

*Groffdale Mennonite  
Church*

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WORLD  
AND Preach THE  
GOOD NEWS >> MARK <<  
16:15 <<  
TO ALL CREATION

*May 7, 2023*

# ***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 Song led by Rick Umble

“I owe the Lord a morning song” (Blue hymnal #651)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Lisa Zimmerman

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries, EMM,

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Worship in song

“How firm a foundation” (Blue hymnal #567)

“Oh, have you not heard” (Blue hymnal #606)

Scripture: Matthew 28: 16-20

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

Jesus commissions all of us!

Closing Song: “Teach me thy truth” (Blue hymnal #548)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

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*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 Chris Martin, Camera Operator Mim  
Auker, Back Table Helper Ruthie Umble, and Nursery  
Workers Anna Day and Anne Martin.*

## Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Pray for Faythe Roberts as she recovers from recent surgery.
- Pray for Lee Zimmerman as he prepares to travel to Thailand with Global Disciples May 12-20.
- Pray for the Groffdale Refugee Welcome Team as they continue their preparations for a family.
- Pray for Becki Day as she visits friends in Saudi Arabia. Pray especially for Hillary who needs hope, Amber who needs an advocate, Roli who needs rescued and Kit Kat who needs cured (from Becki's prayer letter) .
- Pray for Mark and Kathy Wenger as they travel to Alaska.
- Pray for Jackson Sensenig, four year old great nephew of Glenda and Jim Evans. Jackson was recently diagnosed with cancer and is being treated at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Pray for his parents Chrissy and Joey Sensenig during this difficult time.
- Pray for the EMM board as they meet here at Groffdale on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13.
- Pray for Visa approvals for Jennifer and Andrew, ministry partners of James and Melani in Central Asia.
- Pray for Dale and Clete Weaver and their family as they grieve the passing of their brother Clair and celebrate his life of faithfulness to Jesus.

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### **MAY PREACHING SCHEDULE**

**May 14:** EMM board member Henry Tolbert  
from Good News Fellowship in Alabama

**May 21:** Pastor Tom Eshleman  
The Significance of Christ's Ascension

**May 28:** Richard Buckwalter  
Pentecost Sunday and the Gift of the Holy Spirit

## Events this week:

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

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Deborah Buckwalter:** Tuesday, May 9

**Roy Reiff:** Tuesday, May 9

**Doug Hoover:** Thursday, May 11

**Norene Martin Zimmerman:** Monday, May 15

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**James & Melani Wenger:** Sunday, May 14



*thank  
you*

Thank you to everyone for making my birthday so special last Sunday. I was truly surprised and blessed by your care, creativity and generosity! You are all also very good at keeping a secret! Your congregational gift is an amazing expression of love for our family that is so appreciated. I loved the ways the children and youth were involved in sharing their unique gifts of music, drama and craftsmanship. Thanks Jennifer, Krista, Lisa and Rachel for organizing all that.

For those who may not know, Brandon Snader made the baseball bat out of ash on his grandfather's lathe. If you'd like to take a closer look at it, I will have it at church on Sunday on display. Thank you so much to everyone!

Pastor Tom

## **Note for guests and visitors:**

*We are so glad you are joining us for worship this morning and we hope you come again. We invite you to fill out one of the guest cards found on the back of the church benches and place the completed card in the offering plate.*

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Groffdale Outdoor Work Day**

*Saturday, May 20 at 8:00am*

### **Groffdale Retreat**

*July 7-9 at Woodcrest Retreat, Ephrata, PA*

Groffdale's annual camping weekend

If you will be camping over the weekend, please make reservations with Jess: [churchoffice@groffdale.com](mailto:churchoffice@groffdale.com).

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### **Groffdale hosting EMM board meeting on May 12 and 13**

We look forward to hosting this significant board meeting that supports the work of EMM around the world. Lisa Zimmerman is a member of the EMM board. Another EMM board member, Henry Tolbert from Good News Fellowship in Alabama, will deliver the message on Sunday, May 14.

### **Update on Church World Service Refugee Welcome Team**

Thank you for your prayers for the Groffdale Refugee Welcome Team which includes co-leaders Jennifer Eshleman and Lisa Zimmerman and Krista Snader, Brian Snader, Rachel Gavilondo, Marv Smoker, Joyce Shenk and Tom Eshleman.

The team met on May 2 and they are currently working on their background clearances and other prerequisites. The goal is for the team to be ready by May 19, at which time Church World Service may offer us a potential family to serve and welcome. Please join us in praying God's leading and discernment as a family is chosen for us. There will be a variety of ways that the congregation can be involved, so we will keep you posted!

## OFFERING

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

Leadership Support	\$ 3795
Missions	\$ 150

### Serving Next Sunday, May 14

Prelude: Linda Myers	Camera Operator: Dawn Moore
Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman	Ushers: Glenn and Helen Hershey
Worship Leader: Brian Snader	Back Table: Faye Woods
Sermon: Henry Tolbert	Nursery: Mag Nolt
Projectionist: Janessa Eshleman	Offering: Leadership Support
Sound Tech: Dale Weaver	
Live Stream: Jim Evans	



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