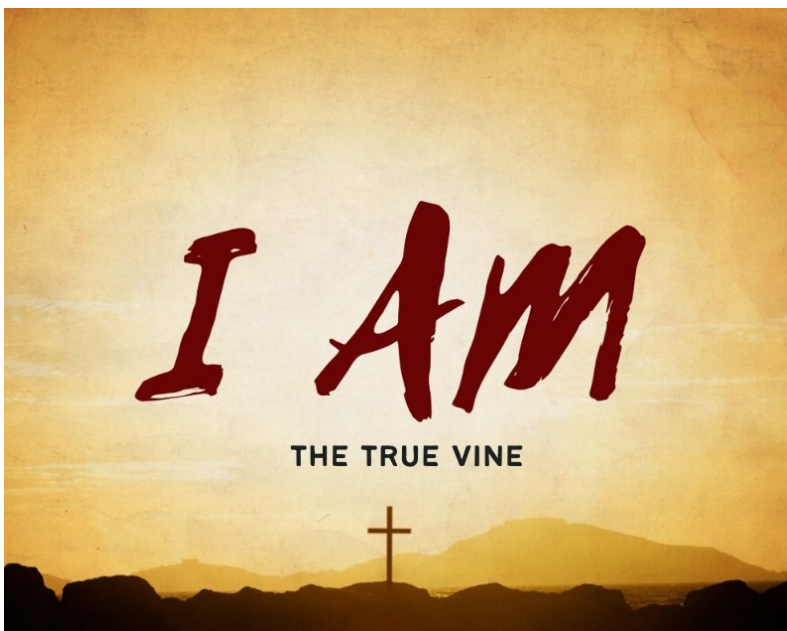


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Our Mission: To be a healing community of believers  
passionately committed to Jesus as Lord  
through worship, nurture, and outreach.

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***Welcome! We are glad you are here!***

Prelude by Rick Umble

Opening Song led by Mark Wenger

"O Worship the Lord" (Blue hymnal #124)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Steve Lindsey

Offering for Leadership Fund

Offering for MCC's My Coins Count

Congregational Singing

"O For a Thousand Tongues" (Blue hymnal #81)

"I Love to Tell the Story" (Blue hymnal #398)

"I Need Thee Every Hour" (Blue hymnal #555)

Scripture: John 15: 1-17

Sermon by Pastor Krista Snader

"Jesus said, I am the true vine"

Closing Song: "Be Thou My Vision" (Blue hymnal #545)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

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*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!  
Including Ushers Lenny and Mim Martin, and those  
behind-the-scenes: Projectionist Chris Martin, Sound Tech  
Brian Snader, Live Stream Will Baumiller, Camera Operator  
Harold Mohler, Back Table Helper Linda Herr and Nursery  
Workers Fern Bauman and Mag Nolt.*

## Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Pray for the family of Norene Martin as they remember the life of Norene's sister Irene Martin who passed away this past week.
- Pray for Jake and Rhoda Smucker and their family as they grieve the sudden passing of Jake's son Justin.
- Pray for Caeley Zimmerman as she travels to Jamaica with the mission team from Hinkletown Mennonite School from March 27-April 1.
- Pray for Jennifer Eshleman as she travels to Spain on Tuesday, March 28 to visit her daughter Kayley who is studying at the University of Granada. Jennifer returns on Thursday, April 6.
- Pray for Miriam Weaver as she recovers from aortic valve replacement surgery and returns to Welsh Mountain Home.
- Pray for Kathy Weaver Wenger as she begins the next stage of her new treatment regimen. Pray for restored health for Kathy and for strength for Mark as he supports her.
- Pray for Tanner Eshleman as his Vida220 team begins a two week mid-term resourcing time at the mission base in San Jose, Costa Rica.
- Pray for Pastor Krista Snader as she brings our message today on Jesus, the true vine.
- Pray for Bob Mohler as he endures a difficult recovery period from recent retina surgery.

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## **Pastor Tom at Franklin District Missions Conference**

This Sunday evening, March 26, Pastor Tom will be speaking at the Franklin District missions conference at Marion Mennonite Church in Chambersburg, PA. Pray for Tom as he shares about the ways LMC is blessed by relationships with churches who were planted through mission efforts through the years. This involvement is part of Tom's work as Global Delegate with LMC.

## Events this week:

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Jonas Reiff:** Sunday, April 2

**Yamil Gavilondo:** Tuesday, April 4



### **LENT PREACHING SCHEDULE**

Our Lenten sermon series focuses on the seven “I AM” statements of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

**April 2, Palm Sunday:** Dave Moore  
*“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”*

**April 9, Easter Sunday:** Tom Eshleman  
*“I am the Resurrection and the Life”*

## *Holy Week at Groffdale*

### **Maundy Thursday, April 6**

6:30pm: Maundy Thursday service in All-Purpose Room  
*A light supper will be served, followed by communion and foot washing. An offering will be received for the Brotherhood Fund which assists people experiencing financial need.*

### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

9:00am: Coffee and pastries will be served  
in the All Purpose Room  
*Sunday School classes will not be meeting.*

9:30am: Children’s egg hunt

10:00am: Easter worship service



## **Easter eggs need to be filled!**

It's time to prepare for our Easter egg hunt! Please take home empty Easter eggs, located in the back of the sanctuary; fill them with candy, stickers, coins; and return them by Sunday, April 2. Thanks for your help with this!

## **Global Disciples Dinners**

You are invited to attend a dinner hosted by Global Disciples, and hear inspiring stories about reaching least-reached peoples. They will be held:

April 11 at 6:30pm: Yoder's Restaurant/Buffer, New Holland

April 13 at 6:30pm: DoubleTree WillowValley in Lancaster

April 18 at 6:30pm: Brick Gables in Lititz

To register, visit <https://globaldisciples.org/lancaster/>

## **Groffdale Church World Service Welcome Team**

After prayer and discernment, a group from Groffdale has formed a Refugee Welcome Team at the invitation and encouragement of Church World Service. Jennifer Eshleman and Lisa Zimmerman will be co-leading this team that includes Joyce Shenk, Marv Smoker, Krista and Brian Snader, Rachel Gavilondo and Tom Eshleman. There will be many opportunities for others from our congregation to get involved and this Welcome Team will be active in facilitating that assistance. The team's first step involves taking care of required background clearances. When our team is ready, Church World Service will connect us with a refugee family in need of a Welcome Team. Let's pray together as a congregation for the family that God is preparing us to welcome.

## **Leadership Team update**

Thank you for your prayers as Leadership Team met on Tuesday, March 21. We sensed your prayer support as we spent significant time looking at Groffdale's mission and vision. Lee Zimmerman led us in reflecting on how God is at work among us and how we believe God desires to focus our energies in this next season of church life. We invite your continued prayers as our congregation together seeks to listen and obey the voice of our Good Shepherd.

## OFFERING

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

Facilities:	\$ 562
Leadership Support:	\$ 1488
Missions:	\$ 794
Program Fund:	\$ 3780

### Serving Next Sunday, April 2

Prelude: Joe Jaskolka

Hymns Leader: Rick Umble

Worship Leader:

Lee Zimmerman

Sermon: Dave Moore

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Sound Tech: Clair Mast

Live Stream: Chris Martin

Camera Operator: Mim Auker

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Offering: Groffdale Missionaries  
& EMM, 20% to

Sewing Circle

Back Table:

Nursery Workers:



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