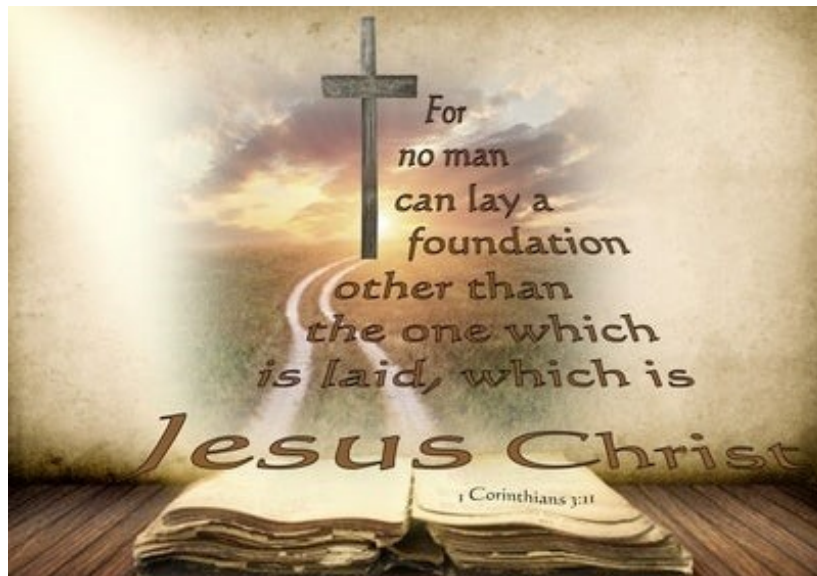


# *Groffdale Mennonite Church*



*November 12, 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 Linda Myers

Opening Song led by Lisa Zimmerman

“We Will Glorify” (Red Hymnal #72)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Richard Buckwalter

Offering for Leadership Support

Congregational Singing

“In Need”

“ I Speak Jesus”

“Lord I Need You”

“Glory (Let There Be Peace)”

Scripture: I Corinthians 3: 1-11

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

“No Other Foundation”

Closing Song

“Amazing Grace” (Red Hymnal #202)

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 Janessa Eshleman, Sound Tech  
Dale Weaver, Live Stream Jim Evans, Camera Operator  
Dawn Moore, Back Table Helper Anna Day, and Nursery Workers  
Brian Snader and Mag Nolt.*

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

- Pray for all who are suffering and experiencing the horrors of war in the Middle East. Pray for the peace of Christ in this region.
- Pray for Dolores Musselman as she continues on hospice care at Fairmount.
- Pray for Andres and Angelica in Morocco as they enjoy a visit from their daughter Karina and her husband Drew.
- Give thanks to God for the recent engagement of Verna Martin and Ray Boll. Pray for Verna and Ray as they plan and anticipate their wedding on February 3.
- Pray for the Djari/Abdelkarim family as they continue to adjust to their homes in Columbia. Pray for jobs for the adults, continued adjustments to school for the children and for the ability to learn English for the entire family. Above all, pray that the family would experience and know the love of Jesus!
- Pray for the Administrative Team as they meet this coming Wednesday November 15 at 9:30 and also for the worship planning team who are meeting on Tuesday November 14 to work on plans for Advent and Christmas worship.
- Give thanks to God for Lucinda Snader's positive experience in her play at Ephrata Middle School last weekend. Thanks to all who came out to support her.

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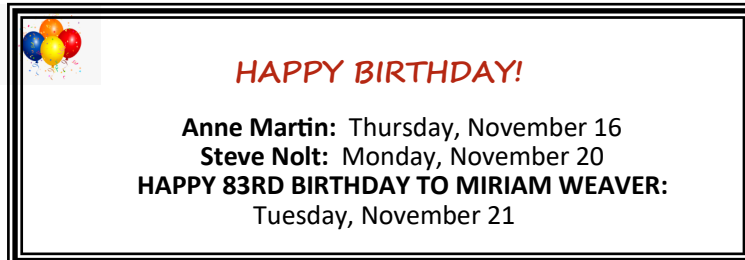
## ***Note from Leadership Team***

Thanks for your prayers for the Leadership Team as we met last Thursday; God is responding! Several items that we spent time discussing and praying about are as follows:

- How do we encourage people at every stage of life to be disciples of Jesus?
- Future of youth ministry at Groffdale
- Continued prayerful work on Groffdale vision and mission
- Discussion of developing a team to discern financial support for missionaries
- Discussion of different ways we can invite and encourage prayer ministry as part of our worship services and church life

We thank God for all the good things happening in our congregation at this time! Thanks again for the prayers and support we sense from the congregation!

**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.



***No other foundation than Jesus!***

***Re-telling stories of the early Anabaptists***

This Sunday we begin a series re-telling the story of the early Anabaptists who were willing to risk everything and die as martyrs as an expression of their love for Jesus. This morning we'll remember the winter Zurich night in 1525 when George Blaurock asked his friend Conrad Grebel to baptize him. Next Sunday we'll tell the story of Michael and Margareta Sattler. These are stories of men and women who struggled, searched, and found a faith in Christ that transformed their lives and made them willing to forsake status, comfort and security in obedience to their Lord Jesus.

***Open house at 170 House***

After the service next Sunday on November 19, everyone is invited to see the kitchen renovations at the 170 house. Refreshments will be served and you will have the opportunity to donate towards the renovations.



**Communion** will be received on Sunday December 3 (the first Sunday of Advent) during our morning worship service.



There will be no Sunday School on December 24th. Pastries and coffee will be served in the All-Purpose Room at 9am followed by the worship service at 10am.

The Christmas Eve candle lighting service will be on December 24th at 6pm.

### ***Giving Opportunity***

During the month of November we will be collecting offerings for those affected by the earthquake in Morocco. Andres and Angelica Prins will distribute these offerings as they share the love of Jesus with their neighbors. Offerings may be used for house reconstruction, stoves, transportation, food, etc. You can place your gift in the regular offering basket, **earmarked "Earthquake in Morocco"**.

### ***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***

Landis Homes has a volunteer position for a Quilt Room Coordinator. This person would manage the quilting process from beginning to completion. Persons interested should contact Janice at 717-381 3580, [jnikoloff@landis.org](mailto:jnikoloff@landis.org).

### **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 basket.*

## OFFERING

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

Missions and Love INC	\$3985.24
Morocco Earthquake Relief	\$ 100.00
Leadership Support	\$ 250.00

*Serving Next Sunday, November 19*

Prelude: Bob Mohler and Rick Umble      Camera Operator: Harold Mohler  
Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey      Ushers: Leonard and Mim Martin  
Worship Leader: Lee Zimmerman      Back Table Helper: Rachel Gavilondo  
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman      Nursery Workers: Jen Eshleman and  
Projectionist: Becki Day      Joyce Shenk  
Sound Tech: Dale Weaver      Offering: Program Fund  
Livestream Operator: Keith Stoltzfus



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