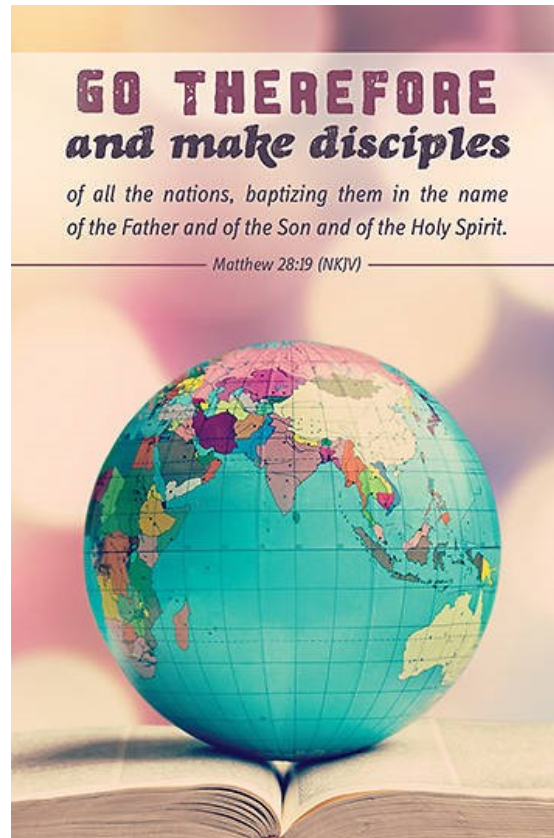


Groffdale Mennonite Church



October 1, 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 Jasolka

Opening Song led by Rick Umble

“God of Our Strength” (Blue Hymnal #36)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Lee Zimmerman

Offering for Church Facilities

Praise team led by Tom and Jen Eshleman

Recognition of Sewing Circle

Scripture: Matthew 28: 16-20, Acts 1: 1-10

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Groffdale's Part In The Great Commission"

Closing Song

“Rise Up, O Church of God” (Red Hymnal #293)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers Lee and Lisa Zimmerman, and those behind-
the-scenes: Projectionist Diane Weaver, Sound Tech Clair
Mast, Live Stream Chris Martin, Camera Operator
Mim Auker, Back Table Helper Anna Day, and Nursery
Workers Ruthie Umble and Anne Martin.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer

Pray for the Djari-Abdelkerim families as they continue to adjust to their new homes in Columbia.

Pray for Andres and Angelica as they minister to those impacted by the recent earthquake.

Pray for Delores Musselman in Physical Therapy at Fairmount and for Doris Musselman as she continues her recovery after a recent hospitalization.

Pray for Lenny Martin as he recovers from hip replacement surgery last week.

Pray for Becki Day as she teaches third and fourth grade at LMS.

Pray for Curvin and Lois Buchen as they continue to adjust to their new apartment in Harvest View at Landis Homes.

Pray for Lucinda Snader as she rehearses for her part in the Ephrata Middle School play.

Pray for those around the world who have experienced recent disasters; flooding in Libya, earthquake in Morocco.

Pray for those in Ukraine who continue to experience the horrors of war. Pray for an end to hostilities and for the peace of Christ to reign.

Pray for Pastor Tom as he prepares to travel to the Philippines and Indonesia from October 9-21. Tom will be traveling with Glenn Kauffman to visit churches in Manila, Philippines and then to Jakarta and Medan, Indonesia for the gathering of the international Missions Association. These travels are through Tom's Global Delegate role with LMC.

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 on Tuesday, October 3 at 9:00 AM.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Rick Umble: Friday, October 6

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO ANNA DAY: Sunday, October 8

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jim and Glenda Evans: Wednesday, October 4

Brian and Krista Snader: Sunday, October 8

October Sermon Series

Judea, Samaria and to the Ends of the Earth!

October 1: Pastor Tom

“You (Groffdale) Shall Be My Witnesses!”

October 8: Bishop Lloyd Hoover

“A Spirit Led Movement”

October 15: Lee Zimmerman

“Exploring the Apostles’s Creed as a Source of Unity”

October 22: Troy Landis:

“The Impact of a Local Ministry to International Students...
Immerse International”

October 29: Pastor Tom

“To Asia and Back...Good News for the Whole World!”

More information about the tree planting on October 28th is available on the back table.



Come cheer on Jeshua Day and Brandon Snader as their school soccer teams play against each other this Tuesday October 3 at 4pm at Ephrata.

Volunteer Opportunities

Groffdale is scheduled to volunteer at the MCC Material Resource Center, 517 W. Trout Run Rd., Ephrata, on Tuesday, October 10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Feel free to come for any amount of time that suits you and come even if you didn't RSVP beforehand. There are all kinds of tasks for young and old alike. If you stay over lunchtime, please bring your own lunch.



We are looking for volunteers to serve coffee, tea, and cocoa in the cafe before Sunday School as we gather for an informal time of fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet on the side table in the café.

Quilter's Attic Sale (From the PA Relief Sale)



Saturday, October 14, 2023

8:00 am—3:00 pm

Groffdale All-Purpose Room

An opportunity to shop and purchase donated quilt-related items. See more detailed info on the brochures on the back table.

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.

Note for quests 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	\$3,286
Program Fund	\$ 170
Missions	\$ 500

Serving Next Sunday, October 8

Prelude: Linda Myers

Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman

Worship Leader: Steve Lindsey

Sermon: Bishop Lloyd Hoover

Projectionist : Janessa Eshleman

Sound Tech: Dale Weave

Livestream: Jim Evans

Camera Operator: Dawn Moore

Ushers: Leonard and Mim Martin

Back Table Helper: Rachel Gavilondo

Nursery Workers: Brian Snader and

Fern Bauman

Offering: Leadership Support



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