

Groffdale Mennonite Church



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 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 Rick Umble

Opening Hymn led by Glenn Hershey:

“Brightest and Best”

Welcome and Call to Worship by Brandon Snader

Offering for Church Facilities

Advent Reading (written by Henry Youndt)

and Candle-lighting

Children's Time and Collecting Relief Kit items

Praise Team led by Tom and Jen Eshleman

Scripture: Luke 2: 1-7

Sermon by Steve Lindsey

“The Nameless, Faceless Masses of the
Marginalized”

Hymn of Response: “I Heard the Bells” (#152 Red hymnal)

Sharing time and prayer

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers John and Henrietta Shertzer, and those
behind-the-scenes: Projectionist Diane Weaver, Sound
Tech Dale Weaver, Live Stream Jim Evans, Camera
Operator Levi Hoover, Back Table Helper Brian Snader,
and Nursery Workers Joyce Shenk and Ruthie Umble.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Pray for Sharon Eberly as she returns to Landis Homes after some time in the hospital.
 - Pray for Caeley Zimmerman as she takes part in the Hinkletown Christmas play this Friday and Saturday.
 - Pray for those for whom the holiday season is painful and difficult as they remember loved ones.
 - Pray for Joe Jaskolka as he continues treatment for prostate cancer.
 - Pray for J and M as they have arrived in the US for Christmas. Pray that God would bless their time with meaningful experiences with friends and family.
 - Pray for Andres and Angelica as they have now returned to Morocco.
 - Pray continued healing and recovery for Faythe Roberts after her hospitalization last week.
 - Pray continued healing for Leane Groff.
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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:30pm

The choir is rehearsing and many exciting plans are coming together! Hot chocolate, hot cider and cookies will be served.

During the Christmas Eve service we will collect an offering that will be given to Mennonite Central Committee for the relief efforts in Ukraine. We encourage you to invite friends, family and neighbors!

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, December 25: A Christmas morning worship service of congregational singing, special music by the choir, instrumental music, and meditation by Pastor Tom.

Krista Snader will lead the children in packing one of our relief kits for Mennonite Central Committee.

January 1, 2023: Sharing by Lanny Millette and Rob Weatherholtz from Potter's House ministry.

Events this week:

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

Saturday: **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**, 6:30pm

Please note: *Sunday School classes will not be meeting on Christmas Day and New Years Day. The Cafe will be open at 9:30am both of these days and classes are welcome to gather informally as you choose.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Henry Youndt: Thursday, December 22

Miriam Martin: Thursday, December 22

Daniel Decembrino: Tuesday, December 27

Janessa Eshleman: Tuesday, December 27



*thank
you*

*Thank you to Lisa Zimmerman and the Discipleship/
Mentor class who came Christmas caroling, bringing lots
of love and joy to our home on Sunday evening. God
bless you all.*

Much love, Lois and Curvin

Note of thanks to the Sewing Circle

Thank you for blessing so many people with the delicious plates of cookies! This is a wonderful tradition that is so appreciated!



Let's bless and encourage Sharon Eberly with a card shower as she returns to her new home.

1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543

Norma Rutt's address during the holiday season:

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

SAVE THE DATE: Fellowship meal and congregational meeting. February 5, 2023. There will be a chili cook-off! More information coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE: Stewardship University. March 18, 2023. Registration opens December 15.

A note from Everence for your consideration:

If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and you are over age 70 ½, you may be eligible to consider an IRA charitable rollover to our congregation (as well as to other certified 501(c)3 organizations). Everence Financial is here to help! Brochures with more information about QCDs (Qualified Charitable Distributions) are available on the back table.

Leadership Team update:

Thank you for your prayers for Leadership Team as we met this past week at the Hurst House BnB. This was a beautiful setting for our team to reflect on God's faithfulness over the past year. We spent some time looking ahead to our congregational meeting on February 5 and identified a sub-committee to work on an updated church structure graphic that we will present at the meeting. We gathered at the top of the hill to pray for the congregation while overlooking the valley in all the directions where people from our congregation live. We shared communion around the table before eating lunch together. We are grateful to God as we look forward with hope.

Pastor Tom to Cuba in January

As part of his work with LMC, Pastor Tom will be traveling to Havana, Cuba from January 20-27, 2023 for a gathering of Cuban Mennonite churches who relate to LMC. We invite your prayers as Tom travels with Samuel Lopez, Tuyen Nguyen and several others.

OFFERING

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

Church Facilities	\$ 100.00
Leadership Support	\$ 5,160.00
Missions	\$ 100.00
Program Fund	\$ 875.00

Serving Next Sunday, December 25

Prelude: Bob Mohler

Hymns Leader:

Henry Youndt

Worship Leader:

Krista Snader

Sermon: Tom Eshleman

Projectionist: Chris Martin

Sound Tech: Dale Weaver

Live Stream: Will Baumiller

Camera Operator:

Harold Mohler

Usher: Minerva Nolt

Offering: Leadership Support

Back Table: Mag Nolt

Nursery Workers: Dawn Moore
and Faye Woods



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