

# *Groffdale Mennonite Church*



*We Are One in the Spirit  
We are One in the Lord  
And They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love*

*October 15, 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 Mark Wenger

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Blue Hymnal #46)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Dave Moore

Offering for Program Fund

Congregational Singing

“Now Thank We All Our God (Blue Hymnal #86)

“For God So Loved Us” (Blue Hymnal #167)

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name (Blue Hymnal #106)

Sermon by Lee Zimmerman

"Exploring the Apostle's Creed as a Source of Unity"

Closing Song

Jesus Shall Reign (Blue Hymnal #319)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

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*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 Stoltzfus, Camera Operator Harold Mohler,  
Back Table Helper Doris Horst, and Nursery Workers  
Jen Eshleman and Faye Woods.*

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

Pray for peace for all people involved in the conflict and turmoil in the Middle East.

Pray for the tree planting event on Oct 28th, that this could be a bridge to engage with the neighboring community.

Pray for Cassidy Martin as she continues to recover from surgery on her stomach.

Pray for Pastor Tom as he participates in a mission conference in Indonesia.

Continue to pray for the Djari and Abdelkerim family as they settle into life in Columbia and as the children adjust to school.

Pray for James and Melani in Central Asia and Andres and Angelica in Morocco.

Pray for Lee Zimmerman as he brings our message this morning.

#### **Pastoral Care plan while Pastor Tom is in Indonesia and Philippines October 9-20**

We are thankful for the many people who are gifted and available to provide pastoral care in our congregation. Pastor Krista Snader will serve as contact person for all pastoral care needs as she draws on the support of our visitation team. If you aren't able to reach Pastor Krista, please contact Administrative Assistant Diane Weaver.

#### **Contact for pastoral care needs**

Pastor Krista Snader 717-466-8930

Alternate contact Diane Weaver 717-330-4451

**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!**

**Tanner Eshleman:** Tuesday, October 17

**Andres Prins:** Monday, October 23

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**Richard and Deborah Buckwalter:** Monday, October 16

**HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY TO :**

**LEONARD AND MIM MARTIN:** Thursday, October 19

**Steve and Sharon Nolt:** Friday, October 20

**Doug and Lisa Hoover:** Saturday, October 21

**Harold and Doris Musselman:** Monday, October 23

**October Sermon Series  
Judea, Samaria and to the Ends of the Earth!**

**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!”

**Pastor Tom's Travel Itinerary in Asia  
Thank you for your prayers as we trust God  
with these travel plans.**

Sunday afternoon October 8: Depart Lancaster Airport

Tuesday morning October 10: Arrive in Manila, Philippines

Meetings with church and mission leaders of Integrated  
Mennonite Church of Philippines

Thursday evening October 12: Fly from Manila, Philippines  
to Jakarta, Indonesia

Interaction with PIPKA (Mission Organization of Indonesia)  
and Mennonite Church leaders

Saturday October 14: Fly from Jakarta to Medan, Indonesia  
for International Missions Association and Holy Spirit in  
Mission Conference.

Friday October 20: depart Medan, Indonesia

Saturday October 21: Arrive home

**Volunteer Opportunity**

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.

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**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.

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**Future events**

A Community hymn sing will be held on Sunday, October 22, at 7pm at Millersville Mennonite Church . All are welcome.

Remember our tree planting event on Saturday, October 28 at 10:00am. Invitation flyers are on the back table for your family and friends.

Lucinda Snader is in the Ephrata Middle School play “Madhouse!”. Showtimes are November 3 and 4 at 7pm at Ephrata Middle School.

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**THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all the Groffdale folks who came out and volunteered at MCC’s Material Resources Center on Tuesday! Comforters and card-board were baled, quilts were quilted, comforters were bound and knotted in the sewing room, canned meat and school kits were checked and prepared for shipment and lots of old books were recycled. We are grateful for all the time and hard work you contributed as we share God’s love and compassion for all in the name of Christ. With much appreciation!!! -

Brian Snader and the MCC Material Resources Center team

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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!

Leadership Support	\$3,075.24
Church Facilities	\$ 220.00
Missions	\$ 50.00

### Serving Next Sunday, October 22

Prelude: Caeley Zimmerman  
Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey  
Worship Leader: Ruthie Umble  
Sermon: Troy Landis  
Projectionist : Chris Martin  
Sound Tech: Brian Snader  
Livestream: Jim Evans

Camera Operator:  
Ushers: Lee and Lisa Zimmerman  
Back Table Helper: Dawn Moore  
Nursery Workers: Joyce Shenk and  
Mag Nolt  
Offering: Church Facilities



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