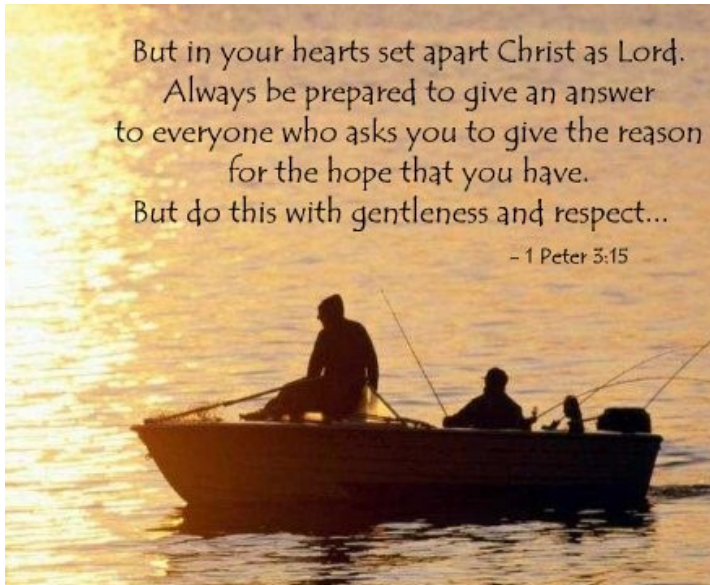


Groffdale Mennonite Church

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer
to everyone who asks you to give the reason
for the hope that you have.
But do this with gentleness and respect...

- 1 Peter 3:15



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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

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made" (Blue Hymnal #642)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Lee Zimmerman

Offering for Program Fund

Praise Team led by Tom, Jen, Lisa and children

Scripture: I Peter 3: 8-22

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"The Story of Michael and Margaretta Sattler"

"In Your Hearts, Set Apart Christ as Lord!"

Closing Song

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" (Blue Hymnal #324)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers Mim Martin and Delores Tennis, and those
behind-the-scenes: Projectionist Becki Day, Sound Tech
Dale Weaver, Live Stream Keith Stoltzfus, Camera Operator
Harold Mohler, Back Table Helper Rachel Gavilondo, and
Nursery Workers Jen Eshleman and Joyce Shenk.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer

Pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and in other areas of global conflict and war.

Pray for Janet Eberly as she anticipates cataract surgery on November 21.

Pray for Dolores Musselman as she is experiencing declining health and pray for her sister, Pat as she supports Dolores.

Pray for Andres and Angelica as they minister and serve in Morocco.

Pray for James and Melani ministering and serving in Central Asia.

Pray for the Djari/Abdelkarim family as they continue to adjust to life in Columbia.

Pray that the Lord would provide people in the Columbia area who can join our Church World Service refugee team.

Note from Administrative Team


We are very thankful to announce that Diane Weaver has accepted the role of Administrative Assistant! Diane has been serving in the role on an interim arrangement since May and recently accepted Groffdale's offer to continue in the position on a longer term basis. We are so grateful for the many gifts that Diane brings to this position as well as her love for the church. Thanks be to God!

Our congregation will miss Norma Rutt while she is with her family in Georgia over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Norma enjoys getting mail from her Groffdale friends while she is away; her Georgia address is:

Norma Rutt
c/o Gerald and Laretta Eshleman
2576 Georgia Highway 88
Hephzibah, GA 30815

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!

Happy Belated 1st Birthday to Holly Horning
(Daughter of Austin and Janelle): Tuesday, November 14
Steve Nolt: Monday, November 20
HAPPY 83RD BIRTHDAY TO MIRIAM WEAVER:
Tuesday, November 21
Fern Bauman: Thursday, November 23

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jonas and Emma Reiff: Tuesday, November 28

Open house at 170 House

Everyone is invited to see the kitchen renovations at the 170 house today after the service. Refreshments will be served and you will have an opportunity to donate towards the cost of the renovation, which was approximately \$8,500.

Many thanks to those who invested time and energy to complete this project: Keith and Kathy Stoltzfus, Mag Nolt, Clair and Pat Mast, Harold Wissler, Dale Weaver, Clete Weaver, Richard and Deborah Buckwalter, Robert and Anna Nolt, Glen and Joyce Shenk.

Communion on December 3



On Sunday December 3, we plan to celebrate communion together as a congregation. We invite you to be praying and preparing for this important part of our experience as a community of believers.

Copies of Pastor Tom's October 8-21 Indonesia/Philippines report are available on the back table.



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"**.

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) is in need of regular size boxes of any kind of cereal. You may put the boxes in the large box underneath the table in back of the church.

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.

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!

Leadership Support	\$4,033.37
Program Fund	\$ 117.50
Refugee Fund	\$ 100.00
Missions	\$ 217.50
Morocco Earthquake Relief	\$1,070.00

Serving Next Sunday, November 26

Prelude: Caeley Zimmerman

Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey

Worship Leader: Pastor Krista Snader

Projectionist : Chris Martin

Sound Tech: Brian Snader

Livestream Operator: Levi Hoover

Camera Operator:

Ushers: Lee and Lisa Zimmerman

Back Table Helper: Doris Horst

Nursery Workers: Faye Woods and

Dawn Moore

Offering: Leadership Support



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717-466-8930

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