

Groffdale Mennonite Church



*Daring, Prepared,
and Open-minded*

July 23, 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 Lily Zimmerman and Janae Gaddy

Opening Song led by Henry Youndt

“All Creatures of Our God and King” (Red Hymnal #64)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Lisa Zimmerman

Offering for Program Fund

Congregational Singing

“Jesus, Name Above All Names” (Red hymnal #112)

“Jesus Paid It All” (Red hymnal #210)

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer” (Red hymnal #506)

Scripture: Acts 17: 1-14

Sermon by Lee Zimmerman

“Daring, Prepared, and Open-Minded”

Closing Song

“Jesus Saves” (Red hymnal #306)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers Leonard and Mim Martin, and those behind-
the-scenes: Projectionist Chris Martin, Sound Tech
Dale Weaver, Live Stream Jim Evans, Camera Operator
Lloyd Weaver, Back Table Helper Fern Bauman, and Nursery
Workers Faye Woods and Dawn Moore.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer

- Pray for Levi Hoover as he recovers from aspiration pneumonia.
- Pray for Becki Day as she leaves on Monday July 24 on a prayer team to India.
- Pray for James as he returns to Central Asia next week. Melani returns a month later. Pray for them during this month when they are apart.
- Pray for Andres and Angelica as they return to the US from Morocco next week for a month-long visit.
- Pray for Tanner Eshleman in his last weeks of Vida 220. He returns home on August 4.
- Pray for the Djari-Abdelkerim family from Sudan and for the Welcome Team as they relate to them.
- Pray for Lee Zimmerman as he brings our message today.

Groffdale trip to the Phillies August 21

Jonathan Bauman is planning a trip to see the Philadelphia Phillies play the San Francisco Giants on Monday August 21. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. You can also email Pastor Tom if you are interested. The cost per person is \$75.00 that includes ticket and transportation. Game starts at 6:40 pm and we plan to meet at the church at 3:30 pm. The Phillies always win when we make this trip!

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!

Kathy Stoltzfus: Tuesday, July 25

Steve Lindsey: Thursday, July 27

Ezekiel Gavilondo: Sunday, July 30

Ed Heft: Monday, July 31

Levi Hoover: Tuesday, August 1

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Marv and Rhoda Smoker: Thursday, July 27

Clair and Pat Mast: Monday, July 31

Clete and Diane Weaver: Tuesday, August 1

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.



Congratulations to first-time grandparents, Mark and Kathy Wenger! Charlotte and Kyle are proud parents of Micah, born on July 18th. Praise God for this new bundle of joy!

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!

Receiving New Members - Sunday August 20

On Sunday August 20, our congregation will be receiving Steve and Sandy Lindsey, Mark and Kathy Wenger and Paul and Edith Gehman 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.

Norma Rutt now has an email address: normarutt@gmail.com

You will see a packet of information in your church mailbox today with updated scheduling guidelines and rates for use of church facilities.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Woodcrest Retreat weekend for next year is scheduled for July 12-14, 2024.

OFFERING

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

Thanks for giving so generously!

Church Facilities	\$4,400
Missions	\$ 735
Program Fund	\$ 905
Leadership Support	\$1,070
Refugee Fund:	\$ 150

Serving Next Sunday, July 30

Prelude: Linda Myers

Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus

Hymns Leader: Marv Smoker

Camera Operator: Mag Nolt

Worship Leader: Ruthie Umble

Usher: Minerva Nolt

Children's Time: Kathy Stoltzfus

Back Table Helper: Linda Herr

Sermon: Tom Eshleman

Nursery Workers: Steve and Sharon Nolt

Projectionist : Diane Weaver

Offering: Leadership Support

Sound Tech:



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