

Groffdale Mennonite Church



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022

Groffdale Mennonite Church

Our Mission: To be a healing community of believers
passionately committed to Jesus as Lord
through worship, nurture, and outreach.

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Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Prelude by Joe Jaskolka

Opening Hymn led by Rick Umble

“Bless'd be the God of Israel” (Blue hymnal #174)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Dave Moore

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries, Eastern Mennonite
Missions, 10% Groffdale Sewing Circle

Advent Reading and Candle-lighting

Children's Time and Collecting Relief Kit items

Praise Team led by Keith Stoltzfus

Scripture: Ruth 1: 6-18

Sermon by Tom Eshleman

“Ruth, Noticed and Loved by God.”

Hymn of Response

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (Red hymnal #123)

Sharing time and prayer

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers Glen and Joyce Shenk, and those behind-
the-scenes: Projectionist Diane Weaver, Sound Tech Clair
Mast, Live Stream Jim Evans, Camera Operator Mim
Auker, Back Table Helper Anna Day, and Nursery Workers
Rachel Gavilondo and Faye Woods.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Pray for Fayth Roberts who is in the hospital with severe abdominal pain. Pray for healing and relief of pain for Fayth.
- Pray for Leane Groff as she recovers from a recent bout with Covid at Brethren Village Rehab.
- Pray for continued healing for Helen Hershey after her recent shoulder surgery.
- Pray for Paul Gehman as he recovers and heals from broken ribs.
- Pray for Tanner Eshleman as he experiences the last three weeks of discipleship training in Costa Rica and prepares for outreach in northern Costa Rica in January.
- Give thanks to God for the small group gathering in the Groffdale Cafe on Tuesday evenings for marriage enrichment classes led by Leon and Naomi Zimmerman. This group includes several couples from Tajikistan.
- Continue to pray for the Saragih family living in the 170 House. Pray healing for their daughter Elisabeth.
- Pray healing for Joe Jaskolka as he receives treatment for prostate cancer.
- Pray for Groffdale Leadership Team as they meet next Friday, December 9.

Events this week:

Tuesday: **Sewing Circle**, 9:00am

Bring 3 dozen cookies for the cookie plates we make. For lunch, bring a finger food to share. Sandwiches will be provided.

Wednesday: **Morning Prayer Group**, 8:30am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Joyce Shenk: Thursday, December 8

Lexi Kreiner: Thursday, December 8

Joy Witmer: Friday, December 9

Happy 83rd Birthday to Minerva Nolt:

Saturday, December 10

Kathy Heft: Tuesday, December 13

Second Sunday of Advent

Today we continue our Advent series “God came near....for those far away.” Sermons will focus on people from Scripture who were surprising characters in the salvation story. Last Sunday we looked at the incredible story of Rahab the prostitute, who was woven into the salvation story and became the ancestor of Jesus! Today we look at the Moabite Ruth who would appear to be beyond the scope of God’s love and concern. Ruth’s story of redemption points toward our complete redemption in Jesus! As we journey through Advent, may we marvel at the unimaginable grace of Jesus!

Preaching schedule for Advent

December 11: Sermon by Pastor Tom
“For Those who Keep Watch”

December 18: Sermon by Steve Lindsey

December 25: Sermon meditation by Pastor Tom

Christmas Eve Service at 6:30pm

Join us for an evening of singing, Scripture reading and candle lighting as we worship Christ the newborn King! Cookies and drinks will be served. You’re welcome to invite family, friends and neighbors!



Norma Rutt's address during the holiday season:

Norma Rutt, c/o Gerald and Laretta Eshleman
2576 Georgia Highway 88, Hephzibah, GA 30815

Bob Mohler's new address:

3398A Gap Road, Ronks, PA 17572

Congratulations! to Janessa Eshleman

Janessa was recently inducted into the National Honor Society!

Relief in the Name of Christ

We are collecting items during Advent for Mennonite Central Committee Relief Kits, to be given to displaced people. Please place the items at the end of your bench.

Each Relief Kit contains: 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.

Year-End Giving

As year-end approaches, some of you may be considering some extra giving and wondering where to direct it. Our Leadership Support Fund has been operating with a negative balance and currently the deficit is over \$5,000. Please prayerfully consider this as you plan your giving. Thanks for your faithful support.

Henry Youndt, Treas.

Opportunity to serve

Henry Youndt has faithfully served as treasurer for many years and would like to soon retire from that position. Prayerfully consider whether you sense a call to this type of involvement at Groffdale. Henry is willing to be a mentor as you learn. Feel free to contact Henry for information in regards to the role.

OFFERING

Listed below is the total for last week's offering and deposits. Thanks for giving so generously!

Leadership Support \$5,405.00

Serving Next Sunday, December 11

Prelude: Linda Myers

Hymns Leader:

Lisa Zimmerman

Worship Leader:

John Shertzer

Sermon: Tom Eshleman

Projectionist:

Janessa Eshleman

Sound Tech: Dale Weaver

Live Stream: Jim Evans

Camera Operator:

Dawn Moore

Ushers: Glenn and Helen

Hershey

Offering: Leadership Support

Back Table: Fern Bauman

Nursery Workers:

Jen Eshleman and

Lisa Zimmerman



Pastor: Tom Eshleman, 717-669-4578 (cell);
717-656-6388 (office)

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