

*Groffdale Mennonite
Church*



August 27, 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 Caeley Zimmerman

Opening Song led by Mark Wenger

“Jesus, Stand Among Us” (Blue Hymnal #25)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Brandon Snader

Offering for Leadership Support

Blessing for Students, Teachers, and Bus Drivers

Congregational Singing

“Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah” (Blue Hymnal #50)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Blue Hymnal #591)

“A Shelter in the Time of Storm” (Red Hymnal #353)

Scripture: Romans 15: 1-13

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"The God Who Gives Endurance and Encouragement"

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 Lee and Lisa Zimmerman, and those behind-the-scenes:
Projectionist Chris Martin, Sound Tech Brian Snader, Live Stream
Levi Hoover, Camera Operator Lloyd Weaver, Back Table Helper
Anna Day, and Nursery Workers Faye Woods and Fern Bauman.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer

Pray for Becki Day as she begins her new teaching assignment teaching third and fourth grade at Lancaster Mennonite School.

Pray for James, Melani, Andres and Angelica as they transition back to their locations.

Pray for all of our students returning to school these weeks.

Pray for our college students; Timothy Wenger at Cedarville, Tanner and Kayley Eshleman at Messiah.

Pray for those impacted by the fires in Hawaii and the hurricane in California.

Continue to pray for housing to become available for the Djari-Abdelkerim family.

Give thanks to God for a meaningful time of fun and fellowship for the group that went to the Phillies game on Monday.

Pray for our Groffdale Leadership team meeting on Friday August 25.

Pray for Ervin Stutzman as he prepares to teach at the "Reframing Aging event" at Yoder's Restaurant on September 11. (you can still register for this event)

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.

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!

Linda Myers: TODAY Sunday, August 27

Helen Hershey: Wednesday, August 30

Nancy Ressler: Monday, September 4

Clair Mast: Tuesday, September 5

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Curvin and Lois Buchen: Friday, September 1

MCC School Kits

MCC is collecting school kits. Please feel free to pick up one or more bags from the foyer and fill them with the following items:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8-1/2 x 10 1/2" and 70 pages)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality, indicating 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

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There are copies from the August Administration Team meeting on the back table.

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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unday 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.



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.

Address correction: Lexi Kreiner, Lucas and Colton

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Note for guests and visitors:

We are so glad you are joining us for worship this morning and we hope you come again. We invite you to fill out one of the guest cards found on the back of the church benches and place the completed card in the offering plate.

OFFERING

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

Program Fund	\$4,566
Leadership Support	\$ 838
Church Facilities	\$ 500
Missions/CVCCS	\$ 169
Refugee Fund	\$1,100

Serving Next Sunday, September 3

Prelude: Joe Jaskolka
Hymns Leader: Rick Umble
Worship Leader: Mim Auker
Sermon: Pastor Krista Snader
Projectionist : Diane Weaver
Sound Tech: Clair Mast
Livestream: Chris Martin

Camera Operator:
Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk
Back Table Helper: Rachel Gavilondo
Nursery Workers: Ruthie Umble and
Anne Martin
Offering: Groffdale Missionaries and
EMM-%20 Leola Home of Hope



Pastor: Tom Eshleman, tome@groffdale.com

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