

# *Groffdale Mennonite Church*



*The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. Isaiah 11:6*

*December 10, 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

    "Joy to the World" (Red Hymnal #125)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Brian Snader

Advent Reading

Children's Time

Offering for Leadership Support

Congregational Singing

    "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Red Hymnal #128)

    "What Child Is This" (Red Hymnal #137)

    "Emmanuel " (Red Hymnal #134)

Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-10

Sermon by Dave Moore

    "The Peaceable Kingdom"

Closing Song

    "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Red Hymnal #124)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

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*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!  
Including Ushers Leonard and Mim Martin, and those  
behind-the-scenes: Projectionist Janessa Eshleman, Sound  
Tech Dale Weaver, Live Stream Operator Jim Evans, Camera  
Operator Dawn Moore, Nursery Workers Fern Bauman and  
Anna Day.*

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

Continue to pray for the family of Dolores Musselman as they remember her life, and especially for Pat as she makes many adjustments.

Pray for all those experiencing the horrors of war in Israel-Palestine and Ukraine.

Pray for Angelica Prins as she helps care for her father in Paraguay. Pray for Andres and Angelica during this time when they are apart.

Pray for James and Melani as they prepare to travel to the States.

Pray for Marvin and Marianna Lorenzana, their daughter Alexa and granddaughter Sophia after the tragic death of their son Pablo. Pray for God to surround this family with healing and strength. (Marvin serves as president of Eastern Mennonite Missions)

Pray for Dave Moore as he brings our message this morning.

Pray for a student at Kathy Stoltzfus's school whose father, Mitch Hertzler is seriously ill with cancer.

Pray for healing and health at Welsh Mountain Home after a recent bout with the flu and Covid.

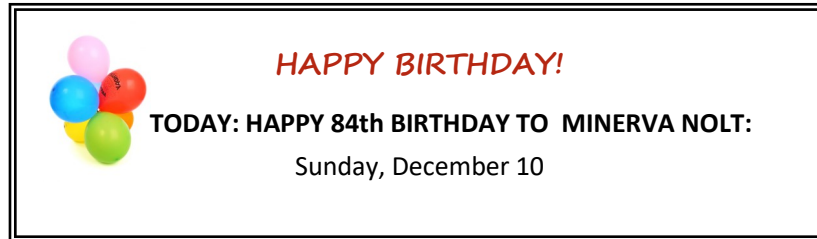
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Our congregation will miss Norma Rutt while she is with her family in Georgia over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

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 8:30am in the Conference Room. Everyone is invited to join this group for a meaningful time of prayer and fellowship.



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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There are copies of the minutes from the November Administration Support Team meeting 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.

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Thank you for your generous donation of cereal to Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services.

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Leane Groff has a new address and phone number:  
Brethren Village  
Village Town House - Apt.5  
3001 Lititz Pike  
Lititz, PA 17543  
(717) 581-5707

### ***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 is the total for last week's offering and deposits. Thanks for giving so generously!

Missions                      \$4,610.00

### Serving Next Sunday, December 17

Prelude: Bob Mohler and Rick Umble      Camera Operator: Harold Mohler  
Hymns Leader: Keith Stoltzfus              Ushers: Glenn and Helen Hershey  
Worship Leader: Linda Myers              Back Table Helper: Rachel Gavilondo  
Praise Team: Ray Horst                      Nursery Workers: Jen Eshleman and  
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman              Joyce Shenk  
Projectionist : Becki Day                    Offering: Church Facilities  
Sound Tech: Dale Weaver  
Livestream Operator:



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