

# ***Groffdale Mennonite Church***



***January 7, 2024***

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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

“Joy to the World” (Blue Hymnal #318)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Richard Buckwalter

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries & Eastern

Mennonite Missions (20% Mennonite Disaster Service)

Congregational Singing

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Blue Hymnal #201)

“Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing” (Blue Hymnal #12)

“For God So Loved Us” (Blue Hymnal #167)

Scripture: I John 4: 7-21

Sermon by Pastor Krista Snader

“The Love God Has For Us”

Closing Song

“The Love of God” (Red Hymnal #67)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

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*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  
Clair Mast, Live Stream Operator Chris Martin,  
Camera Operator Mim Auker, Nursery Workers  
Ruthie Umble and Anne Martin.*

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

Continue to pray for areas of the world experiencing turmoil and violence; pray for the people of Ukraine and Israel-Palestine.

Pray for all those experiencing illness.

Pray for Tom and Tanner Eshleman as they travel to Guatemala for the assembly of the Kekchi Mennonite Church in Karcha, Guatemala. (January 4-11)

Pray for Rebecca Wenger as she and her fiance Hunter prepare for their wedding this summer. Rebecca is the daughter of James and Melani.

Pray for Pastor Krista as she brings our message this Sunday and for Lee Zimmerman as he prepares to preach on January 14.

Pray for Daryl and Jen Hoover and their family as they live in the 170 house and connect with family and friends while in the States.

Pray for James and Melani as they prepare to return to Central Asia.

Pray for the Djari/Abdelkerim family as they search for employment and continue to find their way in a new culture. Pray for Anour's daughter who lives in the refugee camp in Chad with her family and hopes to come to the U.S.

**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.



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

**Faye Woods:** Monday, January 8

**Michael Berg:** Tuesday, January 9

**Jeshua Day:** Tuesday, January 9

**Brian Snader:** Thursday, January 11

**HAPPY 81st BIRTHDAY TO MIRIAM SNADER:** Saturday, January 13

**HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY TO MARVIN SMOKER:** Tuesday, January 16

**Lucinda Snader:** Tuesday, January 16

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

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**Thank you** to everyone who contributed Relief Kit items during Advent! Together, Groffdale donated 52 Relief Kits and some extra supplies to MCC. We pray those receiving the kits would experience the love and peace of Jesus Christ!

**SAVE THE DATE**

Mark your calendars for a fellowship meal on Sunday, February 4 followed by our yearly congregational meeting.

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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 6-9pm. If you are interested in going, see the poster on the bulletin board in the back of the church with details to RSVP.

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**PINEWOOD DERBY CARS THIS WINTER!!!**



This is an invitation to all 8-14 year olds to join us for four winter evenings of building, designing and decorating Pinewood Derby cars. Brian Snader and Tom Eshleman will be leading these classes along with any other parents or adults who would like to join us. The class will conclude with some kind of racing event with details to be announced. This class is open to both girls and boys!! The dates for the classes are Wednesdays beginning at 7:00 pm, **January 24, 31, February 14 and 28**. We hope you will join us!!!

**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	\$ 3,035.25
MCC Peace and Relief	\$ 100.00
Refugee Fund	\$ 300.00
Leadership Fund	\$ 60.00

### Serving Next Sunday, January 14

Prelude: Linda Myers

Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman

Worship Leader: Steve Lindsey

Sermon: Lee Zimmerman

Projectionist: Janessa Eshleman

Sound Tech: Dale Weaver

Livestream Operator: Jim Evans

Camera Operator: Dawn Moore

Ushers: Glenn and Helen Hershey

Offering: Leadership Support

Nursery: Anna Day and

Brian Snader



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