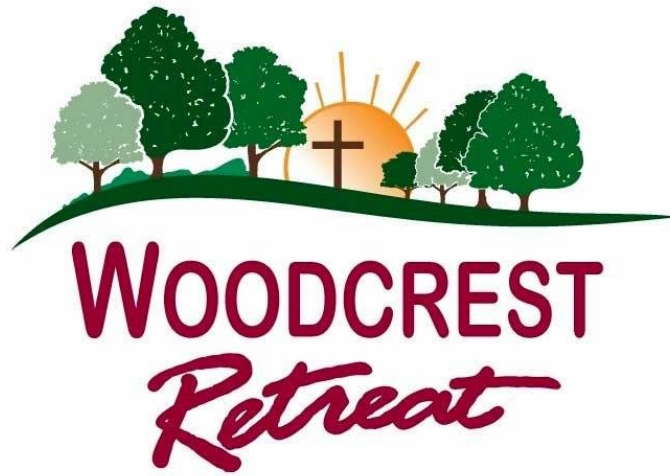


*Groffdale Mennonite
Church*



July 9, 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 to enjoy
God's creation in the woods!***

Opening Song led by Lisa Zimmerman

"He Has Made Me Glad"

Welcome and Call to Worship by Pastor Krista Snader

Offering for Leadership Support

"Praise The Lord Together"

Congregational Singing

"How Great Thou Art"

"We Will Glorify"

Storytelling and Testimonies

Facilitated by Pastor Tom Eshleman

Closing Song

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers Glenn and Helen Hershey, and those behind-the-
scenes: Projectionist Janessa Eshleman and Sound Tech
Brian Snader.*

Everyone is invited to stay for the fellowship meal after the
service today.

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 swim-
suit policy with Woodcrest.

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.
- Praise God for the good recovery that Deborah Buckwalter is experiencing after her hip surgery and Lloyd Weaver after his back surgery.
- Pray for healing for Levi Hoover who has been experiencing serious neck and back pain and now anticipates surgery July 13th.
- Update from Mark and Kathy Wenger: No grandbaby yet (as of Wednesday morning). Medication to induce labor didn't get things going. After three days in the hospital, daughter Charlotte went home to await natural labor.
- Pray for James and Melani and their family during these weeks of connecting with family and friends in the U.S.
- Pray for Andres and Angelica Prins as they anticipate returning to the US at the end of July for a one-month stay.

Update from Refugee Welcome Team

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. If you are interested, talk to a Welcome Team member 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!

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sara Frey: TODAY Sunday, July 9

Lester Reiff: Thursday, July 13

Lisa Hoover: Thursday, July 13

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY TO LLOYD WEAVER: Thursday, July 13

Grace Moore: Friday, July 14

HAPPY 83rd BIRTHDAY TO PAT MUSSELMAN: Monday, July 17

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Keith and Kathy Stoltzfus: Wednesday, July 12

Lloyd and Naomi Weaver: Thursday, July 13

Roy and Ada Burkhart: Tuesday, July 18

Tom and Jen Eshleman: Tuesday, July 18

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.

. 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.

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!

Everence Federal Credit Union YOUTH Savings week is this week, July 10-14. Join online or in your local branch in Ephrata or Lancaster for fun pet-themed activities for kids of all ages and a special savings account promotion, as we help youth embark on their financial journey. Learn more at Everence.com/youth-savings-week.

July Preaching schedule

July 16– David Moore

July 23—Lee Zimmerman

July 30—Pastor Tom

OFFERING

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

Thanks for giving so generously!

Welsh Mountain Home	\$1,000
Missions	\$4,230
Refugee Fund	\$3,350
MCC Grant for Refugees	\$2,000

Serving Next Sunday, July 16

Prelude: Rick Umble

Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey

Worship Leader: Lee Zimmerman

Sermon: David Moore

Projectionist : Becki Day

Sound Tech: Clair Mast

Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus

Camera Operator: Ruthie Umble

Ushers: Lee and Lisa Zimmerman

Back Table Helper: Rachel Gavilondo

Nursery Workers: Jen Eshleman and

Joyce Shenk

Offering: Church Facilities



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