

# ***Groffdale Mennonite Church***

HOWEVER, I CONSIDER MY LIFE  
WORTH NOTHING TO ME;

*my only aim is to finish the race  
and complete the task the Lord  
Jesus has given me—*

THE TASK OF TESTIFYING TO THE  
GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE

*Acts 20:24*



***August 13, 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 Lisa Zimmerman

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence” (Blue hymnal #528)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Dave Moore

Offering for Leadership Support

Praise Team led by Keith Stoltzfus

“Victory in Jesus”

“Heaven Came Down”

“His Mercy is More”

“In Need”

Scripture: Acts 20:24 Matthew 25:14-28

Sermon by Steve Lindsey

“God’s Calling in the Second Half”

Closing Song

“Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing” (Blue hymnal #514 )

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: Projectionist Diane Weaver, Sound Tech Clair Mast, Live Stream Jim Evans, Camera Operator Dawn Moore, Back Table Helper Brian Snader, and Nursery Workers Rachel Gavilondo and Doris Horst.*

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

- Pray for Mary Jane Assis who experienced a fall last week at her home.
- Pray for all of our school students as they anticipate transitions and new routines in the coming weeks.
- Pray for Steve Lindsey as he brings our message this Sunday morning.
- Continue to pray for the Djari family as they adjust to life in the U.S. Pray especially for provision of permanent housing.
- Pray for the Groffdale refugee team as they interact with and serve the Djari family. Pray for wisdom as the team seeks to assist while also empowering the family toward independence.
- Pray for Lexi Kreiner as she celebrates the birth of her son, Colton David Cameron on August 7.



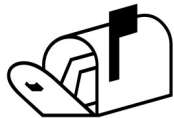
### ***Job Opening at Groffdale Mennonite Church***

We are looking for an Administrative Assistant. This is a part-time position. Please share with your friends and family about this opportunity. Contact Levi Hoover (lhoov@frontier.com), Elder of Administration, for more information.



### ***Pastoral Care Needs***

Pastor Tom and his family plan to be at Angola By the Bay in Delaware from Friday, August 11-Wednesday, August 16. Pastor Krista and her family will be on vacation from Sunday evening, August 13-Friday, August 18. If there is a pastoral care need between August 14 and 16, please contact Diane Weaver (717 330-4451) and she will communicate with the visitation team members.



#### **New address:**

Mary Jane Assis  
46 Arrowhead Dr.  
Ephrata, PA 17522

**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!**



**Lee Zimmerman:** Monday, August 14

**Janelle Horning:** Tuesday, August 15

**Rhoda Smoker:** Wednesday, August 16

**Eldon Witmer:** Friday, August 18

**Jean Wissler:** Friday, August 18

**Fred Reeser:** Saturday, August 19

**Harold Musselman:** Sunday, August 20

**HAPPY 89th BIRTHDAY TO LEANE GROFF:** Monday, August 21

**ANTICIPATING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**



We look forward to receiving three households into membership at Groffdale next Sunday! Sandy and Steve Lindsey, Kathy and Mark Wenger, and Edith and Paul Gehman! We also anticipate sharing communion together and having a special prayer of blessing for Andres, Angelica, James and Melani as they depart. (James left for Central Asia several weeks ago)

Thank you to everyone who participated in our congregational vision meeting last Sunday! We are grateful for the hopeful spirit we sense among us for the future of our church!

### ***Family Fun Night***

Plan to attend a fun night of roasting hot dogs and s-mores, and playing cornhole on Friday, August 25 at 5:30 PM here at Groffdale. We will have a variety of other foods to enjoy. We plan to give special recognition to those starting a new school year.

### ***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!

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### ***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.

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### ***Upcoming Preaching Schedule***

**August 20:** Membership Sunday; testimonies and communion

**August 27:** Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

**September 3:** Sermon by Pastor Krista Snader



**Reframing Aging: A dialogue about living with purpose and passion in every season** will be held on Monday,

September 11 at 10am at Yoder's

Restaurant & Buffet. Ervin Stutzman,

church leader, educator and author will speak and facilitate small group discussion. This event is ideal for church leaders and laypersons who are interested in learning how to harvest the wisdom of a life well-lived. The event will include lunch and costs \$10 per person. Don't miss this opportunity. RSVP at [gsc.gl/ReframingAging](https://gsc.gl/ReframingAging) or call 717.380.2273 by 9/1/2023.

## OFFERING

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

Missions and Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services	\$4,110.15
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### Serving Next Sunday, August 20

Prelude: Bob Mohler and Rick Umble  
Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey  
Worship Leader: Pastor Krista Snader  
Sharing by new members,  
Communion, Commissioning  
Projectionist: Becki Day  
Sound Tech: Dale Weaver  
Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus

Camera Operator: Harold Mohler  
Ushers: Glenn and Helen Hershey  
Back Table Helper: Joyce Shenk  
Nursery Workers: Jen Eshleman and  
Dawn Moore  
Offering: Program Fund



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