

***Groffdale Mennonite  
Church***



***July 2, 2023***

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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

Opening Song led by Rick Umble

“O Worship the King” (Red Hymnal #10)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Mim Auker

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries & EMM-

20% Welsh Mountain Home

Congregational Singing

“Our Great Savior” (Red Hymnal #89)

“The Love of God” (Red Hymnal #67)

Scripture: Acts 16: 11-15

Sermon by Pastor Krista Snader

"Lydia's Conversion in Philippi"

Closing Song

“There is A Redeemer” (Red Hymnal #206)

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: Pro-  
jectionist Diane Weaver, Sound Tech Dale Weaver, Live Stream Chris Martin,  
Camera Operator Clete Weaver, Back Table Helper Doris Horst, and  
Nursery Workers Anne Martin and Ruthie Umble.*

### ***Bring to the Lord in prayer***

- Pray for the Djari family as they adjust to life in the United States. Pray wisdom for our Groffdale Welcome Team as we support them alongside Church World Service.
- Pray for Pastor Tom and Jennifer and their family as they travel to visit family in Michigan, returning on Wednesday July 5.
- Pray for healing for Levi Hoover who has been experiencing serious neck and back pain and now anticipates surgery sometime in the next month.
- Pray for the family of Elsie Hanna as they grieve her passing and celebrate her life. Pray especially for Jim Hanna as he makes the many adjustments ahead.
- Pray for James and Melani and their family during these weeks of connecting with family and friends in the U.S.
- Pray for continued healing for Lloyd Weaver after recent back surgery and for Deborah Buckwalter recovering from hip replacement surgery.

### ***Update from Refugee Welcome Team***


A new sign up sheet is at the back of the church with opportunities for you to get involved. Our most significant need at this time is for drivers who can help with transportation. Church World Service requires background clearances for all drivers and our team is willing to help anyone through that process. A Welcome team member will follow up with anyone who signs up regarding the next steps. If you would like to contribute financially to our efforts, a Groffdale account has been set up for these donations. You may contribute at any time by writing a check to Groffdale with memo "Refugee Welcome Team." Some of our early expenses include purchasing groceries, furniture and other household items. Thank you for your partnership in this important ministry!

### ***Receiving New Members - Sunday August 20***

On Sunday August 20th, our congregation will be receiving Steve and Sandy Lindsey and Mark and Kathy Wenger as members. We are glad to include others who are also interested in church membership as part of our August 20 worship service. Church membership is open to those who have made a confession of faith in Jesus Christ, either through transfer of membership or becoming a first time congregational member. For those making a first time commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we offer the opportunity for "new believers" classes leading to baptism and membership. Please contact Pastor Krista Snader or Pastor Tom Eshleman if you are interested in either church membership or a new believers class.

**Morning Prayer Group** meets every Wednesday at 8:30 AM in the Conference Room. Everyone is invited to join this group for a meaningful time of prayer and fellowship.

There will be no Sewing Circle in the month of July.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Glenn Hershey:** Monday July 3  
**Kathy Weaver Wenger:** Tuesday, July 4  
**Ray Horst:** Tuesday, July 4  
**Jim Hanna:** Thursday, July 6  
**Sara Frey:** Sunday, July 9

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**John and Ruth Zimmerman:** Wednesday, July 5

***Sunday School break in August***

This year we will again take a break from Sunday School during the month of August. Over the years, this August respite has provided opportunity for teachers to take a break and for preparation for the new year. We encourage classes to think about other ways you prefer to use this time. The cafe will be open at 9:30 and classes are welcome to gather informally for fellowship.

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***Vision Statement Workshop***

***Sunday, August 6***

Groffdale Leadership team is in the process of writing a new vision statement for our congregation and would like to hear your thoughts and receive your input. On Sunday August 6th everyone is welcome to stay after church and participate in this gathering. Bring along your lunch and then we'll begin this interactive and engaging workshop!

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There are copies from the June Administration Team meeting on the back table.

**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**

There will be a variety of events for our retreat at Woodcrest.

Camping sites are still available for those who wish to camp overnight. Cost is \$30 per site. A signup sheet is on the rear table or contact Keith Stoltzfus at [knskjs@gmail.com](mailto:knskjs@gmail.com) or 717-286-8565 if you are interested. Payment for the sites should be made out to Groffdale Mennonite Church with memo "camping" and placed in Henry Youndt's mailbox. Cash payments should also be placed in an envelope and earmarked "Woodcrest camping."

**Saturday events:**

- Children's activity and games Saturday afternoon at the campground
- Baseball game beginning at 5:00 PM. Bring gloves, bats, and ball if you plan to participate. Spectators are welcome.
- Cornhole tournament beginning at 6:30 PM. Teams should sign up on the sheet at the rear of the church or contact Keith Stoltzfus. Again, spectators are welcome.
- Candy & peanut scramble for children and those young at heart at 7:00 PM.
- Campfire after the tournament – hot dogs, veggie & fruit trays, smores & drinks will be provided.

**Sunday events:**

- Sunday services at Indian Rock Center starting at 10:00 AM. —  
—Livestream will not be available.
- Fellowship meal following the service. Bring a hot or cold dish and personal place settings. Drink will be provided.
- Pool time & Water Slide – The pool and water slide are free for those who are camping. Anyone else interested in swimming should see Keith Stoltzfus for pool/water slide passes. Note: There is a modest swimsuit policy with Woodcrest.

## OFFERING

Listed below are the totals for last week's offering and deposits.

Thanks for giving so generously!

Program Fund \$4,445

Refugee Resettlement Fund \$ 770

### Serving Next Sunday, July 9—Woodcrest

Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman

Projectionist: Janessa Eshleman

Worship Leader: Krista Snader

Sound Tech: Brian Snader

Sermon: Story Telling and Testimonies

Ushers: Glenn and Helen Hershey

Facilitated by Pastor Tom

Offering: Leadership Support

#### *Preaching schedule*

July 16—Dave Moore

July 23—Lee Zimmerman

July 30—Pastor Tom



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