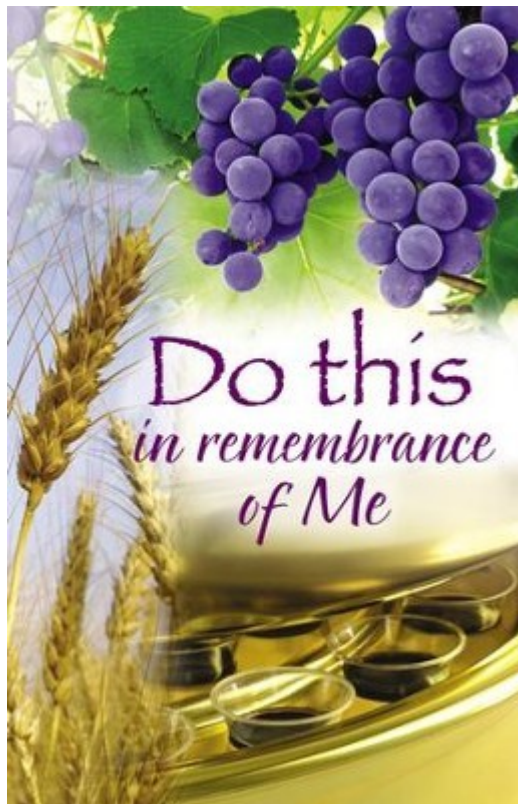


*Groffdale Mennonite
Church*



August 20, 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 Bob Mohler and Rick Umble

Opening Song led by Glenn Hershey

“Come Let Us All Unite to Sing” (Blue Hymnal #12)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Pastor Krista Snader

Offering for Program Fund

Congregational Singing

“Christ is Our Cornerstone” (Blue Hymnal #43)

“Heart with Loving Heart United (Blue Hymnal #420)

Receiving new members

Paul and Edith Gehman

Steve and Sandy Lindsey

Mark and Kathy Wenger

Song of Response

“The Church’s One Foundation” (Blue Hymnal #311)

Scripture Meditation and Communion

Closing Song

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer” (Blue Hymnal #344)

Commissioning prayer for workers

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers Glenn and Helen Hershey,, and those behind-the-scenes:
Projectionist Becki Day, Sound Tech Dale Weaver, Live Stream Keith Stoltz-
fus, Camera Operator Harold Mohler, Back Table Helper Joyce Shenk, and
Nursery Workers Jen Eshleman and Dawn Moore.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer

Pray for Mary Jane Assis as she recovers from a recent fall.

Pray for our college students as they begin classes next week; Timothy Wenger at Cedarville, Tanner and Kayley Eshleman at Messiah.

Pray for all of our students heading back to school over the next several weeks. Lucas Heft-Akron Elementary, Elyse, Lily and Caeley Zimmerman (Hinkletown), Lucinda (Ephrata Intermediate School) Brandon Snader (Ephrata Middle School), Jeshua Day and Elijah Gavilondo (Garden Spot Middle School), Jose and Adriel Gavilondo (New Holland Elementary), Janessa Eshleman (Ephrata High School)

Pray for Andres, Angelica, Melani and James as they return to their locations this week.

Pray for the people of Maui who are affected by the destructive wildfires.

Pray for the Djari-Abdelkerim family as they begin registering for school and anticipate the many challenges of beginning school in a new culture.



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.



Back to School Blessing

Next Sunday August 27 we will have a blessing for those returning to school. Each student, teacher and bus driver is invited to bring along their backpack, lanyard or school bag!

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!

Harold Musselman: TODAY Sunday, August 20

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

Harold Mohler: Wednesday, August 23

Linda Myers: Sunday, August 27

**A SPECIAL BLESSING TO FRED RESSER
WHO CELEBRATED HIS 63rd BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY.**



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. Remember to bring lawn chairs.

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 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 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!

Leadership Support	\$4,120
Refugee Fund	\$ 300
Missions	\$ 100

Serving Next Sunday, August 27

Prelude: Caeley Zimmerman
Hymns Leader: Mark Wenger
Worship Leader: Brandon Snader
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman
Projectionist : Chris Martin
Sound Tech: Brian Snader
Livestream: Levi Hoover

Camera Operator:
Ushers: Lee and Lisa Zimmerman
Back Table Helper: Anna Day
Nursery Workers: Faye Woods and
Fern Bauman
Offering: Leadership Support



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