 82nd Birthday to Miriam Weaver!

Monday, November 21

Fern Bauman: Wednesday, November 23

Happy 89th Birthday to John Zimmerman!

Tuesday, November 29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jonas & Emma Reiff: Monday, November 28



**Advent series begins November 27:
*God came near...for those far away***

We look forward to beginning our Advent series next week: "God came near...for those far away". Sermons will focus on people from Scripture who were surprising characters in the salvation story, beginning with Rahab and Ruth. Who would have imagined the prostitute Rahab and the Moabite Ruth playing such an important role in God's story and becoming part of the lineage of Jesus the Messiah?

As we journey through Advent, may we marvel at the unimaginable grace of Jesus!

Preaching schedule for Advent

November 27: Pastor Tom

Rahab; Ancestor of the Messiah!

December 4: Pastor Tom

The Story of Ruth, Noticed and Loved by God

December 11: Pastor Tom

December 18: Steve Lindsey

Relief in the Name of Christ

You are invited to bring items for Mennonite Central Committee Relief Kits, which will be given to displaced people. Please place the items at either end of your bench in the sanctuary. We will collect these items during Advent.

Items in each Relief Kit: 4 bars bath soap, shampoo, 4 bars laundry soap, 4 toothbrushes, 4 bath towels, 2 wide-toothed combs, sanitary pads (thin), 1 nail clipper, 1 box bandaids.

Our congregation will miss Norma Rutt while she is with family in Georgia over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Norma enjoys getting mail from her Groffdale friends while she is away, and her GA address is:

Norma Rutt

c/o Gerald and Lauretta

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