

Groffdale Mennonite Church



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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

Congregational Singing led by Rick Umble

“Praise God from whom” (blue hymnal #119)

“Praise him, praise him!” (blue hymnal #100)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Mim Auker

Offering for Leadership Support

Children's Time

Congregational Singing

“Create in me a clean heart” (blue hymnal #128)

“Savior, like a shepherd lead us” (blue hymnal
#355)

Scripture: I Peter 1: 3-12

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

“In all this you greatly rejoice!!”

The Cuban church and the resilience of God's people

Congregational Singing

“They that wait upon the Lord” (blue hymnal #584)

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: Sound Tech Clair Mast, Live Stream
Chris Martin, Camera Operator Mag Nolt, Back Table Help-
er Anna Day, and Nursery Workers Brian Snader and
Ruthie Umble.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Pray for Miriam Weaver who spent time at Ephrata Hospital over the past week. Miriam was able to return to Welsh Mountain Home on Wednesday.
- Give thanks to God for the safe and meaningful travels experienced by Rachel and Yamil Gavilondo and their family in Belize last week.
- Pray for the family of David Shenk, who passed away on Tuesday morning. Pray for Andres Prins as he returns to Pennsylvania to attend the funeral on February 18.
- Pray for our congregational meeting and chili cook-off this afternoon.
- Pray for Sharon Eberly who recently moved to personal care at Landis Homes.
- Pray for Tim and Donna Horst and their son Ben as they grieve the passing of their daughter-in-law Brittney this past week. Pray especially for the two young children who have lost their mother.
- Pray for the Cuban Mennonite church and all the people of Cuba during these times of food shortages and economic struggles. Give thanks for the meaningful experience Pastor Tom had with their churches last week.
- Pray for the Groffdale website/social media meeting this Thursday, February 9. The group includes Jim Evans, Lee Zimmerman, Jess Kiefer, Krista Snader and Tom Eshleman.
- Give thanks to God for the strong congregational affirmation for Krista Snader last Sunday for her role as Associate Pastor.
- Pray for Marlin and Norene Zimmerman as they undergo the bittersweet process of cleaning and selling Marlin's home.

Looking ahead:

Coffee Break: Wednesday, February 15

Come see pictures and hear about Harold Mohler's recent trip to Israel and Palestine. Join us on February 15th at 10:00am in the Café at Groffdale.

Game/puzzle night: Sunday, March 12

with a finger food potluck! 4:00-8:00pm

Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and our local faith community, is coming to Lancaster on Saturday, March 18, 2023. This year's theme is *Rooted in faith. Reimagined for the future*, and the keynote speaker will be Peter Greer, President and CEO of HOPE International.

For information or to register (at a discounted rate through February 9!), visit everence.com/StewU. For questions, contact Lynette Morales at 717-394-0769 or lynette.morales@everence.com.

Thank you for your prayers while I traveled to Cuba from January 20-27. It was a very eye-opening experience for me to learn the extent of the suffering of the Cuban people. Food, medicine and other essential items are in short supply in stores. Salaries are very low and the prices for everything are quite high. One man I met works as a computer programmer and he earns the equivalent of \$30.00 US per month. In the midst of their suffering, I experienced the Cuban believers as people of deep joy and thanksgiving. At the conference, we experienced exuberant worship and praise. I will never forget the times of prayer as people cried out to the Lord! Join me in praying for the people of Cuba. Join me in giving thanks to God for their dynamic witness of faith in Jesus Christ!

Pastor Tom

Events this week:

TODAY: **Chili Cook-off and Congregational Meeting,**
Following Worship Service

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Naomi Weaver: Monday, February 6

Austin Horning: Tuesday, February 7

Happy 80th Birthday to Henrietta Shertzer:

Tuesday, February 7

Happy 88th Birthday to Lydia Martin:

Sunday, February 12

Bela Tennis Speller: Monday, February 13

Happy 84th Birthday to Lois Buchen:

Monday, February 13

Dale Weaver: Tuesday, February 14

*thank
you*

I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your encouragement, prayers and affirmation of me during my LMC credentialing. It is an honor and a blessing to serve and lead this Groffdale family. I look forward to seeing how God will continue to work in and through us all for the glory of God!

Krista Snader, Associate Pastor

OFFERING

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

One Lunch, for

Mennonite World Conference \$ 75

Program Fund \$3550

Serving Next Sunday, February 12

Prelude: Linda Myers

Camera Operator: Dawn Moore

Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman

Ushers: Glenn and Helen

Worship Leader:

Hershey

Lee Zimmerman

Offering: Church Facilities

Sermon: Austin Horning

Back Table: Doris Horst

Projectionist: Janessa Eshleman

Nursery Workers:

Sound Tech: Dale Weaver

Rachel Gavilondo and

Live Stream: Jim Evans

Faye Woods



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