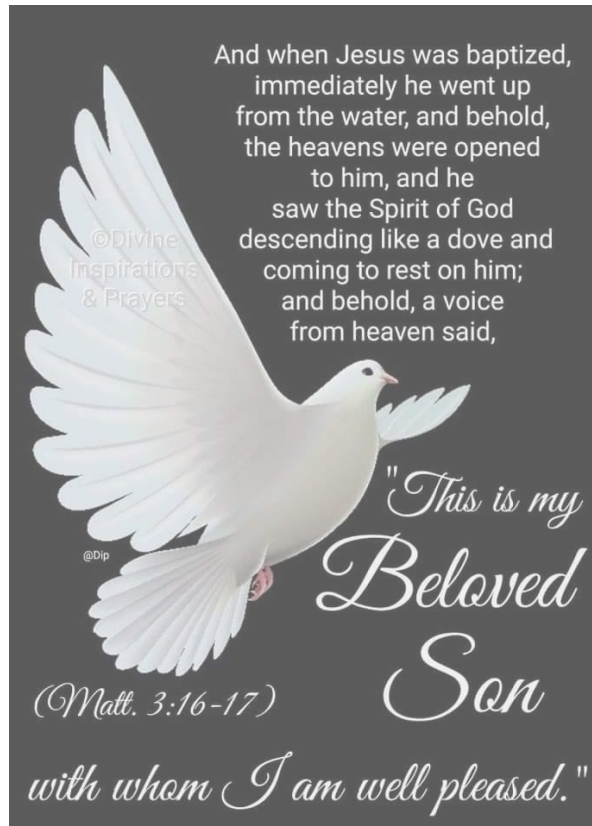


Groffdale Mennonite Church



January 28, 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 Caeley Zimmerman

Opening Song led by Mark Wenger

Welcome and Call to Worship by Linda Myers

Offering for Leadership Support

Praise Team led by Ray Horst, Jim Evans, and
Joe Jaskolka

Scripture: Matthew 3: 1-17

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

“Prepare the Way for the Lord”

Closing Song

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!

Including Ushers Charles and Fern Bauman, and those

behind-the-scenes: Projectionist Chris Martin,

Sound Tech Brian Snader, Live Stream Operator Keith

Stoltzfus, Camera Operator Mag Nolt, Nursery Workers

Dawn Moore and Glenda Evans.

Bring to the Lord in prayer

Pray for Lance Watt as he recuperates at Penn Health Rehabilitation Center on Good's Drive, Lancaster.

Pray for Ray Boll and Verna Martin as they anticipate their wedding on Saturday February 3.

Pray for peace in the Middle East, an end to all violence and suffering, for a ceasefire in Gaza, a release of hostages, the Shalom of Christ for all who live in this troubled region.

Pray for Kathy and Mark Wenger as they grieve the passing of Kathy's sister Kim. Pray for Kathy and Mark as they travel to Colorado next weekend for Kim's memorial service.

Pray for Kathy Stoltzfus's student Bryce Hertzler as his father Mitch Hertzler is suffering from colon cancer and experiencing a great deal of pain as the cancer progresses. Pray for Mitch's wife Kat and the entire family during this difficult time.

Pray for our congregational meeting and meal next Sunday.

Pray for our Pinewood Derby class for ages 8-14 beginning this Wednesday evening January 31.

Pray for the Leadership Team meeting on Thursday February 1, at 1:00 pm.

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!

Sharon Eberly: Wednesday, January 31

Naomi Weaver: Tuesday, February 6

LUNCH AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Everybody is welcome to stay for lunch next Sunday, February 4. Sandwiches, soup, and cookies will be served in the All-Purpose Room.

After lunch, we will have our annual congregational meeting. A copy of the meeting report is in your mailbox today.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Wednesday Cafe Time

February 21, 2024

10:00am

An informal time of fellowship, playing games,
followed by lunch.

Everybody is welcome!



PINEWOOD DERBY CARS STARTING THIS WEEK!

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 updated dates for the classes are Wednesdays beginning at 7:00 pm: **January 31, February 14 and 28, and March 6.** We hope you will join us!!!

Sermon series begins this Sunday on “Life of Jesus—Good news for the whole world!”

Over the next weeks, and continuing into Lent, we will be looking at the life of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels. “Gospel” means “good news” or “good telling.” Each week, we invite you to ask the question, “How is this reading from the Gospels, “good news to me, to us, to your neighbor, to the world?” We begin this Sunday with the account of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus in Matthew 3.

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!

Church Facilities	\$3,866.74
Leadership Support	\$1,058.00
Program Fund	\$ 500.00
Missions	\$ 819.00

Serving Next Sunday, February 4

Prelude: Joe Jaskolka

Hymns Leader: Rick Umble

Worship Leader: Dave Moore

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Projectionist: Janessa Eshleman

Sound Tech: Clair Mast

Livestream Operator: Chris Martin

Camera Operator: Mim Auken

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Offering: Groffdale Missionaries and
EMM (20% Mennonite Life)



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