

Groffdale Mennonite Church

The Lord of heaven and earth...



Acts 17:24

July 30, 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 Linda Myers

Opening Song led by Marv Smoker

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Blue Hymnal #46)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Ruthie Umble

Offering for Leadership Support

Praise Team led by Jim Evans, Ray Horst and Joe Jaskolka

Scripture: Acts 17: 24-34

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

“That They Might Seek Him and Find Him”

Closing Song

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (Blue Hymnal #343)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Usher Minerva Nolt, and those behind-the-scenes: Pro-
jectionist Diane Weaver, Sound Tech Brian Snader,
Live Stream Keith Stoltzfus, Camera Operator
Harold Mohler, Back Table Helper Linda Herr, and Nursery
Workers Steve and Sharon Nolt.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer

- Pray continued healing for Levi Hoover as he recovers from back surgery.
- Pray for Delores Tennis who was in a car accident this week.
Delores was not injured but she needs to replace her car.
- Pray for God's provision of housing for the Sudanese family that Groffdale is serving with our Church World Service Welcome Team. Their current housing is available until September 1.
- Pray for Becki Day and her prayer team in India.
- Pray for Andres and Angelica Prins as they arrive here in the US for a month-long stay. Pray that their time would be refreshing and renewing.
- Pray for James as he has returned to Central Asia and for Melani here in the US for another month. Pray for James and Melani during this month when they are apart.
- Pray for Tanner Eshleman in his concluding week with Vida220 and as he returns home August 4.

Update from the Refugee Welcome Team

Our Welcome Team continues to be busy transporting the Djari/ Abdelkerim family to various appointments at the doctor's office, clothing bank, Social Security office and trips to the grocery store. We are so encouraged by the number of Groffdale folks who are stopping by to visit and learn to know the family. Without a doubt, all of these visits are appreciated and welcomed by the family. Thank you for demonstrating the hospitality of

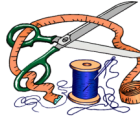
Jesus! These visits give the family continued practice with English and we observe noticeable progress. Some of the adult members of the team also participated in an English Conversation class at

Washington Ave. Bible Church in Ephrata on Wednesday

evening. Our two most significant needs for the family at this time are permanent housing (the current house is available until

September 1) and also job opportunities. Finding housing for 17 people is a daunting challenge, however, God is faithful and He will do it!

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.



Sewing Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 1 at 9:00 AM.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ezekiel Gavilondo: TODAY Sunday, July 30

Ed Heft: Monday, July 31

Levi Hoover: Tuesday, August 1

HAPPY 87th BIRTHDAY TO CURVIN BUCHEN: Friday, August 4

HAPPY 85th BIRTHDAY TO ROY BURKHART: Monday, August 7

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY TO ANNA NOLT: Tuesday, August 8

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Clair and Pat Mast: Monday, July 31

Clete and Diane Weaver: Tuesday, August 1

Ed and Kathy Heft: Friday, August 4

Leadership Team has done some work clarifying terms for those serving on Leadership Team. Terms provide opportunity for reflection, intentional communication and renewed commitment. All terms are renewable. More information and details are available on papers at the information table.

SAVE THE DATES!

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.

Groffdale trip to the Phillies-Monday, 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!

Back To School Event—Friday, August 25

Hot Dog Roast and Cornhole More details will follow.

Tree Planting Task Force—Saturday, October 28

The Tree Planting Task Force is excited to announce we have a date for planting trees at Groffdale with help from Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. Mark your calendars for Saturday October 28 at 10:00 AM to come and help plant over 300 trees! Even if you don't want to dig a hole, there will be plenty of other ways to help!

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.

OFFERING

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

Program Fund	\$	3,516
Church Facilities	\$	60
Refugee Fund	\$	350

Serving Next Sunday, August 6

Prelude: Joe Jaskolka
Hymns Leader: Rick Umble
Worship Leader: Steve Lindsey
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman
Projectionist : Diane Weaver
Sound Tech: Dale Weaver
Livestream: Chris Martin

Camera Operator: Mim Auker
Ushers: Leonard and Mim Martin
Back Table Helper: Anne Martin
Nursery Workers: Ruthie Umble and Anna
Day
Offering: Groffdale Missionaries &
EMM (20% CV Christian Community
Services



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VISION STATEMENT QUESTIONS

Leadership Team is in agreement that it would be a good step for our congregation to create a new vision statement. We believe that God speaks to and works through every person in our congregation and therefore value your input. We also acknowledge that not everyone may have interest in this process and understand if you choose not to participate.

In anticipation of the gathering on August 6th, here are a few questions to spark your thinking. **Remember to bring a lunch; drinks will be provided.**

1. What are some gifts, strengths and characteristics of Groffdale at this present time that could indicate the unique calling and vision for Groffdale in the next three to five years?
2. What words and/or ideas would you use to describe the life of Groffdale Mennonite Church in the near future?
3. How do you see the Groffdale congregation expressing it's love for God in the near future?
4. How do you anticipate God using the Groffdale congregation to share the Good News in the near future?