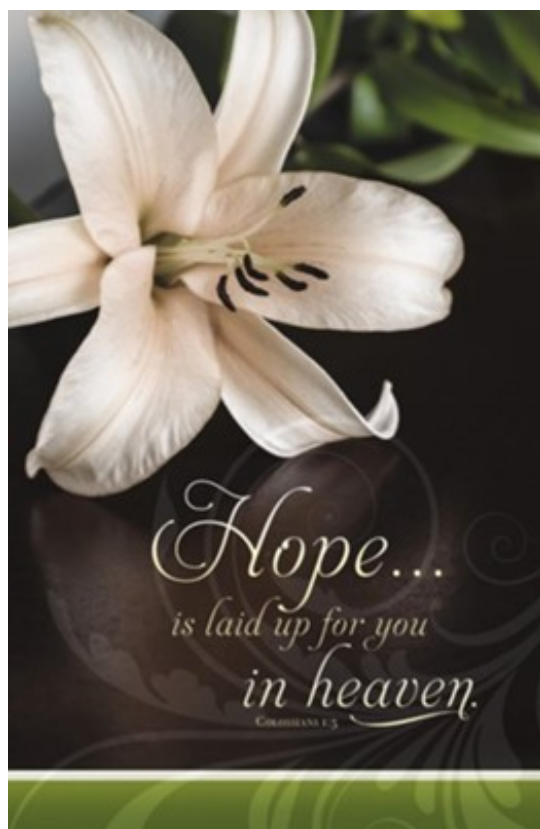


***Groffdale Mennonite  
Church***



***October 22, 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 Lily Zimmerman

Opening Song led by Glenn Hershey

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (Red Hymnal #560)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Ruthie Umble

Offering for Church Facilities

Children’s Time

Congregational Singing

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Red Hymnal #1)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Red Hymnal #2)

“O Worship the King” (Red Hymnal #10)

Scripture: Colossians 1: 1-14

Sermon by Troy Landis

“The Life of the Kingdom”

Closing Song

“We’re Marching to Zion” (Red Hymnal #555)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

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*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!  
Including Ushers Lee and Lisa Zimmerman, and those behind-  
the-scenes: Projectionist Janessa Eshleman , Sound Tech  
Brian Snader, Live Stream Jim Evans, Camera Operator  
Clete Weaver, Back Table Helper Dawn Moore, and Nursery  
Workers Joyce Shenk and Mag Nolt.*

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

Pray for peace for all people involved in the conflict and suffering 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 returns home from a mission conference in Indonesia and processes this experience.

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

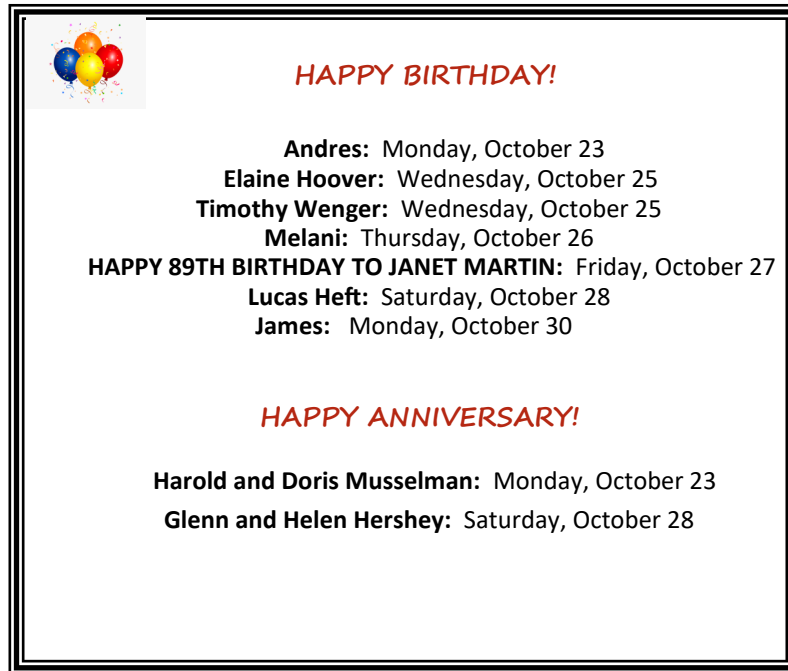
Pray for James and Melani in Central Asia and Andres and Angelica in Morocco.

Pray for Troy Landis as he brings our message this morning.



Michael Hershey shared with us on Sunday, September 24 his reflections on prayer while serving in India. There are copies of his sermon presentation on the back table, you are welcome to take one for further reflection.

**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.



### ***Offering cards***

Cards are available on the back table for those who give their offering online and would like to put something in the offering basket. The cards can be placed in the offering basket as an act of worship. Feel free to take them as needed.

### ***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.

***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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***Events***

Today (October 22) Caeley and Lily Zimmerman will be playing in the Allegretto Concert at 4:30pm with Nextgen youth music at the Gardner Theatre at Lancaster Country Day School.

Tonight (October 22) a community hymn sing will be held at 7pm at Millersville Mennonite Church .

Remember our tree planting event on Saturday, October 28 at 10am. 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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***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!

Program Fund	\$4,120.24
Leadership Support	\$1,250.00
Church Facilities	\$ 850.00

### *Serving Next Sunday, October 29*

Hymns Leader: Henry Youndt  
Worship Leader: Lisa Zimmerman  
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman  
"To Asia and Back...Good News for  
the Whole World!"  
Projectionist : Diane Weaver  
Sound Tech: Clair Mast

Livestream: Levi Hoover  
Camera Operator: Mag Nolt  
Usher: Minerva Nolt  
Back Table Helper: Anna Day  
Nursery Workers: Steve and  
Sharon Nolt  
Offering: Leadership Support



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