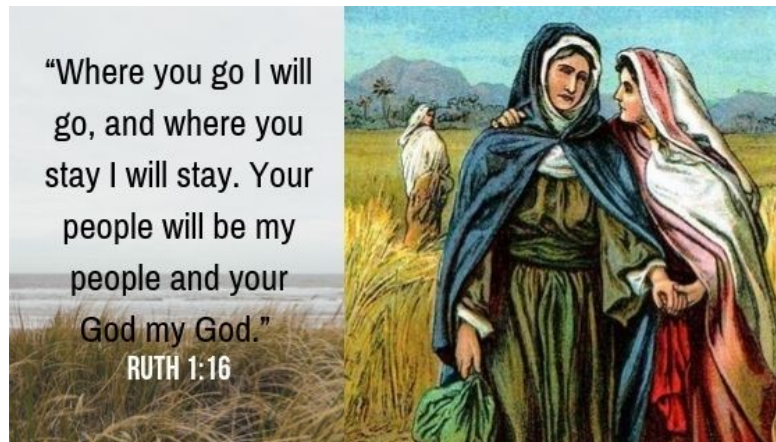


Groffdale Mennonite Church



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RUTH 1:16

God's Heart for the Refugee
June 18, 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 Bob Mohler and Rick Umble

Opening Song led by Glenn Hershey

“Now Thank We All Our God” (Red Hymnal #556)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Steve Lindsey

Offering for Leadership Support

Children’s Time led by Pastor Tom Eshleman

Congregational Singing

“Come, Come Ye Saints” (Blue Hymnal #425)

“Heart With Loving Heart United”

(Blue Hymnal #420)

Scripture: Ruth 1: 6-22

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

“Your People Shall Be My People”

Closing Song

“Blessed Be The Tie That Binds” (Blue Hymnal #421)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today! Including Ushers
Glenn and Helen Hershey, and those behind-the-scenes:*

Projectionist Becki Day, Sound Tech Dale Weaver, Live Stream Keith

*Stoltzfus, Camera Operator Harold Mohler, Back Table Helper Anna Day, and
Nursery Workers Jen Eshleman and Joyce Shenk.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for Lee, Lisa, Caeley, Lily and Elyse Zimmerman as they travel and visit friends in Kosovo and Greece.

Pray for Elsie Hanna who is a patient at LGH. Elsie will be having heart valve surgery as soon as possible. Pray for Elsie's husband Jim as he supports her.

Pray for the Djari family as they travel this week from Chad to begin their new life in the United States. Pray for our Church World Service Welcome Team as we prepare to assist and serve them.

Pray for housing to become available for the Djari family.

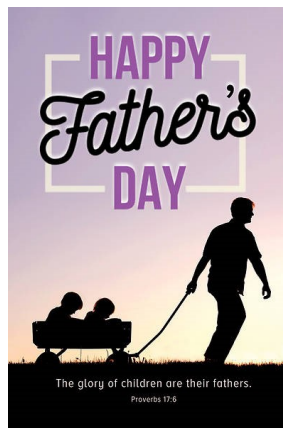
Pray for Janessa Eshleman as she visits her friend Emma Weaver in Halle, Germany.

Give thanks to God for the rain we received this week. Let us pray for more of these rains that are so needed.

Pray for areas of the world enduring more severe drought than we are currently experiencing.

Pray for all those from our congregation who are traveling over the summer.

Pray for Daryl and Jen Hoover serving in Costa Rica with Vida Net and EMM. Their latest update is on the bulletin board.



Thanks to all the good men who raise, teach, mentor, and lead by example.

Events this week:

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dawn Moore: TODAY Sunday, June 18

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Robert and Anna Nolt: Wednesday, June 21

Henry and Ruthie Youndt: Thursday, June 22

Ron and Louise Hock: Tuesday, June 27

***Seeking housing for family of eight
from Sudan***

The Groffdale Church World Service Welcome team anticipates the arrival of the Djari family on June 22. The Djari family is originally from Sudan and have been living in a refugee camp in Chad for the past ten or more years. The family will need housing for eight people which

includes a mother and her seven children ranging in age from 6-20. **We are seeking God's provision of a rental property of no more than \$1,200.00 per month.** We

invite you to pray and to make us aware of any possibilities you are aware of in the Ephrata-Leola-New Holland-Lancaster area. You may contact Jennifer Eshleman (jeneshleman2@gmail.com) or any member of the Welcome team which includes Lisa Zimmerman, Joyce Shenk, Krista Snader, Brian Snader, Rachel Gavilondo, Tom Eshleman and Marv Smoker.

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.

Groffdale Retreat

July 7-9 at Woodcrest Retreat, Ephrata, PA

A team has been formed who will be giving oversight to our camping activities at Woodcrest Retreat July 7-9. If you would like to camp on Friday and Saturday nights, please make reservations by signing up on the paper sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church or by contacting Keith Stoltzfus at knkis@gmail.com or 717-286-8565. Costs of campsites are \$30 per night. Checks can be made out to Groffdale Mennonite Church with memo "camping" and placed in Henry Youndt's mailbox. Please place cash payments in an envelope with a note indicating your name and "Woodcrest camping".

This year we are planning to have a cornhole tournament. We will be holding it at the campground on Saturday evening with playoffs on Sunday afternoon if need be, depending on the number of teams. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church as well as one in the front vestibule on the table under the mailboxes. Teams can be spouses, friends, or if you do not have someone to compete with and wish to play, we will put teams together so everyone

THANK YOU!!

Thank you for the prayers, words, and deeds of kindness during my recent back surgery, and now my time of recovery.

Lloyd Weaver

OFFERING

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

Church Facilities	\$3,727
Program Fund	\$ 225
Leadership Support	\$ 200

Serving Next Sunday, June 25

Prelude: Caeley Zimmerman Back Table: Doris Horst
Hymns Leader: Mark Wenger Nursery: Faye Woods and Fern
Worship Leader: Dave Moore Bauman
Projectionist: Chris Martin Offering: Program Fund
Sound Tech: Brian Snader
Live Stream: Keith Stoltzfus
Camera Operator: Mag Nolt
Ushers: Leonard and Mim Martin



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