

Groffdale Mennonite Church



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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 Joe Jaskolka

Opening Song led by Rick Umble

“The Advent of Our God” (Red Hymnal #120)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Dave Moore

Advent Reading

Children’s Time

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries & Eastern Mennonite

Missions (20% Groffdale Sewing Circle)

Congregational Singing

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (Blue Hymnal #178)

“O Come, O Come, Immanuel” (Blue Hymnal #172)

Scripture: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

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

Song of Response

“My Jesus I Love Thee” (Red Hymnal #364)

Communion

Closing Song

“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus” (Red Hymnal #195)

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers Glen and Joyce Shenk, and those
behind-the-scenes: Projectionist Diane Weaver, Sound Tech
Brian Snader, Live Stream Chris Martin, Camera Operator
Mim Auker, Back Table Helper Doris Horst, and Nursery
Workers Ruthie Umble and Anne Martin.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer

Pray for Mary Jane Assis as she recovers from shoulder surgery this past Tuesday.

Pray for Mae Shreiner who was hospitalized this week and has now returned to Ephrata Manor.

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

Pray for the family of Dolores Musselman as we grieve her passing and remember her life. Pray especially for Pat as she makes the many adjustments after living with her sister these many years.

Pray for our congregation as we celebrate Communion today.

Pray for EMM President Marvin Lorenzana and his wife Marianna whose twenty-six year old son Pablo passed away suddenly on November 24. Pray for the Lorenzana family during this very difficult time and especially five year old Sophia who has now lost both of her parents.

Pray for Angelica Prins as she visits her aging parents in Paraguay.

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 Laurretta Eshleman
2576 Georgia Highway 88
Hephzibah, GA 30815

Morning Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 8:30am in the Conference Room. Everyone is invited to join this group for a meaningful time of prayer and fellowship.

Sewing Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 5 at 9:00am. We will be packing plates of cookies for shut-ins and friends. For lunch, bring a finger food to share. Sandwiches will be provided.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TODAY: Mim Auken: Sunday, December 3

Faythe Roberts: Thursday, December 7

Lexi Kreiner: Friday, December 8

Joyce Shenk: Friday, December 8

HAPPY 84th BIRTHDAY TO MINERVA NOLT:

Sunday, December 10

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)



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

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.

Save the Date

On Friday evening, March 1, 2024, Everence Financial will host the Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. This event will be held at Lancaster Bible College and Steve Lindsey will be one of the keynote speakers. See the poster on the bulletin board at the back of the church for more information and registration details.

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 basket.

OFFERING

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

Leadership Support	\$3,763.33
170 House Kitchen Renovation	\$ 525.00
Missions	\$ 25.00
Morocco Earthquake Relief	\$ 150.00

Serving Next Sunday, December 10

Prelude: Linda Myers	Camera Operator: Dawn Moore
Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman	Ushers: Leonard and Mim Martin
Worship Leader: Brian Snader	Nursery Workers: Fern Bauman and Anna Day
Sermon: Dave Moore	Offering: Leadership Support
Projectionist: Janessa Eshleman	
Sound Tech: Dale Weaver	
Livestream Operator: Jim Evans	



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