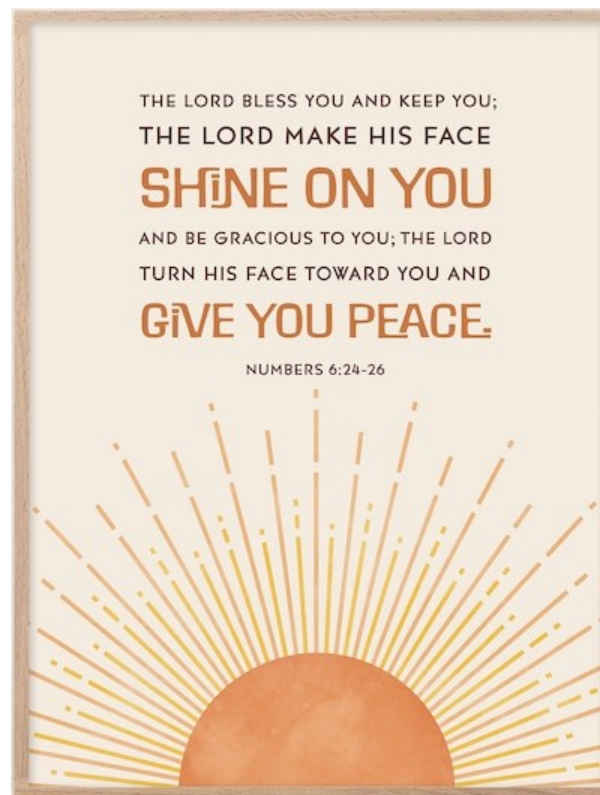


Groffdale Mennonite Church

*A Message of Hope
for 2024*



December 31, 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 Jennifer Eshleman

Opening Song led by Keith Stoltzfus

Welcome and Call to Worship by Pastor Tom Eshleman

Recognition and Blessings for Henry Youndt
and Diane Weaver

Offering for Program Fund

Reflections on God's work in 2023

Prayers and Hopes for 2024

Facilitated by Pastor Tom Eshleman and Pastor Krista Snader

- Scripture
- Reflection, Listening to the Holy Spirit, Prayer
- Congregational Song

Closing Song

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!

Including Usher Minerva Nolt, and those behind-the-

scenes: Projectionist Diane Weaver, Sound Tech

Clair Mast, Live Stream Operator Keith Stoltzfus,

Camera Operator Clete Weaver, Back Table Helper

Linda Herr, Nursery Workers Steve and Sharon Nolt.

Bring to the Lord in prayer

Pray for all those who are suffering in Israel-Palestine. Pray for peace in this troubled region of the world.

Pray for Daryl and Jen Hoover and their family as they connect with family and friends during their time in the U.S. The Hoovers are living in the Groffdale 170 house.

Pray for the many people who are missing and grieving loved ones. Pray that the God of all comfort will surround each hurting person.

Pray for James and Melani and their family during this time of connecting with family and friends in the States.

Pray for Andres and Angelica as they build relationships and share Jesus in North Africa.

Continue to pray for Marvin and Marianna Lorenzana as they grieve the sudden passing of their son Pablo.


Pastor Tom and Tanner traveling to Guatemala

January 4-11, 2024.

Tom and Tanner Eshleman will be attending the annual assembly of the Kekchi Mennonite Church in the Alta Verapaz region of Guatemala. They will be traveling with Allen Eshleman, Isaac Burkholder and Erik Lehman from the Franklin District of LMC. Allen Eshleman served as an EMM missionary for many years among the Kekchi and will be leading the group as they represent LMC in this visit to the Kekchi churches. (The Kekchi are an Indigenous group in Guatemala)

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, January 2 at 9:00 am. They welcome any new members that would like to join them.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY 81st BIRTHDAY TO IRVIN MARTIN: Wednesday, January 3
HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO ELLA MAE MARTIN: Friday, January 5
Kayley Eshleman: Saturday, January 6
Faye Woods: Monday, January 8
Michael Berg: Tuesday, January 9
Jeshua Day: Tuesday, January 9

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dave and Dawn Moore: Thursday, January 4
Irvin and Louise Martin: Friday, January 5

Everyone is welcome to help pack up the MCC Relief Kits today after church. We will assemble the kits in the conference room.

The 2024 Birthday/Anniversary Calendar is available on the back table in the lobby. Help yourself to a copy.

A note of thanks from Norma Rutt for sending her Christmas cards while she spent time with her family in Georgia. She hopes to return home on Friday, January 5.

Mark Wenger began serving part-time as bishop for the LanChester District of LMC on October 1, 2023. This includes Hershey, Maple Grove, Meadville, Old Road, and Parkesburg congregations. Groffdale will remain Mark & Kathy's home congregation; they will be active in GMC ministries and worship services as much as possible. Mark begins the role of Groffdale treasurer on January 1, 2024.

Daryl and Jen Hoover and their family, who are currently residing in the 170 house, will be having a Meet and Greet with a sharing time here at Groffdale on Friday, January 12, 2024 from 6-9 PM. If you are interested in going, see the poster on the bulletin board in the back of the church with details to RSVP.

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	\$4,482.19
Church Facilities	\$ 810.00
Missions	\$ 610.00
Program Fund	\$ 60.00
MCC Peace & Relief	\$1,625.17

Serving Next Sunday, January 7

Prelude: Joe Jaskolka

Hymns Leader: Rick Umble

Worship Leader: Richard Buckwalter

Sermon: Pastor Krista Snader

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Sound Tech: Clair Mast

Livestream Operator: Chris Martin

Camera Operator: Mim Auker

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Offering: Groffdale Missionaries and

EMM - 20% Mennonite Disaster

Service



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