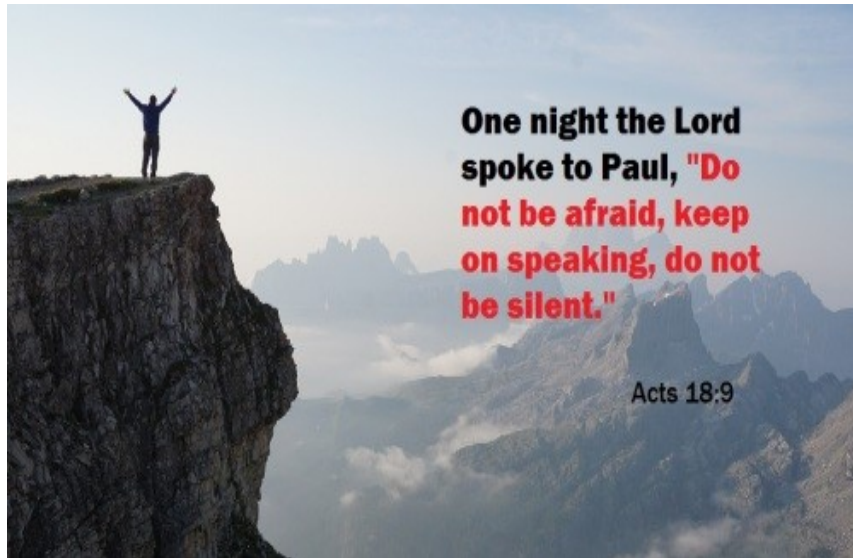


Groffdale Mennonite Church



One night the Lord
spoke to Paul, "**Do
not be afraid, keep
on speaking, do not
be silent.**"

Acts 18:9

August 6, 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

“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer” (Red hymnal #16)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Steve Lindsey

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries and Eastern Mennonite

Missions -20% CV Christian Community Services

Children’s Time

Congregational Singing

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Red hymnal #2)

“Behold, What Manner of Love” (Red hymnal #71)

Scripture: Acts 18: 1-11

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

“God’s Great Work in a Dark Place”

Closing Song

“Guide my Feet “(Blue hymnal #546)

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 Diane Weaver, Sound Tech Dale
Weaver, Live Stream Chris Martin, Camera Operator
Mim Auken, Back Table Helper Anne Martin, and Nursery
Workers Ruthie Umble and Anna Day.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer

- Pray for Becki Day as she participates in the prayer team to India.
Pray for housing to become available for the Djari family from Sudan.
- Pray for Andres and Angelica during this time of connecting with many people while they are in the US.
- Pray for Melani and James during this time when they are apart. (James is in Central Asia and Melani will join him later this month.)
- Pray for the Administrative Team led by Levi Hoover as they meet this Wednesday August 9.
- Pray for Tanner Eshleman as he arrives home from Costa Rica on Saturday August 5 after a year with Vida220.
- Pray for our congregational vision and mission meeting this Sunday after church.
- Pray for a kidney to become available for Rick and Ruthie Umble's son Randy.

We look forward to our Vision Statement Workshop being held today in the All-Purpose room after the service. These are the questions we will discuss:

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?



NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for your prayers, calls, visits, and cards for Marie and me, during my recent hospitalization and recovery. We are blessed to be part of Christ's body at Groffdale. Levi Hoover

Thank you to everyone who called and texted me with words of encouragement after my car accident last week. Delores Tennis

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!

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

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

HAPPY 85th TO DOLORES MUSSELMAN: Wednesday, August 9

Verna Martin: Wednesday, August 9

(Miss) Thelma Eberly: Saturday, August 12

Lee Zimmerman: Monday, August 14

Janelle Horning: Tuesday, August 15

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Earl and Linda Myers: Wednesday, August 9

Levi and Marie Hoover: Thursday, August 10

Receiving New Members and Communion

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.

We also look forward to receiving communion together as a congregation. Let us prayerfully anticipate this time of celebrating and remembering Christ’s redemptive work on the cross.

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. **Please put your payments in the church office mailbox at the back of the church.** The 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.

Save the Date: 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 and Labor Day weekend. Over the years, this 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. Classes will resume on Sunday, September 10.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

August 13: Sermon by Steve Lindsey

August 20: Membership Sunday; testimonies and communion

August 27: Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

September 3: Sermon by Pastor Krista Snader

OFFERING

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

Thanks for giving so generously!

Leadership Support	\$4,617
Program Fund	\$ 220
Church Facilities	\$ 220
Refugee Fund	\$ 50

Serving Next Sunday, August 13

Prelude: Linda Myers

Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman

Worship Leader: Dave Moore

Sermon: Steve Lindsey

Projectionist : Janessa Eshleman

Sound Tech: Clair Mast

Livestream: Jim Evans

Camera Operator: Dawn Moore

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Back Table Helper: Brian Snader

Nursery Workers: Rachel Gavilondo
and Doris Horst

Offering: Leadership Support



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