

# ***Groffdale Mennonite Church***



But you will  
receive power  
when the Holy  
Spirit comes on  
you;

and you will be  
my witnesses in  
Jerusalem  
and in all  
Judea and  
Samaria, and  
to the ends of  
the earth."



***November 26, 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 Caeley Zimmerman

Opening Song led by Glenn Hershey

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (#562 Red Hymnal)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Pastor Krista Snader

Offering for Leadership Support

Children’s Time

Congregational Singing

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (Blue Hymnal #89)

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

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Blue Hymnal #81)

Scripture: Acts 1: 1-8

Sermon by Steve Lindsey

“We are Witnesses... But to What?”

Closing Song

“Let All Together Praise our God” (Blue Hymnal #213)

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 Chris Martin, Sound Tech  
Brian Snader, Live Stream Levi Hoover, Camera Operator  
Mag Nolt, Back Table Helper Doris Horst, and Nursery  
Workers Faye Woods and Dawn Moore.*

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

Pray for the family of Dolores Musselman as they gather for her funeral on Tuesday November 28.

Pray for safety and meaningful experiences for the hunters in our congregation over the next several days.

Pray for the peace of Christ in the Middle East. Pray for both Israelis and Palestinians who are suffering.

Pray for Leadership Team as they gather this Thursday November 30 at 1:00.

Pray for our congregation as we prepare to celebrate Communion together next Sunday December 3.

Pray for Steve Lindsey as he brings our message this morning.

Pray for Mary Jane Assis as she prepares for shoulder surgery on November 28.

Pray for Janet Eberly whose cataract surgery needed to be postponed because of other health issues.

Continue to pray for the Djari/Abdelkarim family as they adjust to Columbia and seek employment. Pray for their eleven year old daughter Khadidja who was hospitalized this week with stomach pain. We give thanks that she was able to return home the next day.

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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 90TH BIRTHDAY TO JOHN ZIMMERMAN:**

Wednesday, November 29

**Angela Hahn:** Friday, December 1

**Mim Auker:** Sunday, December 3

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**Jonas and Emma Reiff:** Tuesday, November 28

Groffdale will be collecting items for MCC Relief Kits during the 4 Sundays of Advent. These kits are given to those in need due to war, natural disasters and other crises. You can place these items at the end of the benches and the children will collect them during the worship service. One relief kit includes:

- 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- Shampoo
- 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha®, Sunlight®, or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-sized toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors preferred); approximately (28 in x 50 in)
- 2 wide-toothed combs; (6-8 in)
- 1 nail clipper
- Adhesive bandages (minimum 40)
- Sanitary pads (thin)

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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.

### **Advent series starts next Sunday!**

#### ***"Isaiah and the Advent of Jesus!"***

*December 3: Sermon by Pastor Tom from Isaiah 2: 1-5*

*"Come, Let us Walk in the Light of the Lord!"*

*Communion will be served.*

### ***Giving Opportunities***

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.

### ***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!

Program Fund	\$4,517
Leadership Support	\$1,038
Church Facilities	\$ 500
Missions	\$ 219
170 Kitchen Renovation	\$ 400
Morocco Earthquake Relief	\$1,375

*Serving Next Sunday, December 3*

Prelude: Joe Jaskolka

Hymns Leader: Rick Umble

Worship Leader: Dave Moore

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Projectionist : Diane Weaver

Sound Tech: Brian Snader

Livestream Operator: Chris Martin

Camera Operator: Mim Auker

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Back Table Helper: Doris Horst

Nursery Workers: Ruthie Umble and  
Anne Martin

Offering: Groffdale Missionaries &  
EMM (20% Groffdale Sewing Circle)



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