

# *Groffdale Mennonite Church*

*THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU ALWAYS;  
HE WILL SATISFY YOUR NEEDS IN A SUN-SCORCHED  
LAND AND WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR FRAME.  
YOU WILL BE LIKE A WELL-WATERED  
GARDEN, LIKE A SPRING WHOSE  
WATERS NEVER FAIL.  
ISAIAH 58:11*



*September 3, 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 Joe Jaskolka

Opening Song led by Rick Umble

“Praise Him, Praise Him!” (#100 Blue Hymnal)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Mim Auker

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries & EMM

20% Leola Home of Hope

Congregational Singing

“Great Are You, O Lord” (#39 Red Hymnal)

“Like a River Glorious” (#494 Red Hymnal)

“There Shall Be Showers of Blessings” (#289 Red Hymnal)

Scripture: Isaiah 58: 5-12

Sermon by Pastor Krista Snader

“You Will Be Like A Well-Watered Garden”

Closing Song

“God Be With You” (#430 Blue Hymnal)

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 Chris Martin, Camera Operator Clete Weaver, Back Table Helper Rachel Gavilondo, and Nursery Workers Fern Bauman and Anne Martin.*

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

Pray for Randy Umble, son of Rick and Ruthie Umble, as he undergoes kidney transplant surgery on Thursday August 31 at the University of Penn in Philadelphia.

Pray for all those in Florida impacted by the recent hurricane.

Pray for the Djari/Abdelkarim family as they continue to adjust to life in the US. Pray especially for the provision of permanent housing.

Pray for all of our school students, teachers and bus drivers as they adjust to new routines.

Pray for Ervin Stutzman as he prepares to share at the “Reimagining Aging” seminar on September 11 at Yoders. Pray especially for Ervin as he finishes a round of radiation treatment this week in his battle with cancer.

Pray for Charles Bauman and his daughter Emily as they prepare for a trip to Switzerland to learn about family history next week.

Pray for each person involved with the Church World Service welcome team as they seek to represent the love of Christ as they interact and serve. Pray for Lisa Zimmerman and Jennifer Eshleman as they give leadership and coordination.

Pray for Pastor Krista Snader as she brings our sermon this Sunday.

Pray for restored health for Andres and Angelica as they recover from recent illness.

### ***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.

**Sewing Circle** will meet Tuesday, September 5 at 9:00 AM.

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

**Nancy Ressler:** Monday, September 4

**Clair Mast:** Tuesday, September 5

**Glen Shenk:** Wednesday, September 6

**Angelica Prins:** Friday, September 8

**Dave Moore:** Friday, September 8

**HAPPY 88th BIRTHDAY TO CHARLES WERT:** Friday, September 8

**Jennifer Eshleman:** Saturday, September 9

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***

**Roy and Dorothy Reiff:** Thursday, September 7

**Charles and Fern Bauman:** Tuesday, September 12



***Sunday School***

Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 AM. The new books for the quarter are in the back of the church on the table. You may put your old books in the "recycle" box below the 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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Come cheer on Jeshua Day and Brandon Snader as their school soccer teams play against each other on Wednesday September 13 at 4pm at Garden Spot and on Tuesday October 3 at 4pm at Ephrata.

**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!!!!

**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!

Leadership Support	\$ 3,940.10
Program Fund	\$ 210.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 295.00
Refugee Fund	\$ 250.00

### Serving Next Sunday, September 10

Prelude: Linda Myers

Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman

Worship Leader:

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Projectionist : Janessa Eshleman

Sound Tech: Dale Weaver

Livestream: Jim Evans

Camera Operator: Dawn Moore

Ushers: Glenn and Helen Hershey

Back Table Helper: Fern Bauman

Nursery Workers: Anna Day and  
Brian Snader

Offering: Leadership Support



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